

WICKLOW
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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH JANUARY, 1906.

Special Meeting of the County Council held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 25th January, 1906, at 11 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, and subsequently Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Joseph Dunne, William Costello, Michael Fleming, P. J. Carey, Richard M. Barrington, William Osborne, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne, John Storey, John J. Reilly, and Daniel Condren. A telegram was received from Councillor William Burke, regretting his inability to attend.

BUSINESS.

1—To elect a Poor Rate Collector for the Dunlavin Collecting District.
2—To sign and seal the Warrants for the Collection of the Rates in Collecting District No. 4 (Dunlavin).

3—To co-opt a County Councillor in place of the late Simon T. Doyle.

4—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—

By Councillor Richard 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 Joseph 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.

5—To consider the Inspectorship under the Diseases of Animals Acts in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 23rd January, 1906, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, D.L.; E. C. Walsh, E. P. O'Kelly, J.P.; James Byrne, Michael Byrne, J.P. The Committee recommend the following paying orders to be cancelled, as they have not been presented for payment by the payee:—

Meeting.	No. of Paying Order.	Name.	Amount.
1903.			
Summer	1474	William Dempsey	£4 6 1
Do.	1742	Wentworth Taylor	3d.
1904.			
Spring	318	James Brady	£2 18 0

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement published in the

"Leinster Leader," "Wicklow People," and "Wicklow News-Letter" for Rate Collector in No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, and two applications received from:—Bryan Dunne, Merginstown Glen, Dunlavin, and John O'Brien, Tober, Dunlavin.

Wicklow County Council. Rate Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its meeting to be held in the Court-house, Wicklow, on the 23rd January, 1906, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Dunlavin, Rath-sallagh and Tober, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 10-30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and addresses of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £800, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £400.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That Mr. Bryan Dunne be appointed Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Passed.

On a show of hands being taken, the Chairman declared Bryan Dunne elected.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we now direct that the Warrants for Mr. Bryan Dunne, Rate Collector, be signed and sealed, the same not to issue until he has been approved by the Local Government Board, and has lodged the necessary Bond with our Secretary. Passed unanimously.

Councillor R. M. Barrington having withdrawn the Notice of Motion standing in his name, it was proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we, the County Council of Wicklow, do co-opt Mr. J. J. Reilly in the place of Simon T. Doyle, late member for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Passed.

The newly-elected Councillor, being present, signed the Declaration accepting office before the Secretary, and took his seat on the Council.

16th January, 1906. From Mr. J. R. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Union—on behalf of Mrs. Young, informing the Council that Mr. Young's malady had been pronounced incurable, and that he was not expected to live, and thanking the Council for granting him sick leave for such a length of time.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That, in accordance with the terms of a letter received from Mr. J. R. Dagg, on behalf of Mrs. Young, we hereby determine the appointment of Mr. W. A. Young as Veterinary Inspector for Baltinglass District, and direct our Secretary so to inform the Department of Agriculture, and that, on receipt of this approval, the Secretary shall advertise for a Veterinary Inspector, to be appointed

on the usual conditions at a salary of £30 per annum, the appointment to be made at the Quarterly Meeting. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we now sign the Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council; 23rd January, 1906. Gentlemen,—I grieve to have to report the loss the Council has sustained since our last meeting through the death of Councillor Peter Brennan. I have at last received a notification that the County Dublin will soon summon the joint committee to enquire into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. I have therefore written to the South Dublin District Council and to the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council to send me forward any matters they wish to have enquired into. Messrs. B. McDonald and Michael Kelly have not yet signed their declaration, and therefore are disqualified from attending as Councillors. These will cause further vacancies on your Council.—Yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

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 Peter Brennan, Esq., Ballyknockan Lower, Rathdrum, 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. 23rd January, 1906. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

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 Bartle McDonald, Esq., Mullicagh Upper, Hollywood, 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. 23rd January, 1906. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

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 Michael Kelly, Esq., Englishtown, Kiltegan, 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. 23rd January, 1906. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various unions on the attendances of the Poor Rate Collectors were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That our County Surveyor be directed to communicate with the County Surveyors of Antrim, Cork, Kilkenny, and Tipperary (South Riding), where direct labour in maintaining the roads has been successfully applied with a view to considering the advisability of trying he experiment on some of the roads of this county, and that he report the result. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 45306/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th November, 1905. Sealed Order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for sewerage at Kilpedder.

No. 13725/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th November, 1905. Sealed Order fixing Newbridge Dispensary District as the area of charge for water supply at Newbridge, Ovoca.

No. 16749/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th November, 1905. Sealed Order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for water supply at Stilebawn, situate within the Dispensary District.

No. 165M/1905; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st November, 1905. Enclosing a copy of the Unemployed Workmen Act, 1905, to be laid before the Council, and directing the Council's attention to Sub-Section 2 of Section 2 of the Act, as applied to Ireland by Section 6.

No. 71247/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd November, 1905. Stating that the Council's letter of the 17th and 20th instant, with enclosures, relative to the loan of £3,500 required for the purpose of carrying out repairs to roads, bridges, etc., in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, will receive attention.

No. 76706/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th December, 1905. Expressing the Board's sanction to a loan of £3,500 as follows:—"The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the application of the County Council of Wicklow for sanction to a loan of £3,500 for the purpose of carrying out road and bridge improvements, and underpinning a wall in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; and the Board desire to express their sanction to the loan in question in pursuance of Article 22 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, repayment to be spread over a period of thirty years, and the loan to be issued in three instalments of £2,000, £1,000 and £500, etc."

Copy of notice duly published.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. County of Wicklow. Notice is hereby Given, that the County Council of the County of Wicklow have applied to the Local Government Board for Ireland for their consent to the borrowing of £3,500 from the Commissioners of

Public Works, upon the security of the Rates of the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, for the purposes of—Repairing of Breach in Dargle Road; the Repair of Breaches in Enniskerry Road; Underpinning and Repairing of Wall opposite Gaskin's house, near Enniskerry; and Repairing of Onagh Bridge. Any ratepayer or owner of property rated to the Poor Rate in the County desiring to make a representation, in connection with the proposed loan, to the Local Government Board under the provisions of Article 22 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, must do so within fourteen days from the date of this Notice.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council. Secretary's Office. Dated this 17th day of November, 1905.

No. 75053/1905; Dublin County and Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th December, 1905. Acknowledging the Council's letter of the 5th instant on the subject of the adjustments between the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow consequent upon the transfer of Little Bray to the County of Wicklow in the matter of Asylum Patients.

No. 74751/1905. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th December, 1905. Fixing Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District as the area of charge for Hollywood village water supply.

No. 76055/1905; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th December, 1905. Notifying, until further notice, that unopposed Bills confirming Provisional Orders made by the Board under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts; the Housing of the Working Classes Acts; and the Local Government (Ireland) Acts; will be in charge of Edward A. Bonnor-Maurice, Esq., Parliamentary Agent, 46 Parliament Street, Westminster, London, S.W.

No. 73870/1905; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th December, 1905. Returning correspondence relative to the repair of a damaged gullet forming part of a public road in Naas No. 2 Rural District, and stating that the work should be published as an application.

No. 3745/1906; Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd January, 1906. Referring to previous correspondence on the subject of the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—enclosing copy of a letter to the Board from the Clerk of the Rural District relative to this matter, and stating that if the County Council approve of the limit being increased to £2,000 for next year, the Board will issue an Order to that effect.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That this Council approves of the limit of expenditure on roads being increased for the financial year ending March, 1907, to £2,000 in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Passed.

No. 29109/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd November, 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, 3 samples; Bray, 3 samples; Tinahely, 3 samples.

No. 29547/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd November, 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:—Greystones, 3 samples; Wicklow, 4 samples.

No. 29108/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd

November, 1905. Notifying that two samples of butter had been taken up in Baltinglass under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure.

List No. 4 of Sheep Dipping Preparations approved by the Department of Agriculture under the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1905, additional to those specified in the Second Schedule of that Order.

No. 16786/1905. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th December, 1905. Stating that the Department have been advised that the lands, etc., comprised in the property situate at Avondale, must, under Statute, be exempted from rates, but that the Department are in communication with the Treasury with a view of obtaining a grant in lieu of rates on these premises, the result of which correspondence will be communicated later.

(No. 69). Dated 22nd December, 1905. The Epizootic Lymphangitis (Kilkenny and Waterford Districts) Revocation Order of 1905.

Rating of Government Property Department, Treasury, London, S.W., 20th January, 1906. Stating that the authority under which the half rents on which landlords pay rates are deducted from the total Annual Valuation of the Government non-rateable property, and a contribution in lieu of rates is given on the difference between the total Annual Valuation and the half rents, is derived from a Treasury Minute of the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, dated July, 1875.

Order—Secretary to apply for Copy of Treasury Minute referred to. Also to apply to Valuation Office for Valuations of Government exempted properties.

24 Kildare Street, Dublin, 27th December, 1905. From Secretary, Arterial Drainage Commission, asking what action had been taken by the Council on his letter of the 31st October.

24 Kildare Street, Dublin, 9th January, 1906. From Secretary, Arterial Drainage Commission, enclosing copy of his letter to the Chairman, dated 31st October, and asking how far County Councils are willing to take over the management of existing drainage districts, and to undertake the formation of new districts. Order—To be sent to Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council.

16th January, 1906. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking the County Council to authorise the County Surveyor to permit the Dwyer Committee to enclose the two feet extra space applied for. Order—Approved.

16th January, 1906. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—acknowledging the Secretary's letter asking what points they wish considered by the Joint Committee on the working of the Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line.

24th November, 1905. From P. J. Farrell, Clerk's Office, Loughlinstown—letter claiming extra expenses in connection with the Enniskerry Bye Election, 1905. Order—Referred to Finance Committee.

3rd January, 1906. From Clerk, Shillelagh Union—enclosing copy of resolution calling attention to the want of free veterinary attendance.

The following resolution was passed, and directed to be forwarded to the Irish County Council's General Council:—"Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Council that public opinion should be directed to the want of proper veterinary attendance on the Dispensary

(Medical Charities) System to attend to the Farm Stock of the Country. At present the Government are spending £40,000, which would provide 200 Veterinary Surgeons at £200 a year, and enable farmers to have their stock properly treated free of expense."

10th January, 1906. From Same—enclosing copy of the following resolution:—"That we, the Shillelagh Board of Guardians, desire to enter our most emphatic protest against the proposed importation into this country of Canadian Cattle, and that copies of this resolution be forwarded to the Wicklow County Council, and to the two County Members."

The Council directed that copies of a resolution on the lines of that forwarded by Shillelagh Union be sent to the Prime Minister and Chief Secretary.

13th January, 1906. From Stokes, Bros. and Pim, 36 College Green, Dublin—reporting on the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1905.

11th December, 1905. From James Bunn, Seaview House, Killegar—asking the Council to take his name as surety off the bond of Rate Collector John Tallon, No. 8 Collecting District, as he did not wish to act as his surety any longer.

27th November, 1905. From Secretary, Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—returning Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs, and enclosing copy of a letter embodying a resolution passed in connection therewith by his Committee, which he had addressed to Mr. McCarroll, solicitor.

15th January, 1906. From Hugh Gaffney, Hon. Secretary, Rathdrum Branch United Irish League—stating that it was the unanimous wish of his Branch that the County Council be requested to co-opt Mr. James Galvin on the County Council in room of Mr. Peter Brennan, deceased.

From Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway. In Parliament, Session 1906—Statutory Notices in connection with application as to Extension of Time for Compulsory Purchase of Lands. The Council marked the Notices as "dissenting."

1st December, 1905. From Secretary, Wicklow Gas Company, Wicklow—stating that after the 1st January, 1906, gas will be charged at the reduced rate of 5s. 6d. per thousand cubic feet.

December, 1905. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—enclosing for the approval of the Council draft of a scheme for the creation of University Scholarships by County Councils, and a further resolution with regard to a scheme of Scholarships from Primary to Secondary Schools—Irish to be made a compulsory subject in the qualifying and other examinations. Resolution adopted.

6th January, 1906. From Same—asking for the usual Affiliation Fee of £5, and asking if any change has taken place in the Delegates from the County Council; also enclosing printed list of resolutions passed by the General Council on the 8th December, 1905, dealing with the following subjects:—"The National Board of Education," "Higher Education," "Rural District Drainage Schemes," "Labourers and the Land Act of 1903," "Veterinary Dispensaries," "The Control of Court-houses, and the Levying of the Extra Police Rate."

12th January, 1906. From Secretary, Dublin County Council—

stating that he hoped to call a meeting of the Joint Committee to inquire into the working of the Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line between the 8th and the 20th February, 1906.

18th December, 1905. From Denis M. Doyle, P.L.G., 12 Lower Drumcondra, Dublin, and late of Glenealy—enclosing printed copy of a letter of his published in the "Wicklow People" in reference to the recent motor accident on Ballymaghroe Hill.

17th January, 1906. From Secretary, Irish Industrial Conference, 13 Marlboro'-street, Cork—enclosing copies of resolutions of the First Irish Industrial Conference held in Cork asking all Irish Public Bodies to give a decided preference to Irish Made Goods, and to adopt Irish Standard Samples. Resolutions approved.

December, 1905. From Lord Mayor of Cork—Chairman of the Organising Committee of Cork Corporation to receive the Royal Institute of Public Health at their Annual Congress, to be held in Cork from 28th June to 3rd July, 1906 (inclusive) and asking the Council to appoint Delegates to attend.

30th November, 1905. From Secretary, the Royal Sanitary Institute, Margaret-street, London, W.—notifying that their 23rd Congress will be held in Bristol from July 9th to 14th, 1906, and asking the Council to appoint Delegates to attend.

4th August, 1905. From J. H. Heatman and Co., Parsons Green, Fulham, London, S.W.—enclosing Catalogues, etc., showing his Fire Extinguishing Apparatus, Fire Escapes, Pumps, etc.

Anonymous printed Post-card. "Regenerated Ireland." Series No. 1—dealing with unity, its benefits, its dangers.

22nd January, 1906. From Clerk, Celbridge No. 2 Rural District Council—stating that their Chairman, Mr. James Walsh, of Kingswood, Clondalkin, and Mr. M. Dowling, of Glenaraneen, Brittas, who understand the matter, would be willing to attend the proposed inquiry into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line, and give any evidence they can to elucidate the facts.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

20th November, 1905. From Dublin County Council—resolution dealing with the treatment of Irish in National Schools by the Commissioners of Education and the Treasury.

11th December, 1905. From Blackrock Urban Council—resolution dealing with the question of Income Tax and asking for a Royal Commission.

4th January, 1906. From Armagh County Council—resolution asking for an extension of the Penny Postal System.

9th January, 1906. From Mayo County Council—resolution protesting against the retention by the new Government of Sir Horace Plunkett as head of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26TH FEBRUARY, 1906.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 26th day of February, 1906.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, Thomas Sheppard, R. Norman Thompson, E. C. Walsh, Wm. Burke, John J. Reilly, William Byrne, William Costello, Alfred Zeller, Wm. Osborne, and James Galvin. The Chairman (Councillor E. P. O'Kelly) and Councillor R. R. Drought, wrote regretting their inability to attend the Council meeting.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To fill the Three Vacancies on the Council.
- 2—To consider Report from the Finance Committee.
- 3—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 4—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 5—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 7—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 8—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 9—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 10—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the Year ending 31st March, 1907.
- 11—To appoint two persons to serve on the Council of Agriculture.
- 12—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Baltinglass Union within the County of Wicklow.
- 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.

Minutes of the previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr. James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum, to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Councillor Peter Brennan. Passed. The newly-elected Councillor being present took his seat on the Council.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr. Bartle McDonald, Mullicagh Upper, Hollywood, to fill the vacancy on the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby elect Mr. Michael Kelly, Englishtown, Kiltegan, to fill the vacancy on the Council. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 1.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 6th February, 1906. Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, William Burke, and James 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				4,806	3	4
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	787	3	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	30	11	6—	817	15	1
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	404	3	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	128	15	0—	532	18	10
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	588	1	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	34	13	9—	622	15	3
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,423	9	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	286	5	0—	1,709	14	5
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	498	9	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	9	11—	555	19	9
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				16	16	7
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account				£922	19	2

The list of irrecoverable rates submitted by Mr. Charles S. Sutton, rate collector, was examined. The Committee recommend that £53 11s. 8d. be refunded; £14 8s. 6d. be disallowed; and that collectors be directed to state in future whether the houses they declare to be idle, are furnished or otherwise. The Secretary's estimates of the amounts required to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing financial year, 1906-1907, were submitted and adopted. Having received a report from the County Surveyor, the Committee recommend that tenders be invited for the construction of new drains and closet at Bray Court-house—cost not to exceed £25; and also to carry out certain repair works to the roof and valleys of Baltinglass Court-house—cost not to exceed £60. The County Surveyor's report further recommends:—"The County Court-house, Wicklow.—I recommend that you continue the work of repairing this Court-house, and place a sum at my disposal for the purpose. I regret to report that the County Court-house is in a most unsound state, and suggest that you consider whether it is advisable to continue this 'patching up' system, or borrow money and build a new Court-house and suitable offices." The Committee recommend that £200 be placed at the disposal of the County Surveyor, as may be required, and that a Committee be appointed to look into the general condition, etc., of the Court-house and offices, and report on the best steps to be taken with regard to the same. A letter was received from the Secretary of the Joint Technical Instruction Committee with regard to the sum charged for the preparation of the lease for the Technical School. The Council is recommended to desire the Technical

Instruction Committee to pay the same. The auditor's reports on the accounts of Naas Union, and Naas No. 2 Rural District were submitted. The attention of the Guardians of this Union should be drawn to the matters reported on.—R. NORMAN THOMPSON. 26-2-'06.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. 2.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 26th February, 1906:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors Wm. Burke, Michael Byrne, E. C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, and E. J. 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, £1,019 5s.; Naas, £237 5s.; Rathdown, £1,162 15s.; Rathdrum, £2,765 12s. 2d.; Shillelagh, £880; total, £6,064 17s. 2d.

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.—Baltinglass No. 1, £451; Naas No. 2, £81 5s.; Rathdown No. 2, £514; Rathdrum, £987 6s.; Shillelagh, £386 5s.; total, £2,419 16s.

To Philip Reilly, Quinsboro'-road, Bray—compensation for criminal injury, £9 15s. 3d.

The Secretary submitted the calculations of the rates for the general, and for the separate charges, for the ensuing year, which were made on the estimates adopted at the last meeting of the Finance Committee; and also the amounts to be demanded from the Urban Districts. We have considered and approved of the same, and recommend the County Council to strike the rates accordingly. On the application of the County Surveyor, we recommend the County Council to obtain the consent of the Local Government Board to put Article 3 (3) of the Provisional Order 5th of Edward 7th, Chap. lxxxii, into operation now in the County of Wicklow.—R. NORMAN THOMPSON. 26-2-'06.

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

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That Councillors Cogan, Thompson, William Byrne, Jas. Byrne, and Wm. Costello, be appointed a Committee to consider the County Surveyor's Report on the Court-house, and report to the County Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note 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 were considered:

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,806 3s. 4d. (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 Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor A. Zeller. Resolved—That we hereby approve of

the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £817 15s. 1d. (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 A. Zeller, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £532 18s. 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 Wm. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £622 15s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,709 14s. 5d. (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 Thos. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £555 19s. 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 Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. 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.

Bray Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Bray Urban District, amounting to £9 15s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes 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 Joseph Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood, for road No. 91 in the District Register, 636 perches, was accepted at 9d. per perch per annum. Guarantors—Michael Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood, and Michael Kelly, Rathatton, Hollywood. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Rathdown No. 2:—Contract Nos. 237, 239, and 240 in the District Register, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor. The bonds for contracts Nos. 241 to 246 (inclusive), not having been com-

pleted by the Guaranteeing Society, were not sealed at this meeting. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the works in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—re sudden damage—be commenced on 10th of March. Passed.

Rathdrum:—The tender of Michael Connor, Milltown, Rathnew, for District Register No. 552, 238 perches, was accepted at 10d. per perch. Guarantors—John O'Neill, Ballinalea, Ashford, and Wm. Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford. The tender of John O'Neill, Rathnew, for District Register No. 557, 1,024 perches, was accepted at 6d. per perch. Guarantors—Patrick Turner, Ballyduff, Ashford, and John Behan, Rathnew. Contract Nos. 558, 559, and 562 in the District Register, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed. A letter, dated 26th February, 1906, from John McEvoy, Kirakee, Rathdrum, addressed to the Chairman of the County Council, asking to be relieved of his contract for repair and maintenance of the streets of Rathdrum, was read. The County Council refused the application.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. 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	2	3½	3	10½
Naas No. 2	2	9½	4	4½
Rathdown No. 2	2	6½	3	4½
Rathdrum	2	3½	3	8
Shillelagh	2	2	3	6

Separate Charges:—Baltinglass Public Health Charge, 1d.; Naas Public Health Charge, —; Rathdown Public Health Charge, 3d.; Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage, 2d.; Greystones Sewerage, 4½d.; Greystones Pier, 0½d.; Rathdrum Public Health Charge, 0½d.; Ovoca Water Supply, 1½d.; Rathdrum Criminal Injury, 0½d.; Shillelagh Public Health Charge, 0½d.; Arklow Harbour, 2½d.; Wicklow Harbour, 5d.; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, 2d.

Criminal Injury to be charged to Bray Urban District—£9 15s. 3d.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Thos. Sheppard. 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 District.	General Charges.	Separate Charges.	Total.
Bray	£3,332 13 11	£9 15 3	£3,342 9 2
Wicklow	£839 16 1	£182 12 0	£1,022 8 1

Approved.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council, 26th February, 1906. Gentlemen,—The estimates for the rates for the financial year 1906-7 have been forwarded to you, giving the various items of expenditure, and also the receipts upon which they are based. The following table shows the comparison between the rates now to be struck, and those struck in 1904 and 1905. In the last year the balance in hand credited to Baltinglass and Shillelagh Rural Districts brought the current rates down below their normal; these districts therefore show a corresponding rise on this occasion. As the New Public Bodies Order allows the Urban Districts to delay their payments to the County Council till the end of each quarter, while the Council has to pay the District and Union Demands in advance, we have to retain a balance in hands to meet these advances till the rates begin to come in. As Naas Union had no balance available, we have had to recharge its account with the balance we credited it with last year, which has raised the rate on that district on this occasion above the normal:—

Rural District.	1906.	1905.	1904.
	s. d.	s. d.	s. d.
Baltinglass	3 10½	2 10½	3 7½
Naas	4 4½	3 0½	3 6½
Rathdown	3 4½	3 9½	2 11½
Rathdrum	3 8	3 11¾	3 3
Shillelagh	3 10	2 11	3 10½

Your Finance Committee has recommended that you appoint a committee to examine and report on the state of the County Court-house and the Council's Offices, in connection with the County Surveyor's report. I hope this recommendation will be carried out, as your offices, as they now stand, are inconvenient and dangerous, and certainly not a credit to your Council. The Joint Committee appointed to enquire into and report on the management and working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, met at last on the 23rd of this month. Unfortunately, only one of the Dublin Council's Representatives was present, the others having to attend an enquiry before the Privy Council that day. The Committee therefore adjourned the meeting for a month, having first passed two resolutions, which will be laid before you. My views, and those of your solicitor, regarding the rates upon Avondale Estate are borne out by a letter received from the Department of Agriculture, in which they say that the Treasury declines to pay any bounty in lieu of rates for that estate; the Department is therefore considering a scheme whereby they will make an annual payment to the Council instead. I think the natural arrangement would be that they should pay the rates as assessed, and I fancy had Collector Smith defended his action the Department would

have been beaten. The Rathdown Rural District has asked that the loan of the £3,500, approved of by the Local Government Board, should be applied for, and the first instalment obtained; you should therefore pass a resolution applying to the Commissioners of Public Works for the loan on the prescribed terms, and pass a second resolution (to be forwarded so soon as we are informed that the consent of the Treasury has been obtained to the loan) applying for the payment of the first instalment of said loan.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,
E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That, in accordance with the Department's circular-letter, dated 15th December, 1905, we hereby appoint the following Councillors as Members of the new Council of Agriculture, to hold office for the three years ending 31st March, 1909, under Sections 8 and 27 (1) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899:—Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany; D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin. Passed.

Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow News-Letter," and "Leinster Leader," relative to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Baltinglass Union within the County of Wicklow:—

Wicklow County Council. Veterinary Inspected 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 26th February, 1906, proceed to Elect a duly qualified Veterinary Surgeon as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Baltinglass 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 24th February, 1906.—EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council.

And also four applications for the position received from:—George G. Ashe, V.S., Narraghmore, Ballycore, County Kildare; Christopher Black, V.S., Naas; A. F. Walshe, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Establishment, Carlow; and Christopher McGuire, Esq., Ballymore-Eustace.

The Councillors having voted as follows:—For Walsh—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Wm. Osborne, Wm. Burke, R. Norman Thompson, Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, James Byrne, J. McCarroll, Alfred Zeller, P. J. Carey, Wm. Byrne, and James Galvin—12. For Ashe—Councillors Michael Byrne, T. Sheppard, and E. J. Byrne—3.

It was proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That Aiden F. Walsh, V.S., Carlow, be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Baltinglass Union within the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, at a salary of £30 per annum. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council. County Surveyor's Report. Winter Quarterly Meeting, 26th February, 1906. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The contracts coming before you for confirmation are:—39 road maintenance contracts and 25 for other works. Contracts Nos. 241 to 248 inclusive, in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, are to be paid for out of money obtained on loan. These works are urgent, and should be commenced at once, but although the Local Government Board have sanctioned and approved the plans, specifications, etc., you have not yet been in a position to make application for the actual loan. I would request that you carefully consider your position in the matter, having regard to the conditions set forth in the formal sanction of the Local Government Board, to the application. The provisional proposals are two in number: One in Rathdrum for the rebuilding of a bridge and repairs to a road leading to Calary Church, half to be paid by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; this work was passed in Rathdrum and rejected in Rathdown No. 2. The other provisional proposal is in Shillelagh, for the construction of a footpath in Tinahely. In accordance with your instructions, I attended the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tram Conjoint Committee, on 23rd inst. The roads, etc., in your county have been generally well maintained during the past quarter. I request that you consider the dates by which the contractors must have their metal ready for measurement, as there must be some definite order made on this matter.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the measurement of road metal be commenced on September 20th, annually, by which date all contractors must have the full quantity specified ready in the depots—no second measurement allowed. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 29th January, 1906. 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, 1905. 107 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article: Butter, number: 47; whiskey, 30; milk, 22; buttermilk, 3; salt, 2; cheese, 1; sherry wine, 1; tea, 1; total, 107. Certificate sent to Sergeant M'Cluskey, Ovoca, for specimen of whiskey which was 31 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 8 per cent of water. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nine drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of milk were of the average quality of pure milk. One specimen of water analysed for Rathdrum District Council had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 72.100; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.014; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, 5.600; chlorine, 19.880; sulphuric acid, 14.412; equal to calcium sulphate, 20.000.—A rather inferior water. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union fourteen drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, liniment of turpentine, was low in gravity. Nine drugs analysed for

the Guardians of Baltinglass Union were correct. There were thirteen 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. Two contained excess of water—namely, 17.6 and 18 per cent., respectively. There were two fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow. One specimen of water analysed for Sir Edward Verner, Bart., Corke Abbey, Bray, was unfit for use. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, nineteen drugs were analysed.—They were correct. One 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, 112.000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.029; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, 14.500; chlorine, 12.922; sulphuric acid, 25.9416; equal to calcium sulphate, 36.0000.—This water was slightly polluted. Total analyses, 178.—C. A. CAMERON.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendances of the Poor Rate Collectors were submitted.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly:—I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that a Committee be appointed to draft By-laws for the County.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 7930/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th February, 1906. Approving of the appointment of Mr. Bryan Dunne as Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 Collecting District.

No. 8203/1906; Rathdown No. 2 R.D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th February, 1906. Enclosing copy of a letter sent by the Board to the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, assenting to the limit of expenditure on roads being fixed at £2,000 for year ending 31st March, 1907.

No. 9781/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th February, 1906. Enclosing, as follows, Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1905, together with copies of attested abstracts of the accounts.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 9781/1906; Wicklow County. (Copy). February 13th, 1906. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended September 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 remark on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. BARRY. To the Local Government Board.

No. 9677/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th February, 1906. Stating that the Board see no objection to the alternative specification of the proposed works in Rathdown

No. 2 Rural District in connection with the loan of £3,500 recently sanctioned by the Board.

No. 635/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th February, 1906. Expressing the Department's approval of the Council's proposals for determining the tenure by Mr. W. A. Young, V.S., of the Veterinary Inspectorship of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, owing to his continued inability for duty, through illness, and for the appointment of a successor.

No. 696/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th February, 1906. Enclosing circular, and copies of Order of the Board of Agriculture and Fisheries, dated 26th January, 1906, No. 7020, entitled "Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland) Order of 1906."

No. 4962/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd February, 1906. Stating that the lands and premises of Avondale will, in future, be exempt from local rates, and that as the Treasury has notified that the said premises cannot be included in the Treasury's list of property in respect of which contributions in lieu of rates are made, the Department intend to pay an annual bounty in aid of rates.

No. 2728/. Dublin Castle, 8th February, 1906. From the Lord Lieutenant—acknowledging the Council's resolution re restricting the importation of Canadian cattle.

10 Downing street, Whitehall, London, S.W., 8th February, 1906. From the Prime Minister—acknowledging the Council's resolution on the subject of the importation of Canadian cattle.

Treasury, Whitehall, London, S.W., 12th February, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter asking the Lords Commissioners for a copy of the Treasury Minute under which bounty in lieu of rates is dealt with.

5th February, 1906. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution recommending the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector who shall be resident within the district. Order—Postponed.

5th February, 1906. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution passed asking for a Board of Trade Inquiry into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's line, and giving the heads of some matters needing inquiry into suggested by Captain Alfred Zeller.

24th January, 1906. From Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—asking the County Council to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £3,500, as sanctioned by the Local Government Board in their letter dated 18th December, 1905.

24th January, 1906. From Same—requesting the County Council to make application to the Public Works Commissioners for the sum of £2,000, being the first instalment of the loan of £3,500 sanctioned by the Local Government Board in their letter of the 18th December, 1905.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby directed by the County Council to apply to the Commissioners of Public Works for a loan of £3,500 for the repair of the roads damaged by last summer's floods, as requested by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council; and further direct him, so soon as he receives notice that the consent of the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury has been given to the issue of this loan to apply for the first instalment of the loan. Approved.

21st February, 1906. From Same—letter explaining the delay in completing Contractor Clarke's Bonds for Works Nos. 241 to 246, inclusive, in District Register; also enclosing resolution asking that Nos. 237 and 240 be placed in charge of County Surveyor.

31st January, 1906. From P. J. Farrell, Assistant Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—letter asking for payment of the sums of £1 14s. 5d., alleged to be due him, and £2 2s., alleged to be due Mr. C. O'Rourke, in connection with the Enniskerry Bye-Election, 1905.

1st February, 1906. From Medical Superintendent Richmond District Asylum—enclosing estimate and demand for the ensuing financial year, together with a copy of his Finance Committee's Report, dealing fully in detail with the figures therein.

2nd February, 1906. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum—enclosing return of the patients admitted to the asylum from the County during the quarter ended 31st December, 1905.

23rd January, 1906. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow—reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £6 11s. 9d. at Bray Quarter Sessions in the Criminal Injury Application of Philip Reilly, Quinsboro' road, Bray, Bray Urban District being fixed as the area of charge.

24th February, 1906. From Same—reporting that the sanitary case of Bray Urban Council v. County Council was dismissed by the magistrates at Bray Petty Sessions without prejudice.

12th February, 1906. From Same—enclosing copy of opinion of T. F. Moloney, K.C., on the Council's position regarding the flooding at Vallombrosa.

28th January and 23rd February, 1906. From Richard Wake, Secretary to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—enclosing copy of a resolution appealing to the Council to deal a little more generously with the Joint Committee, and giving a detailed statement showing the financial condition of his Committee.

It was proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne—That the Technical Committee receive the money now on hands for dairy purposes for one year. A show of hands being taken, the motion was declared lost.

16th February, 1906. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture—enclosing copy of a resolution proposing a scheme for the provision of scholarships for those showing an aptitude for Higher Education.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Jos. McCarroll:—I give notice that I will bring this subject—viz., to set aside a sum of money to provide Three Intermediate Scholarships of £20 each, and Three University Scholarships of £40, each tenable for three years, before the next meeting of the Council, in accordance with the resolution forwarded by the County Committee of Agriculture.

February, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster street, Dublin—referring to resolution dealing with proposed Veterinary Dispensaries, and enclosing copy of a resolution in connection therewith.

9th February, 1906. From Town Clerk, Arklow—enclosing copy of a resolution stating that the present location of Arklow Fever Hospital renders it a danger to the inhabitants in the neighbourhood, and is most unsuitable.

February, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster street, Dublin—notifying that the next meeting of the General Council will take place in Dublin on Thursday, the 19th April next.

No. 5270/1906. Dated 23rd February, 1906. From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland square, Dublin—enclosing two resolutions unanimously passed by the Joint Committee appointed to inquire into the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Joint Committee appointed to enquire into the working of the Blessington Tramway; that the opinion of Mr. T. M. Healy, K.C., be obtained on certain points for the guidance of the Committee, and we direct our solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, in conjunction with Mr. Shannon, Solicitor to the Dublin County Council, to prepare the case for counsel. Approved.

Ballinacoola, Glenealy, County Wicklow. 25th February, 1906. Dear Sir,—In making my apologies for non-attendance at to-morrow's meeting, I write, as Chairman of Proposal Committee meeting held on 6th inst., to say that the Committee found itself unable to give effect to the recommendation of the Council—viz., that it should favourably entertain the application for a grant to Arklow Fever Hospital, inasmuch as no proposal in the matter came before it.—Faithfully yours, R. R. DROUGHT. To the Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

17th February, 1906. From Secretary, Kerry County Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking the Government, when the term of office of the present temporary Land Commissioners expires, to appoint competent and impartial men in whom the tenant farmers of Ireland will have confidence.

20th February, 1906. From Loughrea Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution calling attention to the want of sufficient Magistrates for attending Petty Sessions Court in their County.—“Read.”

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 27TH MARCH, 1906.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1906, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, Wm. Costello, Daniel Condren, James Galvin, John Storey, Joseph McCarroll; W. H. McFarland, James Byrne and William Byrne. A telegram was read from Councillor William Burke regretting his inability to attend.

B U S I N E S S.

- 1—To sign undertaking required by the Treasury before sanctioning the loan of £3,500 for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and other papers.
- 2—To seal Mr. Clarke's contracts for the repair of roads and bridge in same district.
- 3—To appoint two Inspectors under the Food and Drugs 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 Wednesday, the 21st day of March, 1906, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll. An application was received from Mr. P. J. Farrell, assistant clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, asking the Council to pay two further sums of £1 14s. 5d. and of £2 2s., in connection with the Enniskerry Bye-Election, 1905. The Committee, after careful consideration of the whole circumstances of the case, recommend that he be paid a sum of £1 12s. in full discharge of all claims he may have in connection with the said election. The letter from the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, with regard to the mode of calculating the Poundage in Lieu of Rates, was handed to Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, that he might advise the County Council on the matter. The bill of costs submitted by the solicitor to the Committee having been considered, the Committee recommend the Council to sign the requisition to have the same taxed. The attention of the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, and of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, should be drawn to the remarks of the Auditor on the last half-year's accounts of those bodies.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Report of the Finance Committee. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Certificate for the Taxation of Mr. McCarroll's miscellaneous bill of costs from 2nd August, 1905, to 24th February, 1906, be now signed and sealed. Passed.

The Requisition to Tax was then sealed and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby give the undertaking required by the Lords of His Majesty's Treasury punctually to remit the instalments of the proposed loan of £3,500 for the repair works in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and direct that the same be signed and sealed on behalf of the Council. Passed.

The Form of Undertaking was then sealed and signed by the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we now seal the papers for Mr. Clarke's contracts for repair works in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the Clerks of Works upon Mr. Clarke's contracts be paid on the County Surveyor's Certificates out of the Subsidiary Account from time to time. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor John Storey. 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 Charles McCormick, Redcross; Acting Sergeant Maurice Woulfe, Delgany. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council meeting, 27th March, 1906. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I understand that the Dublin Corporation are preparing plans, etc., for the extension of the reservoir near Roundwood. If the proposed works proceed, it will be necessary for the Corporation to alter the level, etc., of two roads. One road from Roundwood to Bray, is at present maintained by the County, but the other road leading from the Roundwood to Bray road to Knockraheen—locally known as the "Ford" road—is not now on the county, though formerly a county road. It is to this latter road I wish particularly to direct your attention, and recommend that you consider your position in the matter, and direct such steps to be taken as you may decide will be the best to preserve your interests in the matter.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. 27-3-'06. Courthouse, Wicklow.

Order—To be included by County Surveyor in his recommendations to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 9th April, 1906.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 8203/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th February, 1906. Sealed Order approving of the limit of expenditure on the roads of the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 being fixed at the sum of £2,000 for the year ending 31st March, 1907.

No. 14248/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board,

Dublin, 14th March, 1906. Stating that the Board have recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works the loan of £3,500 sanctioned to the Council for the purpose of carrying out bridge and road improvement works in the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 14297/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th March, 1906. Stating that if the payments of the Clerks of Works referred to in the Council's letter of the 7th instant are in respect of proposals for works given into the charge of the County Surveyor, it appears to the Board that the matter might be dealt with under Article 43 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

No. 14554/1906; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd March, 1906. Giving notice that an Examination of Candidates for Qualification as Assistant County Surveyors would be held on 2nd and 3rd May, 1906.

No. 1145/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th March, 1906. Approving of the appointment of Mr. A. F. Walsh, M.R.C.V.S., Carlow, to the vacant position of Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Baltinglass Union situate in County Wicklow, at a salary of £30 per annum.

No. 1257/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th March, 1906. Relative to the withdrawal of the restrictions imposed by the Department owing to the occurrence of an outbreak of Sheep Scab amongst sheep the property of Christopher Doyle, Knockfodda, Roundwood. Order—Copy to be sent to Mr. George Newsom, V.S., and that he be requested to have the requirements of the Department's Order, No. 55, carried out.

(No. 72). 16th February, 1906. Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland—cited as "The Dublin Swine Fever Order of 1903, Amendment Order, No. ii."

5th March, 1906. From the Registrar, Royal Dublin Society, Leinster House, Kildare-street Dublin—enclosing a printed copy of the Society's Memorial in reference to the Importation of Canadian Cattle, which has been forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant. Order—Approved.

6th March, 1906. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing replies to queries re Arterial Drainage, also copy of a resolution re same.

9th March, 1906. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. William Osborne of Ballyknockan, has become disqualified as a member of Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee, owing to his absence from the meetings of the Committee for more than six months. Order—The filling of this vacancy to be placed on the Agenda Paper for the Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

13th March, 1906. From the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James McGrath to build a gullet at Tinode at a cost not to exceed £25.

20th March, 1906. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing original specifications for the works on the road from Bray to Enniskerry, for which Mr. Clarke was declared contractor, and explaining that the delay occurred in forwarding them owing to the Assurance Company returning them to the contractor, who retained them by mistake.

28th February, 1906. From Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Com-

missioners—enclosing Auditor's Report, and Abstract of the Accounts of Wicklow Harbour for the year ended 31st December, 1905.

28th February, 1906. From T. W. Crossley, Irish Tourist Development, 30 Molesworth-street, Dublin—enclosing supply of Leaflets re State Purchase of Irish Railways—with comments thereon by the Editor of the "Statist."

6th March, 1906. From Clerk, Lismore Rural District Council—enclosing resolution stating that it was the opinion of that Council that the right of nominating Magistrates (now enjoyed by the Lord Lieutenant) should rest with County Councils. "Read."

10th March, 1906. From Resident Medical Superintendent, Donegal District Asylum—enclosing copy of resolution re Maintenance of Lunatics in District Asylum. Passed.

Reports on Inquests submitted by Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., Baltinglass, coroner.

19th March, 1906. From Meath County Council—enclosing copies of two resolutions—requesting the Board of Agriculture to make a larger allocation of its funds for the encouragement of Tillage. Also asking the Government to insert a clause in the Land Act of 1903 of Compulsory Sale of all tenanted land to the occupiers, and of all untenanted land in Ireland, through the Estate Commissioners, for distribution amongst the Farmers' Sons, Labourers, and Artisans, with a view to stopping the tide of emigration.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17TH MAY, 1906.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 17th May, 1906, at 11 o'clock a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, and subsequently Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. M. Barrington, W. H. McFarland, P. J. Carey, James Galvin, Daniel Condren, W. Byrne, Michael Kelly, Captain Alfred Zeller, John J. Reilly, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, Jas. Byrne. Councillor Michael Kelly signed his declaration before the Secretary accepting office.

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 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 sign application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To sign Return for Bounty in Lieu of Rates.
- 11—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 12—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1907, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 13—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow.
- 14—To execute Deed of Mortgage in connection with loan of £3,500 for road and bridge improvement in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
- 15—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—By Councillor John J. Reilly—"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the Council, move that a committee be appointed to draft Bye-Laws for the County." By Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"I give notice that I will bring this subject—viz. to set aside a sum of money to provide Three Intermediate Scholarships of £20 each, and Three University Scholarships of £40, each tenable for three years, before the next meeting of the Council, in accordance with the resolution forwarded by the Committee of Agriculture."

- 16—To take such steps as the Council may consider necessary to put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District as much of the Irish Education Act of 1892 as refers to Compulsory Education, and to consider a resolution from the District Council on the subject.
- 17—To fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee, caused by the disqualification of Mr. William Osborne, of Ballyknockan, through non-attendance.
- 18—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 19—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 20—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 21—To consider General Correspondence.
- Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 1.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 24th April, 1906:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, E. J. Byrne, Jos. McCarroll, 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—				4,178	10	1
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals (Form 12/14 not received in time for meeting)						
Proposals Committee's proposals	15	13	3—	15	13	3
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	307	5	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	13	7	2—	320	13	0
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	493	11	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1	12	0—	495	3	11
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,508	17	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	982	8	0—	2,491	5	1
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	464	19	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	288	6	0—	753	5	2
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				56	0	8

Auditor's Reports and attested Abstracts of the Accounts of Rathdrum Union, Rathdrum Rural District, Shillelagh Union, and Shillelagh Rural District, were examined into by the Committee. They contain no matter to bring before you.—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman. 17-5-'06.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 2.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 17th May, 1906:—Councillor R. R. Drought, in the chair; Councillors Mt. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Edward

P. O'Kelly, R. N. Thompson. 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, £983 15s.; Naas, £222 15s.; Rathdown, £1,096 5s.; Rathdrum, £2,705 13s. 3d.; Shillelagh, £867 10s.; total, £5,875 18s. 3d.

Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

Baltinglass No. 1, £107; Naas No. 2, £35 15s.; Rathdown No. 2, £26; Rathdrum, £648 14s. 6d.; Shillelagh, £38 15s.; total, £856 4s. 6d.

The Committee, having examined the following additional proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, recommend them to the Council for payment:—

County at Large—J. H. McCarroll, law costs, £20 9s. 9d.; Same, £4 9s. (This latter sum of £4 9s. to be charged to Bray Urban).

Baltinglass No. 1—District proposals, £666 10s. 11d.; J. H. McCarroll, law costs, £13 5s. 4d.

Naas No. 2—Expenses of School Attendance Committee, 8s.; J. H. McCarroll, law costs, 16s. 8d.

Rathdown No. 2—J. H. McCarroll, law costs, £3 12s.

Rathdrum—J. H. McCarroll, law costs, £5 0s. 6d.

Wicklow Urban—A. G. Wailes, law costs, 10s.

We have considered a letter submitted from Messrs. Brown and McCann against the Council making the rates as estimated for Naas Union, and having read counsel's opinion obtained on behalf of the County Council, we recommend the Council to make the rates as originally estimated and now submitted. The Joint Technical Committee should obtain the security referred to by the auditor from all their officers, through whose hands monie. may pass.—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman. 17-5-'06.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Secretary of the County Council be instructed to write a letter to Mr. Daniel Clarke that a sum of £1,000 has been certified for and approved of by the Finance Committee, and will come up for payment on June 14th next. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed—the same not to be issued until 1st July next. Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Five Rural Districts were considered:

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,198 19s. 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 M. Kelly, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £695 9s. 6d. (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 Alfred Zeller, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £321 9s. 8d. (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 R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £498 15s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor W. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,496 5s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £753 5s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 10s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Bray Urban:—Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Bray Urban District, amounting to £4 9s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes 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 County Surveyor was authorised to permit work No. 100—fence at Harold's Labourer's Cottage at Whitehills—to be moved so far as it will not interfere with the working way of the road. Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—Contract No. 23 in District Register—to fill hole in river at Ballysmuttan Bridge—was ordered to be repaired by County Surveyor. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Rathdrum:—The tender of William Mellon, Slieveroe, Rathdrum, for Contract No. 571 in the District Register—866 perches—was accepted at 1s. 8d. per perch per annum. Guarantors:—Wm. Farrar, Corballis, Rathdrum; and William Gahan, Knockadozen, Rathdrum. Two letters from Patrick Toole, Coolflake, Clash, Rathdrum, were read—one addressed to the Chairman of the County Council, dated 4th May, 1906, and one dated 12th May, 1906, sent on by the Rathdrum District Council for the County Council's consideration—asking the Council to cancel the contract of William Farrar, Corballis, Rathdrum, Dist. Reg. No. 574—774 perches—on the grounds that the sureties were not solvent.—The matter having been decided by the Rural District Council, the Council refused to cancel this contract. Contract No. 581 in the District Register was given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months. Contract No. 583 in the District Register was also given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction the contract for repairing Killahurler road, as the Rural District Council of Rathdrum unanimously recommend the work to be carried out to prevent the destruction of the road, which is very useful to the people of the district. Passed.

Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

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

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

The Council having read and considered a letter dated 5th April, 1906, from their solicitor, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, advising the Council on the question of Bounty in Lieu of Rates, it was proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Zeller, seconded by Councillor James Byrne—That we hereby appoint Mr. D. J. Purcell, of Tipper House, Naas, 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 ended 31st March, 1907.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. S. J. Doyle be appointed Auditor to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company to audit their accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1907. Passed—on a show of hands being taken.

8th May, 1906. From Messrs. Brown and McCann, solicitors, Naas (on behalf of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council) cautioning the County Council against raising, by means of the Poor Rate, the sum

of £1,150 to meet the Union Charges in the district. Counsel's opinion, which had been obtained on the foregoing letter, was read.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ml. Kelly. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1907. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Ml. Kelly. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the collection of the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1907, be signed and sealed. The warrants not to be issued until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount, £3,342 9s. 2d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1907. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount, £986 11s. 1d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1907. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the attention of the Board of Works be drawn to the form in which the mortgage for the loan of £3,500 for Rathdown No. 2 is drawn. The area of charge in the application and the consent of the Local Government Board is clearly defined as the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, and the rates leviable thereupon, but in the mortgage the area of charge is spread over the County at Large, and the entire rates of the county are sought to be mortgaged, contrary to the terms above mentioned. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Secretary summon a Special Meeting for the 29th May, 1906, to execute the mortgage for the loan of £3,500 when the correct area of liability is entered in a new mortgage. Passed.

An application from Poor Rate Collector William Smith, was read, asking the Council to fix a reasonable superannuation allowance for him on his retirement after a period of collecting extending over fifty-three years.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That William Smith's resignation be accepted, and that he be allowed a retiring allowance of Fifty Pounds (£50) per annum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Secretary advertise for a Rate Collector for Mr. Smith's District, the appointment to be made at the Annual Meeting. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Mr. Behan's sureties be warned that he has not closed his collection, and we call on them to make good the deficit. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. Behan be informed that unless he has his collection closed, and his bond lodged in the Secretary's Office, by the 28th instant, the warrants for this year's rate collection will

not be issued to him. Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That, provided the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland advance the amount necessary for the purpose, a sum of money in the 1906-1907 Scheme of Technical Instruction be set aside for the following:—

(1)—Three Intermediate Scholarships of £20 each, tenable for three years, at any approved Day or Boarding Intermediate School in Wicklow or Dublin, to be competed for by the pupils of Primary Schools, National or otherwise.

(2)—Three University Scholarships of £40 each, tenable for three years, in University College, Dublin, or in some establishment of university standing, to be competed for by the pupils of the Intermediate Schools of the County Wicklow.

A knowledge of the Irish Language, Irish History, and of the History of Irish Literature, to be essential to each scholarship. Passed.

A letter dated 26th April, 1906, was read from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking the Council to take such steps as they might consider necessary to put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District as much of the Irish Education Act of 1892 as refers to Compulsory Education. Order—Secretary to look up the necessary steps to be taken, and report at next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals Committee, and of the County Council for the year 1906-1907:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1906.	Autumn Quarter 1906.	Winter Quarter 1907.	Spring Quarter 1907.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Mon. July 9	Mon. Oct. 8	Mon. Jan. 7	Mon. Apl. 8
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. „ 16	Mon. Nov. 5	Mon. „ 28	Mon. „ 22
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. „ 23	Mon. Oct. 29	Mon. „ 21	Mon. „ 15
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. „ 24	Tues. „ 30	Tues. „ 22	Tues. „ 16
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. „ 20	Fri. Nov. 2	Fri. „ 25	Fri. „ 19
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. Aug. 7	Tues. „ 6	Tues. Feb. 5	Tues. „ 23
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow	11-30	Mon. „ 27	Mon. „ 26	Mon. „ 25	Thurs May 16

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council. Spring Quarterly Meeting, 17th May, 1906. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The contracts coming before you to-day are of the usual character, and with one exception, below set forth, do not call for particular report. The Contract No. 567, Rathdrum Rural District, to keep in repair for one year 298 perches of road between the Post Office, Annamoe street and the county road at Bichwood. This road is a new road, as it has not been in contract (if ever it has been) for at least 25 years, but as it joins two roads already in contract, it is presumably a work of public utility. The only question you need consider it whether the road is of sufficient general utility as would justify the expenditure of the amount of the contract. In accordance with your instructions, I made a recommendation to Rathdrum Rural District Council that they should formulate a proposal to maintain the road from Sally's Bridge to the Kelly's ford. The Council did formulate a proposal, but the work was not tendered for. At the inspection for the quarter ending 31st of March last, the roads were generally found in fair order, but with large quantities of unbound metal. This latter is caused by: 1—The late spreading of the metal supply, which does not give sufficient time to enable the metal to be beaten into the roads while they are in a suitable condition. 2—The unusual dryness of the winter. Since the inspection it has been found that many contractors have completely neglected their contracts, being apparently under the impression that their whole duty consists in having the road in good order at the time of the quarterly inspections. In other cases the contractors, utterly ignoring the instructions given them to blind loose repair patches, have, as soon as the quarterly inspection was past, promptly set to work not only to rake off the loose metal, but actually to dig the half consolidated metal from out of the road. I much regret to inform you that the War Department have again started trains of heavy wagons drawn by traction engines, on the roads leading to camps in West Wicklow. On Thursday, 10th inst., two large engines, identified as A.S.C. No. 14, and A.S.C. No. 17, each drawing four heavily loaded wagons, passed through Dunlavin en route from the Curragh Camp to a temporary camp at Snugborough—returning therefrom on 11th inst., and again coming into County Wicklow on 12th. The damage caused by these trips is as follows:—1—A gullet broken in Dunlavin street. 2—A length of 12 feet of a 2 foot gullet broken down between Dunlavin and Donard. 3—The whole length of a gullet broken west of Donard. 4—A length of 15 feet of gullet or sewer broken in Donard street. 5—A length of 80 yards of road near Donard torn up and broken. 6—Other isolated injuries to road surfaces besides general distortion of the cross section of the road. About this time last year the War Department started similar trains to Imaal Camp, damaging the roads from Dunlavin to Carrigower Bridge; but, I understand, on petitions being presented by people in the district they stopped the trains, and gave it to be generally understood that they would not again run engines in the district. My communications to them on the subject were, and have been completely ignored. I beg to refer to you the following matter:—A Mr. John Armstrong of Ballymanus, Glenealy, erected a wooden railing in front of, and enclosing a small plot at a cottage which he owns in Glenealy. On his attention being called to the fact that it was a breach of the law, and that he should have the

fence removed unless he obtained your consent, he has written an application asking for your permission to keep the fence there. I can produce a map which will show you the line of the fence which, in my opinion, is no obstruction or injury to the road. I also wish to refer to you the matter of clearing a stream known as the Cock Brook, which crosses the road between Ballyknockan and Blackditches Chapel and flows into the King's River about a mile and a half from the road. This stream should be secured for its whole length, and last year I served notice on the occupiers of the lands requiring them to scour it. The occupiers of the lands immediately adjoining the county road complied with my request, but those whose land did not join the road declined to do so. I request that you would refer this matter to your legal adviser to ascertain what steps should next be taken. I may add that the representatives of that district on the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council are pressing to have the whole stream cleared.—I remain, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. Wicklow, 17/5/06.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That our solicitor be instructed to take proceedings against the War Office, or Secretary of State for War, for damages and compensation for injuries to the roads, gulleys, and bridges, between the county bounds and Snugboro' Temporary Camp, and the roads adjoining. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That our representative, Mr. James O'Connor, be requested to bring before Parliament the continual serious injury that has been, and still is being done to the roads and public works in and about the Glen Imaal Camp by the Traction Engine employed by the War Office, and to ask what compensation the War Office is going to make the ratepayers for the damage so caused. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Zeller, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the opinion of counsel be obtained with reference to the non-compliance of certain parties with the County Surveyor's requirements in not clearing out the stream known as the Cock Brook, and that such proceedings be instituted as may be necessary. Passed.

County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 17th May, 1906. To the Chairman, County Council, Wicklow. Dear Sir,—I shall be much obliged if you will grant me two weeks' leave of absence, and direct that the Assistants carry on the work during that time.—Your obedient servant, S. G. Gallagher.

On the motion of Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey, the required leave of absence was granted.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That the County Council support Philip Doyle in his proceedings to recover the rates from Earl Fitzwilliam, and that our solicitor be instructed to retain counsel and appear on the hearing of the case.

A vote being called for, the Councillors voted as follows: For—Councillors D. Condren, J. J. Reilly, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, P. J. Carey, R. M. Barrington, R. R. Drought—7. Against—Councillor James Byrne. The Chairman, Councillor Michael Byrne, being one of

the justices sitting, whose decision is now appealed against, did not vote, but declared the resolution carried by seven votes to one.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 23997/1906; Dublin County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st May, 1906. Stating that an inquiry would be held by their Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. Cowan, with respect to the proposed borrowing of a further sum of about £2,000 by the Joint Committee of Richmond District Asylum to defray expenses of arbitration proceedings. Inquiry to be held at the Boardroom of the Asylum on Monday, the 7th inst., at 11 a.m.

No. 1859/. Dublin Castle, 21st March, 1906. Circular enclosing copies of Regulations, dated 18th March, 1903, and 11th February, 1905, made by the Secretary of State for the Home Department under Section 5 of the Locomotives on Highways Act, 1896, as to the keeping and use of Petroleum for Light Locomotives.

No. 1342/1906; (Veterinary Branch). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, March, 1906. Printed circular, and booklet dealing with the necessity for Compulsory Sheep Dipping. Also List No. 5 of Sheep Dipping preparations prescribed by the Department.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That a small committee be appointed to confer with the Board of Agriculture as to the best means of enforcing Sheep Dipping in this county, and report to the Council at next meeting, and that the Committee consist of Councillors J. J. Reilly, Michael Byrne, and R. M. Barrington. Passed.

No. 7483/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th April, 1906. 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; Shillelagh, three samples.

18 Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, 14th April, 1906. From Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Inquiry Committee, enclosing copy of the warrant of the Lords Justices constituting the Committee, and asking the Council for any observations or matters the Council wish to refer to the Committee to be considered.

No. 9665/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th April, 1906. Notifying an alleged Breach under Section 17 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by an Assistant in the shop of Mr. Michael Tallon, Enniskerry.

No. 9529/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 24th April, 1906. Acknowledging the receipt of return showing the amounts contributed out of the rates by the Wicklow County Council in each financial year since 1900, for the purposes of schemes under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899.

No. 2082/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 24th April, 1906. Relative to the dipping of the sheep of Christopher Doyle of Knockfodda, before release from restrictions—asking whether Mr. G. Newsom is correct in believing that the instructions given him were not of a general nature.

16th May, 1906. From George Newsom, Esq., V.S., Killoughter, Ashford—applying for payment of a reasonable sum in connection

with the additional duties caused by Sheep Dipping restrictions. Read, but not ordered.

No. 3573/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 27th April, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's communication enclosing undertaking of Council to remit instalments of the proposed loan of £3,500 punctually.

No. 4401/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 14th April, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter of the 12th instant, relative to the preparation of the mortgage deed for the proposed loan of £3,500.

25th April, 1906. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking the Council to permit a fence at Harold's Labourer's Cottage, Whitehills, to be moved further towards the working way of the road. Order—Granted, subject to the County Surveyor being satisfied it would not interfere with the road.

10th April, 1906. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution in which the Local Government Board is asked to institute an inquiry into the reason of the great increase in the Poor Rate in Naas No. 2 Rural District.

9th May, 1906. From same—informing the Council that the matter of Naas No. 2 Union Rates had been placed in the hands of the Council's solicitors.

4th April, 1906. From Clerk, Bray Urban Council—enclosing copy of a resolution drawing attention to the continuous increase of the Poor Rate, and asking that whatever steps considered necessary may be taken to reduce the same.

2nd April, 1906. From Collector Patrick Behan, The Mall, Wicklow—letter of explanation as to his failure to collect and lodge the full amount of his warrant by the 31st March, 1906, by the close of the financial year. Order—See resolution.

14th May, 1906. From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Joint Tramway Committee at their recent meeting, stating that steps should be taken to end the agreement between the Dublin and Blessington Company, and the Blessington and Poulaphouca Company.

20th April, 1906. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing usual Quarterly Return of Patients admitted to the Asylum from the County for the quarter ending 31st March, 1906.

7th May, 1906. From Secretary, Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a resolution asking for an increased contribution out of the rates to enable the Committee to carry out their schemes.

24th April, 1906. From the Secretary, Cyclists Touring Club, 47 Victoria-street, Westminster, London, S.W.—suggesting to the Council to erect an adequate sign-post at the cross-roads at Sally Gap. Order—Reply that the sum limited by Statute is not sufficient for the purpose.

2nd May, 1906. From R. P. Rogers, Esq., Chief Consul, Cyclists Touring Club, for Carlow and Wicklow Chief Consulate, 2 Silchester terrace, Longford. Same order.

25th April, 1906. From Patriotic Assurance Company, 9 College Green, Dublin—notifying the respective dates of the expiry of the

Company's Bonds with the Council's Rate Collectors, the Company being now in liquidation.

4th April, 1906. From Royal Exchange Assurance Co., 5 College Green, Dublin—noting that Patrick Behan, who was guaranteed by the Company under a Fidelity Bond was short in closing his collection, and stating that their Bond, not being one of the ordinary Bonds sanctioned by the Local Government Board, did not cover other than defalcation.

4th April, and 5th May, 1906. From London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Westmoreland-street, Dublin—offering terms for Poor Rate Collector Fidelity Bonds.

28th April, 1906. From the Hearts of Oak Life and General Assurance Co., Ltd., 1 Charterhouse-street, Holborn Circus, London, E.C.—offering terms for Officers' Fidelity Bonds.

8th May, 1906. From Accident Insurance Co., Ltd., 19 Nassau-street, Dublin—offering terms in re Third Party Insurance Steam Rollers.

April, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Council's General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—relative to the judgment of the Courts in re Maguire v. Cavan County Council, and asking the Council to co-operate with Cavan County Council in carrying the case to the House of Lords.

28th April, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—dealing with the proposed Bill to amend the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, and also with the Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways.

16th May, 1906. From John P. Hopkins, Wicklow—applying to be registered as a Vendor of Agricultural Poisons under the new Act.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. That Mr. Joseph Smyth's representatives be given authority to sell the Poisonous Sheep Dips in conformity with the requirements of the Act. Order—Not passed, Secretary to look into the matter and report at next meeting.

15th May, 1906. To the Chairman from A. J. Gorman, Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—in reference to the quarterly payments by the Council of his salary. Marked "Read."

6th April, 1906. From Matthew Flanagan, J.P., Secretary, Roscommon Flock Book Society, Tomona Tusk—relative to the Sale of Sheep Dips, and Agricultural Poisons—and enclosing a suggested resolution to be passed by the Council.

26th April, 1906. From L. Sherlock, Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners Association, City Arms Hotel, Prussia-street, Dublin—enclosing copy of memoranda on the question of the Sale of Agricultural Poisons.

26th March, 1906. From Dublin County Council—a resolution protesting against the present restrictions regarding the importation of Canadian Cattle being removed.

28th March, 1906. From Kerry County Council—resolution claiming that County Councils should get power to reclaim lands, work and reclaim peat lands, explore and work coal and other mines, and that grants and loans be given for these purposes.

27th April, 1906. From the Superintendent, St. Patrick's

Home, Waterford—circular letter dealing with the best methods of effecting a reformation in the habits of the confirmed drunkard.

27th April, 1906. From Cork County Council—resolution asking for the appointment of a representative Fishery Board for Ireland, in order that the Sea Fisheries of Ireland may be placed on a sound and practical basis. Approved.

MEETING OF MINUTES ON 29TH MAY, 1906.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1906, at 11 a.m. o'clock.

The following members attended:—Councillors William Burke, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, James Byrne, John Storey, W. H. McFarland, John J. Reilly, Joseph McCarroll, R. M. Barrington, Thomas Sheppard, James Galvin, and W. Byrne.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To execute Deed of Mortgage in connection with Loan of £3,500 for read and bridge improvement in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.
- 2—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 3—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 4—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 5—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

On the motion of Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly—It was resolved that Councillor William Burke take the chair. Passed. The chair was then taken by Councillor Wm. Burke.

A letter was read from the Solicitors of Public Works, Dublin, dated 26th May, 1906—stating that for the purposes for which this loan of £3,500 is sought, the District Council of Rathdown No. 2 have no borrowing powers, and stating that he is advised that in such a case the Local Government Board have not power to fix an area of charge less than the County at Large, and further that in the Local Government Board's letter to his Board recommending the loan, the local area to be charged with the loan is "the County of Wicklow."

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the Deed of Mortgage of this date, now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Three Thousand Five Hundred Pounds (£3,500) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Public Works Loans Act, 1898. Carried unanimously.

The Secretary was instructed to ask for a resolution from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, indemnifying the County Council against all charges in connection with the said mortgage.

Proposed by Councillor R. M. Barrington, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That, inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland, the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them, this day executed by this Council, but prefer to receive

the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisitions for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, countersigned by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the Accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account as "Rathdown Floods Loan Instalment," in Wicklow Branch of the National Bank. Passed.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

29th May, 1906. Gentlemen,—You may recollect you applied for a loan for the repair of the damages caused by the floods in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, giving in accordance with the Act, as security for said loan of £3,500, the rates leviable upon the entire Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, and to this application and to the security thus offered, the Local Government Board notified its consent. When the draft mortgage for this loan came up for execution at the last meeting, it was found that the Board of Works had made the entire county fund liable, and not only that, but every rate and every source of revenue in any way available by the County Council was also included in said mortgage. I was therefore directed to draw the Board of Works attention to the matter, and to ask for an amended form of mortgage deed. This I did, and in reply received the mortgage back with a short refusal to alter it in any way. I therefore drew the Board's attention to the wording of the statute in the matter, and as the time was very limited, I went to town and saw the solicitor to the Board of Works, and explained the position to him. He promised to look into the matter, and lay it before the Board and write me the result in time for this meeting. You have his letter before you, in which he says the Local Government Board (in spite of its consent to the area of charge given by the Council) had recommended the loan on the security of the entire County, and therefore the mortgage must stand as drafted. Since your last meeting a voluminous report has appeared in the local paper from one W. C. Ribbeck; about seven-eighths of this report consists simply of a copy of the County Council's books, which any voter can see. The net result arrived at is given in the last paragraph of the report, which gives, in his opinion (the authority, I observe, is not quoted) the deductions set out which the demands should be reduced by. For Bray Urban District the only deduction given is the proportion of the £1,000 County at Large contribution towards the repair of the damage caused by the September floods. This contribution was passed by the County Council at a meeting specially summoned for the purpose on notice served on the members of the County Council, including the representatives of each Urban District. At that meeting, after hearing the County Surveyor's report detailing every item of damage, to provide a means for the repair of which, the meeting was specially summoned, two resolutions were proposed, one, that half the cost should be charged on the County at Large, and half on the respective districts concerned (excluding Bray Urban District). This was lost. The other resolution, that £1,000 should be granted towards the necessary repairs, and be charged on the County at Large, including the Urban Districts, was passed by a large majority, the representatives of both Urban Districts voting in favour of it, but, of course, at the time they had not the

advantage of Mr. Ribbeck's opinion. With regard to the Wicklow Urban separate charge account, the report states, that the estimated charge is in excess of the amount that should be charged by £39 10s. 10d. That upon his pointing this out to the Secretary, he was told he was aware of the error, and that a rectified demand would be sent. This statement is not in accordance with facts. A debit balance on Wicklow Harbour loan, which had been explained to the Wicklow Commissioners, was charged in the first estimate over the whole area of charge. In checking all the figures, as usual, by the books, it was found that the Urban District portion had been adjusted already, so the correct figure to be demanded from Wicklow Urban District was entered on the face of the estimate in red ink, and this before the inspection of the books was mentioned; in fact, the actual demands to be sent to each Urban District were written out and lying in the pigeon hole ready to be signed at the approaching Council meeting. So far from Mr. Ribbeck pointing this out to the Secretary, when his eye was caught by the figures in red ink, he brought the form to me to ask me about them. I explained them then as above, and showed him the correct and only demands lying ready for signature. This gentleman was shown every book and document in our possession, and given every assistance while in our office, a straightforward statement might therefore have been expected in return. The report states that no portion of the interest allowed on the credit balance in the Bank has gone to credit of the Urban Districts, but it does not point out that these districts do not contribute to this credit balance, nor does it point out that the loss of interest caused to the county by its having to pay in advance at the beginning of each quarter the Union charges for each Urban District which those districts do not refund till the end of the quarter, is not charged against them. The deductions given for Wicklow Urban demand are:—(1) Proportion of the £1,000 for damage by floods, £23 9s. 2d.; (2) Separate charges overestimated for year to 31st March, 1906, £55 5s.; (3) Ditto to 31st March, 1907, £39 10s. 10d.; total, £118 5s. No. 1—I have already dealt with and shown is correctly charged. No. 2—The report neglects to state that this is the amount of the harbour loan repayment accrued due from 1st November, 1905, to 31st March, 1906, and therefore correctly charged. No. 3—Mr. Ribbeck has already in his report stated this was rectified in the demand, and, therefore it should not be again given here, as it is not an overcharge. After a lengthened examination of your accounts the report therefore goes to show there is no figure in them open to question, although the Council's action in granting relief to the districts damaged by floods does not meet with approval.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 22nd May, 1906. 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, 1906. 74 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—35; whiskey, 22; milk, 14; buttermilk, 1; port wine, 1; gin, 1; total, 74. Certificate sent to Sergeant McDonough, Bray, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 26 per cent. of its fats. There were seven 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 Rathdrum Union twenty-one drugs were analysed.—They were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union thirteen drugs were analysed.—They were correct. For the Guardians of Balinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed.—They were correct. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, two fertilizers were analysed. For Mr. R. T. Evans, Greystones, six specimens of feeding stuff were analysed. One specimen of milk analysed for Mrs. Lawrenson, Shillelagh, was of rich quality. A specimen of meat examined for Lady Wicklow, Arklow, was good. Potatoes examined for Mrs. Sandys, Enniskerry, were good. Two specimens of cream were analysed for Mr. S. J. Sutton, Newcastle. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-four drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, liniment of belladonna, was deficient in alkaloids.—The milks were pure. One specimen of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, had the following composition: One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 51.800; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.041; saline ammonia, 0.016; nitric acid, 4.110; chlorine, 1.590.—A polluted water, dangerous to drink. Total analyses—167.—CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates be now signed and sealed. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor R. M. Barrington:—"An application having been received from the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 to have the Irish Education Act of 1892 put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, I hereby give notice that I will move at our Annual Meeting, on the 14th June next, in pursuance of Section 15 (2) of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and Section 74 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, that the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, shall be put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that the said Rural District be declared to be the area of charge for all expenses that may be incurred in connection with this matter."

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we call on the Government to press forward and pass this Session the Town Tenants' Bill, so urgently needed to prevent the further confiscation of property created by the capital and industry of the Town Tenants of Ireland. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

General Valuation Office, Dublin, 16th May, 1906. Relative to alterations proposed to be made in the revised Ordnance Survey Plans relating to certain boundaries between the County of Wicklow and the County of Wexford, these alterations being caused by the former boundaries having been defaced on the ground and new lines adopted by proprietors which it is necessary to include in the revised survey.

No. 40776/1906. General Valuation Office, Dublin, 24th May, 1906. Forwarding, under separate cover, the reports and maps relative

to the proposed alterations in the boundary between Counties Wicklow and Wexford, also the form of approval for signature by the Chairman of the County Council.

Boundary Survey of Ireland.

17 Vic., Cap. 17; 20 and 21 Vic., Cap. 45; 22 and 23 Vic., Cap. 8; 61 and 62 Vic., Cap. 37 (Enactments Order).

Proposed Alterations in Boundary of County.

Approval by County Council.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we approve certain alterations in Ordnance Sheets Nos. 43, 44, 45, 46, and 47, County Wicklow, in the boundaries between said County and County of Wexford, as set forth in a report and accompanying maps submitted to us by Sir John G. Barton, C.B., Chief Boundary Surveyor, under the Acts recited above. Approved.

No. 2499/06; V.B. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 22nd May, 1906. Further circular to Local Authorities on the subject of the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep, and enclosing copy of a resolution passed by the Council of Agriculture on the 15th inst., calling on Local Authorities to take into immediate consideration the steps suggested by the Department in their circular of March last, with a view to having the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep twice in the year carried out all over Ireland. Also enclosing copies of the Orders about to be enforced in Great Britain requiring the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give notice that on the 14th June I will move, or some one in my absence, that the Sheep Dipping Order be put in force."

22nd May, 1906. From Royal Exchange Assurance Company, 5 College Green, Dublin—acknowledging the Secretary's letter re Collector Patrick Behan, and stating that their Agent, Mr. Kennedy, would call in reference to same.

28th May, 1906. From Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy—applying to the Council to fix a poundage fee of 6d. in the £ collected and lodged as his remuneration for collecting, and to cancel the Order fixing a salary for him. Order—Referred to the Finance Committee to report.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH JUNE, 1906.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 14th June, 1906, at 1-15 p.m. Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, in the chair; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, Wm. Burke, Michael Kelly, W. H. McFarland, Daniel Condren, W. Byrne, Michael Fleming, Joseph Dunne, John Storey, P. J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, James Galvin, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, John J. Reilly, William Costello, and William Osborne.

B U S I N E S S.

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To receive the Finance Committee's Report.
- 5—To order payment through the Subsidiary Account of the Irrecoverable Rates approved of by the Local Government Board.
- 6—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District.
- 7—To consider the condition of the collection of the Rates in No. 11 Collecting District.
- 8—To confirm a resolution of the County Council to grant a Superannuation Allowance of £50 per annum to the late Collector William Smith, after a service of fifty-three years.
- 9—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion, and take the necessary steps for the appointment of a School Attendance Committee:—
"I hereby give notice that I will move at our Annual Meeting on the 14th June next, in pursuance of Section 15 (2) of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and Section 74 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, that the Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, shall be put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that the said Rural District be declared to be the area of charge for all expenses that may be incurred in connection with this matter."
- 11—To fill one vacancy on the Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee.
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne:—"I beg to give notice that on the 14th June, I, or some one in my absence, will move that the Sheep-Dipping Orders be put in force."
- 13—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.

- 15—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
 16—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

The chair was taken by the out-going Chairman, Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

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

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That Councillor Ml. Byrne 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.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 14th June, 1906, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, William Burke, Edward P. O'Kelly, E. J. Byrne, and Michael Byrne. On examining the Rate Collectors' Accounts for the past financial year, the Committee find that the following over-ldgments have been made, and we recommend that they be refunded to the collectors out of the Subsidiary Account:—3, Thomas Tutty, 3d.; 8, John Tallon, 9s.; 13, George Evans, 3d.; 15, John Brennan, 2s. 8d.; 16, William Smith, 6s. 9d. The following rates have been proved to the satisfaction of the Committee, and of the Local Government Board, to be irrecoverable, and we hereby recommend that the Council direct the Finance Committee to issue payments to the collectors for the sums named:—1, Joseph Doyle, £14 4s. 8d.; 2, Richard Geoghegan, £7 9s. 2d.; 3, Thomas Tutty, £5 15s. 10d.; 4, Bryan Dunne, £3 9s.; 6, Michael McGrath, £2 13s. 4d.; 7, Charles S. Sutton, £12 7s. 7d.; 8, John Tallon, £4 15s. 1d.; 9, Joseph Keane, £6 4s. 2d.; 10, John Murphy, £12 17s. 10d.; 12, John F. Evans, £7 16s. 7d.; 13, George Evans, £14 2s. 5d.; 14, James Byrne, £38 2s. 4d.; 15, John Brennan, £15 10s. 10d.; 16, William Smith, £83 8s. 2d.; 17, Philip Doyle, £3 17s. 1d.; 19, Terence Byrne, 16s. 9d. Collector Joseph Keane asks that he be granted a poundage fee of 6d. in the £1 collected, in place of his present salary of £90 per annum. Not recommended.—R. NORMAN THOMPSON. 14-7-06.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Adopted—Payments ordered.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct the Finance Committee to issue payments by the amounts allowed to the several Rate Collectors by the Local Government Board on their respective Irrecoverable Rate Sheets, the amounts having been already recommended to this Council for payment by the Finance Committee. Passed.

The Secretary read the Advertisement published in "The Wicklow News-Letter," and "The Wicklow People," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, and four replies received from:—Thomas Doyle, Tominerin, Aughrim, County Wicklow; John Kelly, Ballece, Rathdrum; Patrick Kearney, Moneystown, Roundwood, County Wicklow; Patrick Joseph Carey, Tomanerin, Aughrim.

Wicklow County Council. Poor Rate Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its meeting to be held in the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 14th June, 1906, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aughrim, Ballinacash, Ballinacor, Ballinderry, Knockrath, Rathdrum, Trooperstown, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. Written application to be lodged in my office not later than 10-30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and addresses of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,500, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £750.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the Council.

On a poll being taken, there voted as follows:—

For Carey:—Councillors E. C. Walsh, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, Michael Fleming, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne—15.

For Kearney:—Councillors John Storey and Joseph McCarroll—2.

For Kelly:—Councillor James Galvin—1.

For Doyle:—Councillors D. Condren, William Osborne, James Byrne, and Michael Kelly—4.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Joseph Carey, junior, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 16 Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Mr. William Smith, retired, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of 6d. in the £1. Elected nem con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we now direct that the warrants of Mr. Patrick Joseph Carey, Rate Collector, be signed and sealed, the same not to issue till he has been approved by the Local Government Board, and has lodged the necessary bond with our Secretary. Passed nem con.

A letter was read from Collector Patrick Behan, dated 14th June, 1906, stating that he had lodged the rates he had been able to collect, and regretted he was unable to close his warrant yet, but hoped to do so in a few days. Also that he was unable to get a Guarantee Society's Bond, but would submit the names of Personal Sureties.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Behan, Poor Rate Collector, be hereby suspended, and that he be called upon to

hand over all his books and accounts to the Council's Secretary within 24 hours. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. 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.

In accordance with Councillor R. M. Barrington's Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That as much of the Irish Education Act of 1892 as refers to Compulsory Education, be put in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and that the necessary steps be at once taken to have this done. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to be members of the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District:—Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany; Patrick J. Kinlen, "Montrose," Greystones; John Murphy, "Vive-Vale," Delgany; Francis Buckley, Enniskerry; Michael Tallon, Enniskerry.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the following members of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council be elected on the School Attendance Committee—namely: Michael Tallon, Enniskerry; Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry; Patrick J. Kinlen, "Montrose," Greystones; John Murphy, "Vive-Vale," Delgany; Peter Tyrrell, Delgany.

A show of hands being called for, the Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. James McGrath, Cloughleagh, Manor-Kilbride, to be a member of the School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District to fill the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Mr. William Osborne. Appointed.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That the Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Orders be put in force in this county, and that the following be appointed a Committee to draw up Regulations for the carrying out of the Sheep-Dipping Orders within the County of Wicklow:—Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, John J. Reilly, James Byrne, and Joseph Dunne. Approved.

The Committee retired with Mr. Prentice, Agricultural Inspector, representing the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and, having carefully considered the question, handed in the Regulations which they had drawn up on the basis of the Draft Regulations submitted by the Department of Agriculture.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby adopt the Regulations regarding Sheep-Dipping in this county, as drawn up by our Committee. Passed nem con.

An application was received from the Representatives of the Press—asking the Council to direct their County Surveyor to provide

for the use of the Reporters an elevated dais, to facilitate them in the discharge of their duties to the public. Order—Allowed; County Surveyor to have matter rectified.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That this Council desire to place on record the National loss sustained by Ireland in death of "The Father of the Land League," Michael Davitt, and we direct that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mrs. Davitt. Passed nem con.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 32410/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd June, 1906. Stating the Board will raise no objection to the payment of a sum of £16 16s. to Collector William Smith in respect of law costs incurred in connection with a seizure of cattle. Order—Referred to Proposals Committee for report.

No. 32491/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th June, 1906. Stating that, before considering the matter of the Killahurler road, the Board would be glad to be informed whether the County Surveyor is still of opinion that this road is not a "public road," as referred to in his report to the Council of the 31st July last.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—In reference to the road in Rathdrum Rural District, 146 perches, from the Slate Quarry road to the Rural District bounds at Slievefore, I beg to state that it is a road dedicated to the public use, and in that respect is a "public road."—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, County Surveyor. Wicklow County Council, 14th June, 1906.

No. 34234/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th June, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter re payment by Wicklow Urban Council of first instalment due on County Council's Demand, and enclosing copy of a letter addressed to the Urban Council by the Board on the subject.

No. 14121/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st May, 1906. Acknowledging the Council's resolution proposing to create scholarships.

No. 12945/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th June, 1906. 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, three samples; Baltinglass, three samples; Bray, one sample; Enniskerry, two samples; Greystones, two samples; Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, three samples.

No. 2730/1906; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th June, 1906. Enclosing copies of an Order entitled the "Importation of Horses, Asses and Mules (Ireland) Order of 1906,"—which comes into force on the 1st proximo.

No. 3087/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th June, 1906. Notifying that a Departmental Inspector will attend the Council's Meeting on the 14th instant, re Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Regulations.

No. 4401/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 1st June, 1906.

Acknowledging Secretary's letter of the 31st ult., with enclosures, re loan of £3,500.

No. 4401/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 9th June, 1906. Stating that the Commissioners are now prepared to issue the first instalment of £2,000, on receiving a Requisition for the same, signed by the Chairman and by Councillor Joseph McCarroll.

No. 40864/. General Valuation Office, 6 Ely Place, Dublin, 30th May, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter of the 29th inst., conveying the Council's approval of changes in County Boundary.

14th June, 1906. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, stating that he was unable to attend the Council's meeting, owing to having to attend the case of the King (Fitzwilliam) v. Justices of Wicklow, which was being heard the same day.

7th June, 1906. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. James H. Coleman, J.P., Griffinstown, Grange Con, Athy, was re-elected as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

7th June, 1906. Telegram from Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying the re-election of Captain Alfred Zeller as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

11th June, 1906. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—notifying the re-election of Mr. P. J. Carey as their Chairman for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1906. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that, as the re-elected Chairman of the District Council, Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, Tinahely, is already a County Councillor, the District Council has chosen Mr. Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to take his place as an additional member of the County Council.

7th June, 1906. From V. B. Dillon and Co., 12 St. Andrew street, Dublin—enclosing, for the Council to sign and seal, the Agreement with the Dublin Corporation as to the drainage of certain Labourers' Houses at Grange Gorman.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Agreement with the Dublin Corporation for the drainage of certain Labourers' Houses at Grange Gorman. Passed.

9th June, 1906. From Charles P. O'Neill, Solicitor, 36 Dawson street, Dublin—asking to be supplied with a copy of the warrant, dated 29th June, 1894, transferring, under the Provisions of 16 and 17 Vic., Cap. 136, Sec. 7, Greystones Harbour to the County Wicklow Grand Jury—the object of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council being to ascertain what steps should be taken to prevent parties depositing rubbish in the Harbour. Order—Standing Orders to be adhered to.

30th May, 1906. From R. O. Rogers, 2 Silchester terrace, Longford—further letter relative to the necessity of erecting direction posts in the County in reply to the Secretary's letter of the 21st inst.

12th May, 1906. From the Registrar, the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, 67 Lower Mount street, Dublin—enclosing leaflet, and

marked copy of the "Freeman's Journal," dealing with the question of the Sale of Agricultural Poisons.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

30th May, 1906. From Londonderry County Council—resolution dealing with the grievances that at present exist in the methods of defining areas of charge for Special Sanitary Expenses.

June, 1906. From Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association, City Arms Hotel, Prussia street, Dublin—resolution denouncing the change recently made in the Army Meat Tender Form, under which contractors can supply Foreign Beef to the Army.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 27TH AUGUST, 1906.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 27th August, 1906, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors James Galvin, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; William Costello, William Byrne, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, J. H. Coleman, and Dr. R. Norman Thompson.

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 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 sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
 - 10—To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates.
 - 11—To consider a proposal to grant a retiring allowance of £50 per annum to the rate collector, William Smith, who tendered his resignation on the ground of old age, after a service of 53 years.
 - 12—To make arrangements for collecting the rates in No. 11 (Glenealy) Collecting District, the former rate collector having been suspended.
 - 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.
- Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.
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FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. I.

Meeting of the Finance Committee, held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 7th August, 1906. The following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, and Joseph McCarroll. The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Pro-

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

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 19s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Transfer out of Loan:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, out of Loan Account, amounting to £2,397 17s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS:

County at Large:—To provide, by contract, for the necessary County Printing, as follows, for the three years ending 30th September, 1909:—

A.—Printing, providing, and supplying all necessary forms, books, circulars, notices, etc., for the County Council and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, for three years. Not to exceed £500 per annum. Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved—That we hereby reject all the Tenders for County Printing A, submitted to us, none of them having complied with the terms of the Advertisement, and direct that they be placed in a sealed envelope by our Chairman, and be preserved in the Council's safe. We further direct the Proposals Committee to obtain fresh Tenders (by advertisement) for this printing, and submit a contract for same to next Quarterly Meeting of the Council. The present contractor to be paid for the printing during the extra quarter at the same rate as under the existing contract. Passed.

B.—Printing, binding, etc., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 10s. per page annually on the number of pages in one copy each of samples 11 to 18, inclusive, for the three years ending 30th September, 1909. Accepted Tender—Thomas Chapman, Newspaper Proprietor, Athlone, County Westmeath, at 2s. 11d. per page. Guarantors—William Chapman, Rialto, Howth road, Clontarf, and P. G. Chapman, Athlone.

C.—Executing the advertising required by the County Council, and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d. per line (the line to be taken as measuring 15 ems pica type) for the three years ending 30th September, 1909. Accepted Tender—Frank McPhail, 1 Milton Villas, Wicklow, at 1½d. per line. Guarantors—James G. McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow, and Francis Wm. MacPhail, Main-street, Wicklow.

C.—Tenders were also accepted from John Mellifont Walsh, A1

North Main-street, Wexford, and Thomas Doyle (Manager "Free Press,") 59 South Main-street, Wexford, at 1½d. per line, respectively. Order—Bonds not signed, to be brought up at next Council Meeting.

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

Naas No. 2:—Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

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

No. 39,940/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th July, 1906. Forwarding—to be laid before the County Council, and then to be returned to the Board—a report from the County Surveyor stating that Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council propose to rebuild a bridge near Calary Church, and construct works at Enniskerry Bridge; the cost of same to be defrayed out of the unexpended balance of the loan of £3,500 recently sanctioned to the Council for road improvement works, etc., in the district referred to.

7th July, 1906.—Telegram from the Local Government Board re same.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction the payment of the portion of Proposals Nos. 256 and 259, chargeable to Rathdown No. 2, out of the loan of £3,500 granted for repair of works damaged by floods in that Rural District; these proposals having become necessary to repair damages caused by the same floods. Copies of the proposals to accompany this resolution. Passed.

Rathdrum:—The County Surveyor was authorised to expend the money on road No. 589 in the District Register, for which there was no Tender. The County Surveyor was also authorised to expend the money on Work No. 594 in the District Register, for which there was no Tender. Remaining Contracts, as received, were approved and confirmed. The Council considered a resolution from the District Council, asking the Council to allow 43 perches of fence at Cronroe and Milltown to be taken down; also to allow the building of about 35 yards of wall at Clara cross-roads. Passed. Letter, dated 24th August, 1906, from Clerk, Arklow Town Commissioners, was submitted, enclosing cheque for £50, as contribution for flagging contract (£100) recently passed by Rathdrum Rural District Council. Contract approved. An application was submitted from Laurence Byrne, Moneystown, Rathdrum—contractor for road No. 443 in District Register—asking the Council to make some allowance to him extra for the very heavy timber traffic on his road, 771 perches, which traffic he could not foresee when tendering for this road. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That this County Council hereby applies to the Local Government Board to authorise the Council to make Mr. Laurence Byrne a fair allowance in payment for the extra work put on his contract by the timber traffic which has come on his road since his contract was taken. The amount to be fixed by the County Surveyor. Carried—by 5 votes to 3, on a show of hands being taken.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the several contracts which have

been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That the Certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That due notice of this resolution having been issued to each member of the County Council, we hereby grant a Retiring Allowance of Fifty Pounds (£50) per annum to Mr. William Smith, late Poor Rate Collector in Rathdrum Rural District in the County of Wicklow, after 53 years' service. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby depute our Chairman, and Councillors Joseph McCarroll and William Byrne, to sign the Warrants to enable Collectors Joseph Keane, John Murphy, and John F. Evans, to collect the Rates in Collecting District No. 11. Passed.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary to the County Council, Courthouse, 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 Bartle McDonald, Esq., Mullicagh Upper, Hollywood, 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 Courthouse, Wicklow, 27th August, 1906. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; J. H. Coleman, Joseph McCarroll, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—I recommend that you sanction a further expenditure of £60 to pay for the extra work found necessary on the work being carried out at Baltinglass Courthouse. I enclose contractor's account for said extras.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Payment for extras not exceeding £60 allowed.

Wicklow, 27th August, 1906. To the County Council, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—I beg to apply for one month's leave of absence. I will arrange to carry on the county work in my absence.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Granted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Courthouse, Wicklow, 27th August, 1906. To the County Council, Wicklow. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The roads in your

county have been fairly attended to by the contractors. Of the contracts coming before you to-day the only two requiring special mention—viz.: Rathdown No. 2, No. 259, "To place a low weir, etc., across Enniskerry bridge"; and Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum, "To build a bridge at Calary Church, etc." The Rathdown No. 2 Rural District wish to have these works paid for out of the loan of £3,500 obtained for that district. The payment for above works should be paid (as provided by Procedure of Council's Order, 1905) through Subsidiary Account. Through the intervention of your Chairman and your county members, most satisfactory arrangements with the War Office await your sanction, pending which I have made special arrangements in regard to the contracts involved by the military traffic. Your solicitor informs me that the War Office have offered a sum of £15 5s. 5d. as against our estimate of £16 10s. for the damage done in May last. I am glad to report that all the damages wrought by the floods last August are now repaired.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—The Solicitor to be directed to accept £15 15s. 5d. from the War Office in respect of the damage done in May last.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—In compliance with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway's Order, 1887, I carried out the annual inspection of the line on the 20th and 25th of August. A very slight improvement is noticeable in the appearance of parts of the line, but generally the permanent way is overgrown with grass and weeds, and is badly drained. The fastenings are still loose and defective in many places, especially on the old sleepers. The use of sleepers of untreated wood still continues, and the indications of decay referred to in my report last year are now more defined. The points to the branch leading to the ballast pit near Blessington are not efficiently protected from accidental displacement. The other defects pointed out in my previous reports have not been remedied; however, in the case of the broken walls at Blessington, I understand it is proposed to erect waiting rooms and a booking office, which will necessitate the removal of these walls. A boundary fence has been erected at the yard at Templeogue, which is a most useful work. Many improvements have been made in the rolling stock; nearly all the wagons have been fitted with buffer couplings, and the connecting tubes of the vacuum brakes have been improved; these alterations should save much in the wear and tear of the stock. One of the composite coaches has been fitted with Acetylene gas lamps, which I understand work satisfactorily. A new locomotive has been provided, and which has some small but most useful improvements, which tend to economy in fuel. The train mileage for the year 1905-6 was 73,447 miles, being 1,218 less than the previous year; the running (loco.) shows an increase of £30 2s. 9d., and the locomotive repairs an increase of £49 15s. 1d. The gross receipts amount to £6,746 13s. 3d., being £91 0s. 1d. less than the previous year; the gross expenditure amounts to £6,072 5s. 5d., an increase of £157 8s. 10d.; the total receipts exceed the expenditure by £674 7s. 10d.; the County Wicklow contribution towards dividend and

working expenses amounts to £662 16s. 1d. The costs per train mile are as follows:—

	04-5. d.	05-6. d.	Inc. d.	Dec. d.
Running (loco.) expenses	5.911	6.107	.196	—
Repairs (loco.)	2.165	2.363	.198	—
Traffic expenses	2.249	2.395	.146	—
General charges	1.352	1.488	.136	—
Repairs (way and works)	4.049	3.538	—	.501
Repairs (rolling stock)	1.638	1.180	—	.458
Sundries	1.634	2.763	1.129	—
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	18.998	19.834	1.805	.959
Gross receipts p. t. mile	21.939	22.038	.099	—

I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor. 27th August, 1906. To Wicklow County Council.

Order—Report adopted. The County Surveyor and Councillor William Osborne to give evidence before the Railway Commission.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 31st July, 1906. 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, 1906. Eighty-five articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article: Butter, number: 43; whiskey, 16; milk, 13; cheese, 9; lard, 2; buttermilk, 2; total, 85. Certificate sent to Sergeant Clifford, Tinahely, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 26 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergt. O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats. Certificate sent to Sergeant McKibben, Rathnew, for specimen of whiskey which was 28 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 4 per cent. of water. 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.—They were pure. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed.—The drugs were correct; one of the milks was of poor quality. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs and a specimen of water were analysed.—The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matter, 49.560; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.010; saline ammonia, 0.004; nitric acid, 10.000; chlorine, 9.443; sulphuric acid, 2.8824; equal to calcium sulphate, 4.000.—A fairly good water. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed.—They were correct. For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company one fertilizer was analysed. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, 24 drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound tincture of chloroform and morphine was deficient in chloroform. Total analyses, 163.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Notice of the Sheep-Dipping Order being put in force in the County Wicklow be published by poster, and by one advertisement in the local papers under contract, and that the posters be forwarded to the Clerks of the several Unions for posting in their Unions, and a copy to be sent to each Police Barrack. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly. Resolved—This Council notes with satisfaction that the Government have withdrawn the Lunacy (Ireland) Bill. As the Provisions of this Bill were calculated to inflict a serious hardship upon the Local Ratepayers in Ireland by re-imposing upon them a burden, from which they were properly relieved by the Lunacy Act of 1901, for the maintenance of Patients who became insane while in the public service, and the cost of whose maintenance would, in justice, be still borne by the Treasury from State Funds. We therefore hope that no further attempt will be made by the Government to re-introduce this measure in the next, or any other succeeding Session of Parliament. That copies of the above resolution be sent by the Secretary to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary, and the Secretary to the Treasury; and that copies be sent to the Secretary of each County, County Borough, and Urban District Council in Ireland, requesting him to submit it to his Council for adoption. Passed nem con.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 30088/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th June, 1906. Sealed Order fixing the District Electoral Division of Knockrath as the area of charge for any loss incurred by the extension of Telegraphic Communication to Carriglineen.

No. 76M/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th June, 1906. Enclosing copy of a Sealed Order made by the Board amending the Public Bodies Order, 1904, with regard to the qualifications for appointment of Poor Rate Collectors in Ireland.

No. 36077/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th June, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter of the 15th inst., enclosing copy of resolution suspending Collector Behan.

No. 37935/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th June, 1906. Stating that the Board, in order to meet the wishes of the Council, are prepared to assent to the appointment of Mr. Patrick J. Carey, junior, as Poor Rate Collector to collect the current year's rates, provided he gives the Council the stipulated security.

No. 36031/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th June, 1906. Stating that the proposal to repair Killahurler road is not one subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, but that, having regard to the circumstances of the case, the Council would appear to have good grounds for undertaking the work.

No. 44344/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st August, 1906. Sealed Order fixing Arklow Dispensary District as the area of charge for the supply of water at Johnstown.

No. 14121/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th July, 1906. Stating that, in reference to the Council's resolution re Scholarships, the Technical Instruction Committee is at present receiving from the Department's endowment the full annual sum available for the purpose, and regretting that the Department are unable to make any additional contribution.

No. 3867/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th July, 1906. Acknowledging copies of the Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Regulations recently adopted by the Council.

18 Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, 4th August, 1906. From the Secretary to the Departmental Inquiry Committee—asking if the Council desired to offer evidence before that Committee at their resumed sittings in October next.

No. 19427/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th August, 1906. 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:—Rathdrum, 3 samples.

Irish 25/2; (L. B.). War Office, London, S.W., 18th July, 1906. Letter embodying the Army Council's proposals with regard to the contribution from Army Funds towards the damage done to roads in the Glen Imaal District by Military Traffic. Order—By-laws submitted to the Council on 27th February, 1905, are sanctioned accordingly.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 31st May, 1906. Notifying a loan of £10,500 to the Joint Committee of Richmond Asylum for the execution of certain works at Portrane Asylum, under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Office of Public Works. Notifying a loan of £3,500 to the Joint Committee of Richmond Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 1st August, 1906. Notifying a loan of £300 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

No. 9896/06; Counties Loan. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 3rd August, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter, dated 25th July, applying for Second Instalment of the Loan of £3,500.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 27th August, 1906. Telegram stating that the Second Instalment of the Loan of £3,500 had not been yet recommended.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 16th June, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter dated 15th inst., enclosing resolution putting Compulsory Education Act in force in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 18th June, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter dated 16th inst.—asking for a copy of the Board's Draft Regulations Governing School Attendance Committees, and their Officers.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 26th June, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter dated 25th inst.—notifying appointment of Mr. James McGrath to fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee, in room of Mr. Wm. Osborne, disqualified through non-attendance.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 28th June, 1906. Acknowledging the Secretary's letter of the 27th inst.—submitting copies

of the Regulations adopted by the County Council Governing Rathdown No. 2 Rural District School Attendance Committee.

No. 11135/1906. Office of National Education, Dublin, 28th June, 1906. Reminding the Council that Mr. Osborne was appointed by the Commissioners on Naas No. 2 Rural District School Attendance Committee, and that it is for the Commissioners to decide whether they will re-appoint him, or some other person in his stead.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 27th August, 1906. Telegram stating that the School Attendance Committee to serve from 1st October for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, will be completed and appointment notified about the 15th September.

9th July, 1906. From Secretary, Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee—approving of the suggested alteration in the date for which the next Committee should serve, that is, up to the 30th September next following the Triennial Election of County Councillors.

14th June, 1906. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing resolution accepting chargeability over that District for all payment to be made under the Mortgage for the Loan of £3,500 for Repair Works within the District.

9th August, 1906. From Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co., Terenure—asking the Council's permission to construct a Parcel Office and Waiting Room at Blessington Station at a cost of about £200, which the Directors propose to pay in six half-yearly instalments, and charge such instalments to Revenue.

26th August, 1906. From Mr. James J. Dowling, Blessington—letter to the Chairman re same. Order—Approved, provided no portion of the cost be charged to this County.

From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland-square, Dublin—enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ending 30th June, 1906.

27th July, 1906. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing a return showing the admissions of patients from the County Wicklow for the quarter ended 30th June, 1906.

20th August, 1906. From same—enclosing printed copy of a letter submitted to the Joint Committee by him with reference to the number of Representatives on the Joint Committee from the different contributing Bodies.

23rd August, 1906. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—enclosing copy of counsel's opinion in re Wicklow County Council and the Cock-brook stream. No order.

14th July, 1906. From Collector John Tallon, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood—offering the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., as Guarantors in his Bond, and asking if the Council would accept a Bond issued by them.

24th July, 1906. From Messrs. Winser and Lindsay, 12 Crow-street, Dublin—re same.

Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That we approve of the Bond of the Ocean Accident Corporation, or of the Poor Law Officers' Association, London, or other well-approved Guarantee Society, as Guarantor for Mr. John Tallon, Rate Collector; and on receiving such Bond, approved by the Local Government Board, the Secretary is authorised to issue the warrants and collecting books to Mr. John Tallon. Passed.

25th August, 1906. From Collector Patrick J. Carey, junior, Tomanierin, Aughrim—applying for an extension of one month of the period for collecting rates in his district, owing to the late date at which he was able to commence the collection.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be applied to to grant an extension of one month's time to Collectors Patk. J. Carey, junior, and John Tallon, to close their half-year's collections, they having received their collecting books at such a late date that it would be impossible for them to close same by the 30th September. Passed.

St. Justin's, Dalkey, County Dublin. Mrs. Davitt and family return their sincere thanks to the Wicklow County Council for kind sympathy.

30th June, 1906. Preliminary Notice, and Notice (No. 5) of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to a Plate-glass Window at 8 Quinsboro'-road, Bray. Amount claimed, £8 15s. Applicant, Annie Turner. Police report on same. Order—Write to Urban District.

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to 37 cocks of hay by being pulled down and exposed to the rain on the lands of Mullinaveigue. Amount claimed, £10. Applicant, William R. Keenan. Same order.

13th August, 1906. From Messrs. Hunter and Burland, Solicitors, 11 Dame-street, Dublin—enclosing copies of Notices (Nos. 2 and 5) of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to a stable, cow-house, and bullock shed by fire, on the lands of Mullahullen, Rural District of Shillelagh. Amount of claim, £50. Applicant, Thomas Bourne, Mullahullen, Shillelagh. Police report on same.

2nd August, 1906. From Messrs. Hunter and Burland, Solicitors, 11 Dame-street, Dublin—withdrawing claim for compensation on behalf of the Applicant, Thomas Bourne.

11th July, 1906. From Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin—asking the Council's consent to the placing of an overground telegraphic line along the public road from Rathdrum Post Office to Carriglineen Post Office. Granted—The work to be done to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

28th July, 1906. From Canon E. H. Whelan, Kilbride Rectory, Bray—drawing the Council's attention to the condition of the roads in his neighbourhood.

28th July, 1906. From same—pointing out the necessity for Direction Posts at the cross-roads at Sallygap, and at Enniskerry cross-roads.

25th July, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—asking what action, if any, the Council had taken to appoint witnesses to attend before the Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways.

13th July, 1906. From same—giving the date of the next meeting of the General Council, and asking the Council to submit any matter they wish discussed.

2nd July, 1906. From the Hon. Secretary, Arklow Fever Hospital Joint Committee of Management—conveying the thanks of the Governors for the Council's grant of £150.

28th June, 1906. From Clerk Bray Urban District Council—addressed to the Chairman—protesting against, and asking the Council

to remit the amount of £1,000 charged against the County at Large in respect of certain damages caused by the heavy floods of 25th August, 1905, in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. "Read."

24th August, 1906. From Mr. A. J. Gorman, Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—addressed to the Presiding Chairman—stating that if he did not receive payment of the amount of his salary stated to be due to him, he would be reluctantly compelled to place the same in hands of a solicitor for recovery. Order—Refer to Secretary.

6th July, 1906. From the Manager, Arklow Terra Cotta Brick and Tile Co., Ltd.—requesting the Council to refund rates paid on a valuation of £200, which had been reduced on appeal to £120. Order—Amount to be checked and granted.

15th August, 1906. From Secretary, Kildare County Council—enclosing copy of a resolution asking the Council to co-operate with that Council in putting in force Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Orders for the Prevention of Sheep Scab.

4th August, 1906. From H. C. Fitzherbert, Millbrook, Abbey-leix, Queen's County—asking the Council's permission to allow him to widen the road at the cross-road from the Royal Hotel, Glendalough, to the Wicklow Gap. Granted—County Surveyor can give permission.

June, 1906. Printed circular relative to the Second International Congress on School Hygiene, to be held in London, August 5th to 10th, 1907, and embodying an invitation for the appointment of delegates from the Council to attend.

23rd June, 1906. From London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Westmoreland-street, Dublin—applying for the Insurances of the Council's property.

23rd June, 1906. From Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock-owners' Association, Prussia-street, Dublin—pointing out the necessity for putting Sheep-Dipping Orders in force, and giving facilities to small farmers to carry the same into effect.

Letters from the following firms were read and submitted—quoting prices, etc., for Swimming Baths and Patent Sheep Dips:—

1st June, 1906. From Lawes' Chemical Manure Co., Ltd., 22 Eden-quay, Dublin.

28th June. From McDougall Brothers, 68 Port-street, Manchester.

30th July. From same.

25th August. From same.

29th June. From J. Campbell-Carter, 7 and 8 Bachelor's Walk, Dublin.

10th July. From Thomas McKenzie and Sons, Ltd., Great Brunswick-street, Dublin.

13th July. From Jeyes' Sanitary Compounds Co., Ltd., 19 Temple Bar, Dublin (Dublin address).

23rd July. From Wm. Cooper and Nephews, Berkhamsted.

31st July. From Smith and Pearson, Ltd., 47 Dawson-street, Dublin.

5th July, 1906. From Dollard, Ltd., Wellington-quay, Dublin—asking to be favoured with the Council's orders for all printing matter required in connection with the Compulsory Sheep-Dipping Orders, and enclosing sample posters, leaflets, etc.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

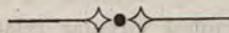
26th June, 1906. From Oughterard Union Board of Guardians—pointing out the necessity for all public officials in Ireland having a thorough knowledge of the Irish language.

30th June, 1906. From Corporation of Clonmel—pointing out that the Public Bodies of Ireland should decide upon a common course of action with a view to inducing the Chief Secretary to withdraw the Public Bodies' Order, 1904.

July, 1906. From Irish County Councils' General Council—calling upon the Secretary of State for War to reconsider the change recently made in the Army Meat Tender Form, by which foreign meat can be supplied instead of home bred.

14th July, 1906. From the Irish Industrial Development Association, Tullamore—resolution suggesting that the question of the purchase of the Irish Railways by County Councils would be of immense benefit to Irish Industries.

1st August, 1906. From Cork County Council—approving and recommending the proposal for the erection of a Celtic Cross on the Battlefield of Fontenoy in honour of the valiant Irish soldiers who fell in the memorable charge of the Irish Brigade on 11th July, 1745.



MINUTES OF MEETING ON 21st SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Friday, the 21st September, 1906, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, James Byrne, William Byrne, James Galvin, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Fleming, Thomas Sheppard, William Costello, John Storey, D. J. Cogan, M.P., and P. J. Carey.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To deal with the letter from the Local Government Board, directing the dismissal of the Poor Rate Collector for the Glenealy (No. 11) Rate Collecting District.
- 2.—To elect a Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Glenealy and Wicklow Rural, in No. 11 Collecting District.
- 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.

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

No. 51,042/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th September 1906. Sir.—With reference to your letter of the 30th ultimo, and to previous correspondence, relative to the suspension from office of Mr. P. Behan as Collector of Poor Rate in the County of Wicklow, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to state that they have decided not to remove Mr.

Behan's suspension. The Council should accordingly dismiss him from office, and take the necessary steps for the appointment of his successor. A form of queries to be filled up respecting the person who may be appointed to the vacant office is, herewith, enclosed.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. COURTENAY, Assistant Secretary. To the Secretary, County Council of Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Thos. Sheppard. Resolved—That having heard the letter from the Local Government Board read, relative to the Rate Collector of Collecting District No. 11, this Council hereby dismisses Mr. Behan. Carried unanimously.

The Accountant read the advertisement published in "The Wicklow News-Letter," and "Wicklow People," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District, and three replies received from:—Mr. John Kelly, Ballecece, Rathdrum; Mr. Patrick Kearney, Moneystown, Roundwood, County Wicklow; Mr. John J. Brennan, Ovoca.

Wicklow County Council. Poor Rate Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 21st September, 1906, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Glenealy, and Wicklow Rural, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11-30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the full name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,000, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500.—By Order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the Council.

On a poll being taken, the Council voted as follows:—For Kelly—Councillors Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; James Byrne, James Galvin, Thomas Sheppard, J. McCarroll, Michael Fleming, and William Byrne—8. For Brennan—Councillor William Costello—1. For Kearney—Councillors R. Norman Thompson and John Storey—2.

Proposed by Councillor James Galvin, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. John Kelly, of Ballecece, Rathdrum, to be Poor Rate Collector for the Glenealy (No. 11) Collecting District, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, and we approve of the Norwich and London Insurance Society's Bond, or any other approved Insurance Society's Bond, providing that such Bond can be completed within one week; otherwise we approve of Mr. John Woodburne, Ballinacash, Rathdrum, and Mr. John Short, Ballinacarrig, Rathdrum, as his sureties. On receiving such Bond, approved by the Local Government Board, the Secretary is hereby authorised to issue the warrants and collecting books to Mr. John Kelly. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Collector John Kelly be and is hereby required to lodge the full amount of his warrant for the rates to and collectible in the first half of the existing financial year, not later than the 1st day of December, 1906, and that, on compliance with this order,

he is to become entitled to the full amount of his poundage on such rates. That the Local Government Board are hereby requested to approve of this arrangement. Passed unanimously.

A letter, dated 25th August, 1906, was submitted from Councillor Richard M. Barrington, B.L., J.P., Fassaroe, Bray—resigning his position as member of the County Council, owing to his having received an appointment under the Estates Commissioners, which will necessitate frequent absence from the Meetings of the Council. No order.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor John Storey:—I hereby give notice of motion that I will propose at our next meeting that in future all applications for compensation for malicious injury be sent direct to our solicitor immediately they are received from the applicant, or his solicitor, with instructions that they are to be opposed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 94M/1906; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th August, 1906. Enclosing a copy of the Board's Annual Report for the year 1905-1906, being the 34th Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872. Order—To be bound.

No. 42566/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st August, 1906. Stating the Board have recommended the Commissioners of Public Works to issue a further instalment of £800 on account of the loan of £3,500 for certain repair works in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 51039/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th September, 1906. Approving and returning Collector P. J. Carey's Bond, and enclosing Sealed Orders extending the period of collection for one month, to 31st October, 1906, for Collectors P. J. Carey, junior, and John Tallon.

No. 50249/1906; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th September, 1906. Enclosing copy of Revised Instructions with regard to Provisional Orders proposed to be obtained by Local Authorities under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1900; the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896, and the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1902.

No. 51083/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th September, 1906. Stating the Board would raise no objection to the Council's proposal to expend sums of £75 and £53 10s., respectively, out of the loan of £3,500 for the purpose of rebuilding a bridge near Calary Church, and improving one at Enniskerry, both in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 51038/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th September, 1906. Stating that, in the interests of the County, the County Council have power to relieve contractors of their contracts in exceptional circumstances, but have no power to pay a contractor (as in the case of Laurence Byrne) out of County Funds anything beyond the contract price. Order—Adjourned to Quarterly Meeting.

No. 98M/1906; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th September, 1906. Enclosing copy of the Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1906, which comes into force on the 1st November next,

and calling the Council's attention to the Provisions of Section 10 thereof.

No. 50075/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th August, 1906. Enclosing the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ending 31st March, 1906, as follows:—

No. 50,075/1906; Wicklow County. August, 1906. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of 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. In checking the Forms forwarded from the Rural Districts I found in many instances there was carelessness in their preparation by the Clerks of the Rural District Councils, with the exception of those prepared by the Clerk of Shillelagh. In many cases the dates and particulars of the contracts were inaccurate. I trust this may be rectified in the future, otherwise I should feel compelled to summon the Clerks to attend the County Audit. One item of expenditure I felt called upon to surcharge, the Application of Enactments Order not having been complied with. The Town Clerk of Wicklow Urban District appeared before me in reference to the last demand by the County Council. The points raised and all the charges made on the Urban District in the Accounts under Audit received my most careful attention. The Accounts were prepared and submitted for Audit in a most satisfactory manner.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. BARRY, Auditor. To the Local Government Board, Dublin.

Order—Copy of report to be sent to the Clerks of the several Rural District Councils.

Dublin Castle, 31st August, 1906. Asking if the Council approved of the Lord Lieutenant making an Order—on the application of Waterford County Council—extending the close season for hares so as to run from 1st March to 20th September in each year. Order—Unanimously approved.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, September, 1906. Notifying a loan of £750 to the Guardians of the Poor of Rathdown Union under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1838 to 1900; and the Local Government (Ireland) Acts, 1898 to 1902.

No. 11070/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 10th September, 1906. Asking what action has been, or is about to be taken by the Council on the County Surveyor's Report submitted to them on the 27th August, dealing with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Line.

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 12th September, 1906. Notifying the names and addresses of the entire new School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, and suggesting that, as the Committee is now complete, they should be summoned to meet as soon as possible after the 30th September, 1906, to carry on the operation of the Act.

Irish 25/2; (L. B.). War Office, London, S.W., 3rd September, 1906. Acknowledging Secretary's letter, dated 30th August, on the subject of damage to roads in the Glen Imaal District by Military Traffic.

5/529. Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, Curragh Camp, 19th September, 1906. Enclosing (in duplicate), to be filled and returned, a form of claim for signature, asking for the instalment of £500

from the War Department towards expenditure on roads, etc., in the vicinity of Glen Imaal.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That the Acting Secretary be hereby authorised to sign the formal application for £500 contribution from War Office submitted to this meeting. Passed.

Office of Division Officer, R.E., for W.D. Lands, Curragh Camp, 15th September, 1906. From Captain G. E. B. Wilson, R.E., with a view to a consultation with the County Surveyor in order to furnish a report as to the contribution to be allowed by the War Department towards the upkeep of the roads in the neighbourhood of the Glen Imaal Artillery Ranges. Order—Matter left in the hands of County Surveyor.

11th September, 1906. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow—enclosing a draft for £15 5s. 5d., being the amount agreed to be given by the War Office Authorities for damage done by extra Military Traffic to the Glen Imaal Camp Roads.

12th September, 1906. From T. J. O'Dempsey, Solicitor, Enniscorthy—notifying that he is appearing on behalf of Rathdrum Rural District Council to defend the Malicious Injury Application of William R. Keenan.

12th September, 1906. From the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, County Dublin—a further letter asking the Council's permission to charge the expenses of constructing a Parcel Office and Waiting Room at Blessington Station to Revenue, at a cost of about £200. Order—The Council adhere to their former order made in this matter on the 27th August.

13th September, 1906. From A. J. Gorman, Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—enclosing copies of two resolutions passed by his Committee as follows:—(1) Asking the Council's permission to incur the expense of six chairs for the use of the Committee. (2) Asking that the Local Government Board's sanction be obtained to the payment of the account of Messrs. Sealy, Bryers, and Walker. Order—(1) Permission granted. (2) No account attached, and no action can be taken.

14th September, 1906. From Coyle and Co., 12 Suffolk-street, Dublin—quoting the Company's terms for Fidelity Bonds for Poor Rate Collectors, as follows:—11s. per cent. for Bonds where usual Counter Security is supplied, and 14s. 3d. per cent., without such Security.

Letters were submitted from the following Public Boards—acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution dealing with the recent Lunacy (Ireland) Bill:—

11th September, 1906. From Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.
 11th September, 1906. From Antrim County Council.
 11th September, 1906. From Dublin County Council.
 11th September, 1906. From Wexford County Council.
 11th September, 1906. From Pembroke Urban Council.
 11th September, 1906. From Treasury, Whitehall, London,

S.W.

11th September, 1906. From Blackrock Urban Council.
 12th September, 1906. From Prime Minister, Downing-street, London.
 13th September, 1906. From Athlone Urban District.

14th September, 1906. From Clonmel Corporation.

15th September, 1906. From New Ross Urban District Council.

17th September, 1906. From Kingstown District Council.

18th September, 1906. From Killiney and Ballybrack Urban District Council.

19th September, 1906. From Warrenpoint Urban District Council.

19th September, 1906. From Ballina Urban District Council.

20th September, 1906. From Clonakilty Urban District Council.

20th September, 1906. From Blackrock Urban District Council.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

28th August, 1906. From Cork Corporation—resolution putting forward the claims of Cork for a University.

31st August, 1906. From North Dublin Union—resolution suggesting the starting of an Independent Insurance Company, worked on lines similar to the Irish Church Property Insurance Company, as it is their belief there is a large field of operation for such a company.

5th September, 1906. From King's County Council—resolution putting forward the claims of Ireland for University Education.

Adopted.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26TH NOVEMBER, 1906.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m., on Monday, the 26th November, 1906.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors W. H. McFarland, W. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, Daniel Condren, A. Zeller, William Osborne, Dr. R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, John J. Reilly, Joseph McCarroll, P. J. Carey, E. C. Walsh, and Michael Fleming.

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 Committees.
- 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 and the Proposal Committee.
- 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 certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To confirm and seal Bye-laws made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for the Regulation of Glen Imaal-Artillery Range.
- 11—To appoint Five Members of new School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District.
- 12—To appoint a Councillor in room of Br. Bartle. M'Donald, disqualified.
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor John Storey—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I will propose, at our next meeting, that in future all Applications for Compensation for Malicious Injury be sent direct to our Solicitor immediately they are received from the applicant, or his solicitor, with instructions that they are to be opposed."
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 17—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. I.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 15th November, 1906, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands

application to the Board of Public Works for the third instalment of the loan of £3,500 granted for the repair and improvement works in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT

From the Proposals Committee, and from the Five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—

County at Large—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,127 8s. 9d. (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. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £607 12s. 8d. (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 W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor A. Zeller. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £283 5s. 2d. (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 J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £671 18s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum—Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,461 17s. 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 P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £717 5s. 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 J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £55 18s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Bray Urban—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Bray Urban District, amounting to £10 19s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Expenses out of Loan—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of Loan Account.

amounting to £21 18s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Law Costs—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on the districts indicated, amounting to £100 (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 P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the quarterly payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS

From the Proposals Committee, and from the Five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—

County at Large—

PRINTING A.

The Proposals Committee, as directed by resolution of the Council, submitted a contract for Printing A from Mr. John Falconer, 53 Upper Sackville-street, Dublin, at £467 per annum. The Council rejected Mr. Falconer's contract, as not complying with the terms advertised, and directed the Secretary to re-advertise for fresh tenders, the annual cost of the printing not to exceed £300.

PRINTING C.

C.—Executing the advertising required by the County Council, and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 2d. per line (the line to be taken as measuring 15 ems pica type) for the three years ending 31st December, 1909. Following tenders were accepted and contracts signed:—Thomas Doyle (Manager for Mrs. M. A. Corcoran), 59 South Main-street, Wexford, at 1½d. per line; guarantors—James Gernon, Abbey-street, Wicklow, and Charles Davis, High-street, Wicklow; and Francis Barry O'Loughlin (Manager for John M. Walsh), A1 North Main-street, Wexford, at 1½d. per line; guarantors—Edward M. Collins, Wicklow, and Henry J. Dillon, Wicklow.

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

Naas No. 2—Work No. 29 in the District Register was given in charge of the County Surveyor. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2—No proposals for contracts this quarter from this Rural District Council.

Rathdrum—Road contract No. 589 in the District Register was given to Patrick Cullen, Trooperstown, Rathdrum, at 2s. per perch, 1,142 perches, for one year; guarantors—Thomas McDonald, Barnbawn, Rathdrum, and Martin Byrne, Garryduff, Rathdrum. Work No. 600 in the District Register was given to Denis Kavanagh, 8 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow, at £29; guarantors—Thomas Kavanagh, Green Tree, Wicklow, and William Carroll, Summer Hill, Wicklow. Work No. 602 in the District Register was also given to Denis Kavanagh, 8 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow, at £10; guarantors—Thomas Kavanagh, Green Tree, Wicklow, and William Carroll, Summer Hill, Wicklow.

Works Nos. 599 and 601 in the District Register were placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

No. 51,038/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th September, 1906. Stating that, in the interests of the county, the County Council have power to relieve contractors of their contracts in exceptional circumstances, but have no power to pay a contractor (as in the case of Laurence Byrne) out of County Funds anything beyond the contract price.

The Council had before them a resolution from the District Council requesting the Council to cancel (in the interests of the roads themselves) contracts No. 554, Contractor John McEvoy, 579 perches of the streets of Rathdrum; and No. 443, Contractor Laurence Byrne, 771 perches of the Glenealy to Laragh road; and stating that the contractors could not carry out their contracts even though proceeded against. Rejected.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson—That Councillors Thompson, Reilly and McCarroll wait on the Local Government Board with reference to Laurence Byrne's contract.

A poll being taken there voted as follows—For: Councillors R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, J. McCarroll, P. J. Carey, and Wm. Byrne—5. Against: Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, E. J. Byrne, Captain A. Zeller, and Ml. Fleming—7. The Chairman declared the motion rejected by seven votes to five.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we now sign the Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby consent to the Bye-laws made by His Majesty's Principal Secretary of State for regulating the use of the land, and dealing with the highways in connection with Glen Imaal Artillery Range, dated the 2nd November, 1906—and that the seal of the County Council be affixed to the Bye-laws. Passed.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 5th October, 1906. Asking to be furnished on Form 62 with particulars as to the persons appointed by the County Council to be members of the new School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District from the 1st January, 1907.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Alfred Zeller. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons as members of the School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District:—Alfred Zeller, Lackan House, Blessington; Daniel McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington; James J. Dowling, Blessington; Michael Healy, Three Castles, Blessington; Rev. John Cahill, C.C., Vallemount, Blessington. Approved.

The Secretary read the Notice of a Vacancy on the Council in

room of Mr. Bartle. McDonald, Mullicagh Upper, Hollywood, disqualified.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary to the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.—We, the Members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the office of Councillor held by R. R. Drought, Esq., D.L., Ballincoola, Glenealy, 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 Courthouse, Wicklow. 26th November, 1906. Signed, Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, Three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed, E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Alfred Zeller. Resolved—That Mr. B. McDonald be co-opted a Councillor to fill the vacancy on this Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we desire to express our sincere regret at the great loss this Council has sustained in the death of a valuable colleague, the late Mr. Richard R. Drought, and we beg to convey our sincere sympathy to his family and friends. Passed—nem con.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor R. Norman Thompson:—"I hereby give notice of motion that at the next Quarterly Meeting I, or some person in my place, will move that Col. Tottenham be co-opted a member of this Council to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of the late Councillor R. R. Drought."

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That Councillor J. J. Reilly's name be added to the Finance Committee. Passed.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That in future all Applications for Compensation for Malicious Injury be sent direct to our solicitor immediately they are received from the applicant, or his solicitor, with instructions that each case be dealt with on its merits, and to protect the interests of the County at Large Ratepayers.

A poll being taken, there voted as follows—For: Councillors E. C. Walsh, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, W. H. McFarland, R. Norman Thompson, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, J. McCarroll, and Michael Fleming—9. Against: Councillors D. Condren, E. J. Byrne, A. Zeller, P. J. Carey, and William Byrne—5. The Chairman declared the resolution carried by nine votes to five.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—The Patriotic Assurance Company, from whom this Council hold several Fidelity Bonds for Rate Collectors, is now, according to a letter I received, in liquidation; it has therefore become necessary that the Rate Collectors who hold bonds from this Company should supply fresh security. I therefore submit to you letters from Mr. Thos. Tutty, rate collector for Baltinglass No. 1 Rural

District, and from Mr. John Murphy, rate collector for Rathdrum Rural District, submitting the names of two personal sureties each. According to your standing instructions I have forwarded the names of these sureties in each case to the Chairman of the respective Rural District for which they collect, and lay their letters, along with those from the collectors before you. In each case, the District Chairman, or the Clerk of the Union at his request, has stated the sureties are satisfactory. Mr. Charles S. Sutton, rate collector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, has also forwarded a new bond under the same circumstances, issued by the Yorkshire Insurance Company. This bond is in strict accordance with the prescribed form contained in the Public Bodies Order. I would ask your approval, or otherwise, to these new sureties and bond. I have to inform you that the War Department has, in accordance with their agreement, lodged the £500 to the credit of this county on account of the Glen Imaal Camp roads, and the Bye-laws, in accordance with the agreement, come before you today for your approval. I have had them compared with the Bye-laws first submitted, and find that they agree. It is with sincere regret that I have to announce a vacancy on your Council, caused by the death of the late Councillor Richard R. Drought, who was always a most regular attendant at all your meetings, and a most useful business member of your Council.—I am gentlemen, yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

Order—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.—I beg to report that during the last quarter the road contractors were generally attentive to their work. The measurement of materials was carried out according to instructions, and the metal returns were more satisfactory than in previous years. It was necessary to serve notices threatening legal proceedings on contractors for the following contracts:—Rathdrum, 554, 579 per., streets of Rathdrum; do., 475, 830 per., Three-Mile-Water to Brittas Bridge; do., 356, 556 per., Wicklow Urban District to Wolohan's Bridge; do., 318, 700 per., 3 roads Toghermore and Shramore; do., 170, 384 per., Ashford Bridge to 3 roads at Newrath Bridge. In all cases the contractors or their bails have since started work, but in the case of No. 554, 579 per., the streets of Rathdrum, the contractor states he cannot obtain metal necessary to complete his contract, and that it will be impossible for him to fulfil his contract. The Rural District Council do not consider it desirable that I should take legal proceedings, and have passed a resolution referring the case to you. I respectfully solicit definite instructions from you on this case.

I submit plans forwarded to me by Dublin Corporation showing proposed road alterations at new reservoir, Roundwood. I consider the alterations will be an improvement.

In accordance with instructions I met the officer appointed by the War Department and, accompanied by him, inspected the roads used by Military at Glen Imaal. I will be glad to place suggestions before you (or a committee appointed for the purpose) as to a suitable arrangement.

I have received communication from the Secretary of the Railway Commission asking for an abstract of the evidence to be given at

the Commission. I request that you will give me definite instructions as to the matters (if any) which you desire to place before said Commission.—Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Orders—Paragraph 1—County Surveyor to proceed with the work unless the contractor, McEvoy, takes steps within 20 days to fulfil his contract. Paragraph 2—Approved, County Surveyor to facilitate the Dublin Corporation as far as he can. Paragraph 3—County Surveyor to confer with Mr. E. P. O'Kelly. Paragraph 4—County Surveyor to give evidence on Dublin and Blessington Tramways before the Commission on Irish Railways.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 29th October, 1906. 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 September, 1906.

Eighty articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—27; milk, 24; whiskey, 23; buttermilk, 2; mustard, 1; pepper, 1; cheese, 1; margarine, 1; total, 80.

Certificate sent to Sergeant Watson, Hollywood, for specimen of whiskey which was 26 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 1.33 per cent. of water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union seven drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition:—On imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 19.880; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.038; saline ammonia, 0.041; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.491; sulphuric acid, 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6.0000. A polluted water, unfit for use.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs and two specimens of water were analysed. The following drugs were defective:—Dilute phosphoric acid contained an excess of phosphoric acid; compound mixture of senna high in gravity, and crystalized magnesium sulphate and two specimens of solution of ferric chloride contained excess of iron. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	25.340	32.900
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.006	0.031
Nitric Acid	Trace	2.220
Chlorine	5.964	5.964
Sulphuric Acid	5.7648	5.7648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000	8.0000

No. 1 was a tolerably good water, but No. 2 contained an excess of ammonia.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, ammoniated liniment of camphor, contained an excess of ammonia and camphor.

There were three specimens of butter analysed by directions

from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. They were pure.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, Compound Tincture of Chloroform and Morphine, high in morphine hydrochloride and low in chloroform. The specimens of milk were under the average quality of pure milk.

The waters examined for Rathdrum Union were taken by myself personally from a newly-erected pump at Ovoca. Several previous analyses of the water had given such discordant results that I went down at my own expense to see the pump and its surroundings and to take fresh samples. A curious result was that the water taken at first pumping (the pump not having been some hours previously used) gave different results from those obtained from the water pumped out later on. This showed the inconstancy of the water. A grave yard is near the pump. Some persons complained of the water from this pump. The quality of the water appears to be much affected by heavy rains on its gathering grounds, and probably by the occurrence of interments in the adjacent graveyard.

Total analyses, 145; adulterated and defective articles, 7.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to our Chairman, and also to Mr. James O'Connor, M.P., for their great ability in settling the long-outstanding dispute between the War Office and this Council, and we hope our Chairman may be long spared to safeguard the interests of the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to procure without delay a supply of blotting books for the use of the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That this Council, having heard that the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company intend to take off the mid-day train up and down from Wicklow—should such be the case—protests against the change as being injurious to all the towns of East Wicklow, inconvenient to the people of the whole district, and especially inconvenient to the members of this and other Councils in the County. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we direct the Secretary to continue to deal with Article 8 of the Public Bodies Order as heretofore, and in accordance with the reply received from the Local Government Board to this Council's protest against that Order. Passed.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 54191/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st October, 1906. Consenting to the Council's superannua-

tion allowance of £50 per annum to late Poor Rate Collector William Smith.

No. 56330/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st Oct., 1906. Approving of the appointment of Mr. John Kelly as Poor Rate Collector, and extending the time for the collection of the first moiety in his district to the 1st December, 1906.

No. 49760/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd Oct., 1906. Investing Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, by Sealed Order, with Urban Powers for lighting, and determining the area of charge for same at Greystones.

No. 57036/1906; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th October, 1906. Enclosing a printed copy of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, dated 30th January, 1899, as amended by the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Orders, 1901 and 1905, confirmed respectively by I. Edw. VII., ch. CXLI., and by 5 Edw. VII., ch. LXXXII.

No. 57561/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st October, 1906. Enclosing copies of three sealed orders deciding that the disallowance and surcharge of 15s. was lawfully made, and that the subject matter thereof was not incurred under such circumstances that said surcharge should be remitted.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th November, 1906. From the Auditor, C. D. Barry, B.L., asking if the amount of his surcharge, 15s. had been lodged with the treasurer.

No. 5814/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th October, 1906. Stating that the Department's contribution in lieu of rates in respect of the Avondale estates had been fixed at an annual sum of £47 15s., in respect of land and premises in direct occupation by the Department, and an annual sum of £4 8s 7d in respect of property at present owned by the Department, but offered for sale to the Irish Land Commission. Order—To be charged on the basis of Bounty in lieu of rates.

No. 2801-1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th November, 1906. Stating that the Council should take some action under section 7 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, to register the premises, 3, Brennan Terrace Bray, where transactions in Margarine of a wholesale nature are conducted by Mr H Bancroft.

No. 29291-1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th November, 1906. Notifying an alleged offence against the provisions of section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, incurred by George Pearce (of Pearce and Co), Main-street, Bray, selling a sample of butter to an Inspector of the Department containing an excess of 2.6 of added water. Order—Prosecution approved.

No. 28985-1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th November, 1906. Stating that three samples of butter had been taken up recently in Bray under Sale of Food and Drugs Act, which were found on analysis to be pure.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 28th September, 1906. Notifying particulars of a loan of £1,872 14s 8d to the Joint Committee of Richmond District Asylum, under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 28th September, 1906. Notifying particulars of a loan of £1,400 to the Guardians of the Rathdrum Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

13 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, 3rd October, 1906. From Secretary Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways, enclosing copies of the heads of evidence to be given, and asking for an abstract of their proposed evidence from each of the Council's representatives.

24, Kildare-street, Dublin, 22nd October, 1906. From Secretary Arterial Drainage Commission, enclosing for the use and information of the Council three copies of the First Report of the Royal Commission on Irish Public Works, 1887.

8th October, 1906. From Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council acknowledging copy of the auditor's report on the County Council's Accounts, and stating that he had asked the assistance of his Council in having certain forms prepared in future in a better manner.

30th October, 1906. From same, enclosing resolution asking the County Council to issue notices to all owners of traction engines that they will be held accountable for all damage done to gulleets, bridges, etc., by their traction engineers. Order—Such to be advertised.

12th October, 1906. From Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, stating that the School Attendance Committee for that district had appointed Mr Patrick Clarke, Adare, Killincarrig, as Attendance Officer for the Electoral Divisions of Enniskerry and Powerscourt, at £20 per annum; and Mr Patrick Woods, Kilmurry, Bray, as Attendance Officer for the Electoral Divisions of Delgany, Greystones, and Kilmacanogue, at £20 per annum. Also notifying that the committee had appointed Mr Patrick Cunniam as secretary at £20 per annum, and asking the Council's approval to these three appointments.

Form 2.—Preliminary Notice of Application for compensation for alleged malicious injury to property, consisting of one rick of hay, the property of John Gowan; amount claimed, £12. Rathdrum Rural District. Police report on same.

Form 2.—Preliminary Notice of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury to property, consisting of 1 barn, 1 sleeping compartment, 1 dairy and churn, and portion of dwellinghouse, the property of Patrick Miley; amount claimed, £80. Rathdrum Rural District. Police report on same.

Forms Nos. 2 and 5.—Notices of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury to the household furniture in the dwellinghouse of Kiltimon, the property of George James Trim; amount claimed, £60. Rathdrum Rural District. Police report on same.

Forms Nos. 2 and 5.—Notices of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury (by fire) to the contents of Kiltimon House, the property of Barbara Green, Charles Cullen and Henry Cullen; amount claimed, £352, £10, and £12, respectively. Rathdrum Rural District. Police report on same.

12th October, 1906. From Chief Clerk Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, enclosing a return showing the patients admitted to the asylum from the county for the quarter ended 30th September, 1906.

23rd October, 1906. From J H McCarroll, solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow, notifying that a decree was made for £3 10s. in the

case of Keenan's Criminal Injury Application, and that a decree was made for £8 in the Turner Criminal Injury Case.

13th November, 1906. From the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Wicklow, notifying a vacancy on his committee owing to the lamented death of the Rev Thomas Carberry, P.P.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor J J Reilly:—"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that Bernard Kelly be co-opted on the County Committee of Agriculture in the room of Father Carberry, P.P., deceased.

24th November, 1906. From the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Wicklow, notifying a vacancy on his Committee caused by the resignation of the Rev Joseph Hickey, C.C., Ashford, in consequence of his transfer to County Dublin.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor J J Reilly:—"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that the Rev. Peter Earley, C.C., be co-opted on the County Committee of Agriculture in the room of Father Hickey, resigned."

Circulars from the Chairman, Royal Irish Industries Association, 21, Lincoln Place, Dublin, asking for the views of the Council as to how the best results may be obtained in the County under the Branchardiere Bequest Prize Scheme for Handmade Irish Laces and Crochet during the year 1907, and enclosing (1) copy of scheme for administration of the bequest, and (2) copy of proposed scheme for prizes in County Wicklow.

October, 1906. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10, Leinster Street, Dublin, enclosing resolution of the Council re Public Bodies' Insurances, and asking the Council to adopt a draft resolution enclosed, and to nominate two delegates to attend a conference on the subject to be held at the Mansion House, on 13th December, 1906.

3rd October, 1906. From the Secretary Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association, Prussia-street, Dublin, submitting for an expression of opinion by the Council a printed list of "points" in reply to the circular letter from the Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland, dated 11th May last, as to the Poisons and Pharmacy Bills.

15th October, 1906. From P Henry, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Bray, thanking the Council for the press supplied for Enniskerry Courthouse, required for keeping the statutes, order books, etc. Read.

15th October, 1906. From same, asking the Council to kindly have the electric light supplied to Bray Courthouse, and stating that candles and lamps are at present being used when artificial light is required. Order—County Surveyor to obtain estimates and submit same to the County Council.

22nd November, 1906. From same, asking to have the ceiling of the room in Bray Courthouse, used as his office, whitened and the walls papered. Order—County Surveyor to inspect and take such steps as may be necessary.

2nd November, 1906. From Secretary Rathdrum and Wicklow Joint Burial Board, Town Hall, Wicklow, asking to have their cemetery at Rathnew exempted from poor rate, and struck off the Valuation Lists, together with all such public institutions. Order—To be informed that valuations for rating purposes are fixed by Valuation Office, and are not in County Council's hands.

25th September, 1906. From Secretary Irish Forestry Society, 12 College Green, Dublin, urging the necessity for an Arbor Day for Ireland, and asking the Council to take up the matter.

26th September, 1906. From Secretary Dublin Industrial Development Association, 9, Dawson-street, Dublin, asking the Council to appoint two delegates to attend the second annual Industrial Conference, to be held at the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 14th and 15th November, 1906.

September, 1906. From the Secretary the Actors' Association, 10, King-street, Covent Garden, London, W.C., calling attention to the necessity of the careful periodical inspection of all theatres and of the dressing rooms and accommodation behind the scenes.

Letters were submitted from the following public boards, acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution dealing with the recent Lunacy (Ireland) Bill, and notifying the manner in which same had been dealt with:—28th September, 1906, from Belturbet Urban District Council; 22nd September, 1906, from Navan Urban District Council; 2nd October, 1906, from Limavady Urban District Council; 5th October, 1906, from Rathmines and Rathgar Urban District Council; 12th October, 1906, from Omagh Urban District Council; 20th October, 1906, from Clonmel Corporation; 24th October, 1906, from Strabane Urban District Council; 22nd November, 1906, from Tipperary (R) County Council.

24th November, 1906. From Secretary of Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, asking the Council's sanction to the erection of a lamp opposite the Company's ticket office in Blessington. Order—County Surveyor to deal with the matter.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

2nd October, 1906. From Corporation of Waterford, resolution expressing their sense of the great importance that a properly organised University College in Cork would be to the South of Ireland.

9th November, 1906. From South Dublin Rural District Council, resolution declaring that nothing short of a National Assembly, dealing with and governing solely all matters relating to Ireland, with full control of Irish Customs and Revenues, can be of lasting and material benefit to the Irish Nation, and that no other measure will be accepted from the Government.

12th November, 1906. From Cork County Council—resolution calling upon the National Trustees to set aside from the thousands of pounds at their disposal an Evicted Tenants' Relief Fund, owing to the at present gloomy outlook during the ensuing winter months, for the evicted tenants.

20th October, 1906. From the Committee on Public Questions, Rights and Privileges of the Methodist Church in Ireland—Resolution appealing for a stricter vigilance in the enforcing of the laws relating to Gambling and Intemperance.

21st November, 1906. From Galway County Council.—Resolutions dealing with the question of the National Bank's action in refusing to accept cheques signed solely in Irish.

24th November, 1906. From Irish Industrial Conference, Council Chambers, City Hall, Dublin.—Resolutions shewing means by which Irish Public Boards, etc., can facilitate Irish manufacture.

Pamphlet giving John Sweetman's speech at the meeting of the General Council of the County Councils of Ireland, on the 18th October, 1906, on the purchase of Irish railways.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH FEBRUARY, 1907.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 25th February, 1907, at 11-30 a.m.

The following Members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, John Storey, John J. Reilly, B. McDonald, W. Byrne, Wm. Costello, Joseph Dunne, Daniel Condren, William Osborne, James Galvin, Wm. Burke, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, and Michael Fleming.

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 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 sign certificates for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1908.
- 11—To appoint a Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow.
- 12—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District in room of Collector John Tallon, deceased.
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor R. Norman Thompson:—"I hereby give notice that at the next Quarterly Meeting, I, or some person in my place, will move that Colonel Tottenham be co-opted a Member of this Council, to fill the vacancy caused by the lamented death of the late Councillor R. R. Drought."
- 14—To consider the following Notices of Motion, handed in by Councillor J. J. Reilly:—

"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that Bernard Kelly be co-opted on the County Committee of Agriculture in room of Father Carberry, P.P., deceased."

"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that the Rev. Peter Earley be co-opted on the County Committee of Agriculture in room of Father Hickey, resigned."

- 15—To appoint representatives to fill the vacancies on the Committee of Management of the County Infirmary.
 16—To make regulation as to the wearing of collars by dogs within the County of Wicklow, under the Dogs Act, 1906.
 17—To appoint persons to form the moiety of the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee.
 18—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 19—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 20—To consider Official Correspondence.
 21—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 5th February, 1907, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne, John J. Reilly, James Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee considered, and recommended for payment, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the following arrears of rate claimed as irrecoverable:—No. 7, Collector Charles S. Sutton, £62 4s. 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:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				5,389	2	1
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	662	14	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	15	6	8—	678	1	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	328	10	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	24	12	10—	353	3	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	430	8	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	56	2	8—	486	10	11
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,584	1	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	298	19	6—	1,883	1	3
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	487	6	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	67	17	1—	555	3	10
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				16	19	6
Payments out of Loan Account				117	5	0

The Committee recommend a transfer of £1,435 9s. 4d. to credit of the Subsidiary Account from the General Account, and a transfer of £109 4s. 6d. to credit of same from the Loan Account.

The Secretary's estimates of the amounts required to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing Financial Year, 1907-08, were approved of, and recommended to the Council for adoption.

The Committee recommend the Council to fix the following Salaries for the Officers named. Amounts to date from 1st March, 1907:—

S. J. Doyle	£156 per annum
Thomas Langton	£105 do.
P. T. Healy	£105 do.
Laurence Wolohan	£85 do.

The Committee recommend that a refund of £2 10s. 6d. be made to D. B. Sullivan, 56 Mountjoy-square, Dublin—being rates paid by him in respect of his house "Dunboy," at Greystones, on a valuation subsequently reduced on appeal.

An application from Cyril V. Ruskell, Ballyrichard, Arklow, for refund of rates in respect of "Templeraíney House," Arklow—stated to have been vacant—was refused.

The Committee directed that the attention of the Board of Guardians of Baltinglass Union be drawn to the recommendations of the Auditor in the report on his audit of their accounts.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 2.

The following members of your Finance Committee met at 11 a.m. on Monday, the 25th February, 1907:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors James Byrne and Jos. 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.

Baltinglass, £1,008 10s.; Naas, £242; Rathdown, £1,039; Rathdrum, £2,624; Shillelagh, £919; total, £5,832 10s.

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1, £462; Naas No. 2, £94 5s.; Rathdown No. 2, £798 10s.; Rathdrum, £950 15s.; Shillelagh, £385; total, £2,690 10s.

The Committee, having examined the following additional proposal for payment submitted to them, recommend it for payment, subject to confirmation by the County Council:—

County at Large—To General Cattle Diseases Fund, £305 0s. 10d.

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R. NORMAN THOMPSON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That the reports of the Finance Committee, as submitted, be hereby adopted.

A poll being called for on the question of the increases of salary to the permanent clerical staff, there voted:—For adopting the reports: Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, William Burke, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, James Byrne, John Storey, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, and Michael Fleming—14. Against: Councillors William Costello, T. Sheppard, and William Byrne—3.

The Chairman declared the reports adopted, as submitted, by 14 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS,

Were passed as follows:—

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £5,694 2s. 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 B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £678 1s. 4d. (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 B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £353 3s. 9d. (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 W. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £486 10s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costelloe, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,883 1s. 3d. (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 M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £555 3s. 10d. (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 James Galvin. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District amounting to £16 19s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Expenses out of Loan Account:—Proposed by Councillor J.

McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of Loan Account, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £117 5s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the quarterly payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS,

Passed as follows:—

County at Large:—Printing A. Printing and supplying all Books, Forms, Notices, Circulars, etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, and their several offices, exclusive of the Registration Lists, but inclusive of the Miscellaneous Printing mentioned at the top of page 7 of the printed specification. Not to exceed £300 per annum, for the three years ending 31st March, 1910. The Council accepted the tender of Frank McPhail, 1 Milton Villas, Wicklow, at £298 8s. per annum. Guarantors:—James G. McPhail, Glenview, Wicklow, and Francis W. MacPhail, Bayview, Wicklow.

Baltinglass No. 1:—In accordance with the recommendation contained in the resolution sent forward by the Rural District Council, the Council placed road contract No. 121 in the District Register in the hands of the County Surveyor. The Council reject road contracts Nos. 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, and 130 in the District Register, and place them in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at the old price, as no guarantee had been given by the War Office to recoup the Council for the extra cost of their maintenance. The remaining contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed. Proposed by Councillor B. McDonald, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—In accordance with an application received from the Rural District Council of Naas No. 2, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have duly been complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the proposal to borrow a sum of £350 from the Commissioners of Public Works—said sum to be repaid in Thirty-five Years by equal half-yearly instalments of principal, with interest on the amount outstanding from time to time—and to be employed in rebuilding Annaleeka Bridge, on the road from Hollywood to the Seven Churches, and all expenses connected with raising this loan to be charged over the entire Rural District of Naas 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 £350 for rebuilding Annaleeka Bridge, on the road from Hollywood to the Seven Churches.

Rathdown No. 2:—Works Nos. 269 and 270 in the District Register rejected by the Council, owing to the limit of road expenditure in the district being exceeded. Remaining contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—The Tender of Thomas Kinlan, Lough Dan, Roundwood, accepted for road contract No. 612 in the District Register, 326 perches of road, at 5d. per perch. Guarantors—Andrew Doyle, Drumeen, Annamoe, and James Kennedy, Knockadreet, Roundwood. On the recommendation of the County Surveyor, contracts Nos. 554 and 318 were cancelled. Proposed—That permission be granted to Mr. Walpole to build house on plot of ground at western side of road leading from Newrath Bridge to Ashford, at foot of Mount Usher Hill, in accordance with plan supplied to the County Council. Allowed. Remaining contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

A further resolution was submitted from the Rural District Council requesting the County Council to cancel contract to Laurence Byrne for repair of road from three roads at Ballydowling to the Barony Bounds at Glenwood, on account of the heavy timber traffic which was unforeseen when he took the contract. Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That a deputation consisting of Dr. Thompson, James Galvin, John Storey, J. J. Reilly, and Joseph McCarroll, wait on the Local Government Board to impress on them the question of enforcing the contract in Laurence Byrne's case. On a poll being called for, there voted:—For the deputation: Councillors D. Condren, William Osborne, Wm. Burke, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, James Byrne, John Storey, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, and William Byrne—13. Against: Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, T. Sheppard, and Michael Fleming—4. The Chairman declared the resolution passed by thirteen votes to four.

Shillelagh:—No proposals received this quarter.

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 Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the certificate applying for a Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. 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:—

Name of Rural District.	Rates on Land.		Rates on other Hereditaments.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	1	9½	3	4½
Naas No. 2	2	2½	3	9
Rathdown No. 2	2	1½	3	6½
Rathdrum	2	1½	3	6
Shillelagh	2	1	3	8½

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Baltinglass Public Health Charge, 0¼d.; Baltinglass Sewerage, 1d.; Naas Public Health Charge, —; Rathdown Public Health Charge, 3d.; Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage, 3¼d.; Greystones Sewerage, 10¾d.; Enniskerry Sewerage, 1d.; Greystones Pier, 0½d.; Rathdrum Public Health Charges, 0¾d.; Shillelagh Public Health Charge, 1d.; Arklow Harbour, 2d.; Wicklow Harbour, 4d.; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, 4½d.; Criminal Injury on Bray Urban, 19s. 10d. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. 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 Urban District.	General Charges.	Separate Charges.	Total.
Bray	£2,843 1 1	£10 19 0	£2,854 0 1
Wicklow	703 6 0	150 10 0	853 16 0

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council, 25th February, 1907. Gentlemen,—I would draw your attention to the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, which comes into force on the first of July next, under which it will be necessary for the Council to provide for compensating all persons employed under it in manual labour, and not receiving £250 per annum; this includes those engaged in clerical work. Compensation is payable in all cases of accident, injury or illness incurred bona fide in your employment, up to £300 in case of death, or half the average wages during incapacity. This liability may be met by insurance. The Guardian Insurance Company, with which your public buildings are insured, I observe has fixed the lowest scale of premiums I have yet seen—3s. per annum. As directed at your last meeting, I wrote the Department of Agriculture that the Council will require the contribution in lieu of rates for Avondale Estate to be calculated on the same basis as for other Government property, and cannot accept the arbitrary proposal of the Department. To this I have received no reply. I would recommend the Council to request Clerks of Petty Sessions and Clerks of Unions, when magistrates or guardians are sending persons to the Lunatic Asylum, to make full inquiry and inform the clerk of the asylum whether the relatives of the lunatic can contribute anything, and if so, how much to his support. The estimates for the coming year's rates will be laid before you to-day, and when they are being considered, I can answer any matter which may arise upon them, but for your information, the following comparison between this year's gross rates and those of last year, may be of interest.

The figures include all separate charges, as well as ordinary rates:—

		This year's:	
Rates on Baltinglass	are	6d. lower	
„ Naas	„	5d. lower	
„ Rathdown	„	2½d. higher	
„ do. Greystones and Delgany	„	10¼d. higher	
„ do. Enniskerry	„	3½d. higher	
„ Rathdrum	„	1½d. lower	
„ do. Harbour Districts	„	2¾d. lower	
„ Shillelagh	„	1½d. higher	

Than those on these areas last year.

When the Sheep-dipping Order came in you desired it should be carried out with as little expense as practical. I find there is a very large amount of work to be done in connection with it if it is not to become a dead letter. There are 2,500 sheep-owners or flocks in our county. This means some 10,000 certificates and notices to be dealt with annually, classified and registered, then all the police reports on these, and correspondence connected with them. Not half the owners (985) reported to me by the constabulary have complied with the order. I would ask you to give some directions as to your wishes in this matter, and would advise that the original committee appointed be directed to confer with me, and report to your next meeting.—Your obedient servant,

E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Bartle. McDonald. Resolved—That the Dipping Periods in the County Wicklow Sheep Dipping Regulations be and are hereby fixed as from the 15th day of June to the 15th day of August, and from the 1st day of September to the 1st day of November in each year. Passed.

26th December, 1906. From Louis M. Magee, M.R.C.V.S., 103 Main-street, Bray—letter tendering his resignation as Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow—owing to his going to Navan to practice, and thanking the Council for the confidence they had placed in him when electing him to the position.

No. 588/07. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 31st January, 1907. Conveying the Department's approval of the arrangement made by the Council whereby Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., of Bray, is to act temporarily as Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow, pending the appointment of a successor to L. M. Magee, resigned.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow News-Letter," and "Free Press," relative to the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow, and also two applications received from W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., Veterinary Infirmary, Castle-street, Bray, and Maurice Barlow, Veterinary Infirmary, Albert Avenue, Bray.

Wicklow County Council. Veterinary Inspector Wanted. The above Council will, at their Quarterly Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m., on Monday, the 25th February, 1907, 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 full name, address, and qualifications, to be lodged with the undersigned not later than 2 o'clock, p.m., on Saturday, the 23rd February, 1907. Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. W. J. Richardson, M.R.C.V.S., be appointed Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Rathdown Union within the County of Wicklow, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, at a salary of £30 per annum. Elected nem con.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," "Free Press," and "Wicklow People," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District—in room of Mr. John Tallon, deceased—and replies received from:—Charles S. Sutton, The Bridge, Kiltiernan, County Dublin; Thomas Smyth, Ballybawn, Kilmacanogue; Thomas McCarthy, 9 Main-street, Bray; Patrick Toole, Ballyreigh, Enniskerry; Andrew Fitzsimon, Rocky Valley Cottage, Kilmacanogue; Edward Clarke, Glencormac, Bray; Jas. Bunn, Killegar, Enniskerry; George Bradner, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry.

A poll being taken, there voted:—For Clarke: Councillors Wm. Burke, J. McCarroll, and Michael Fleming—3. For Fitzsimons: Councillor D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, Wm. Costello, and James Byrne—5. For Sutton—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, and William Osborne—2. For Toole: Councillors Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, James Galvin, and William Byrne—5. For Smyth: Councillor John Storey—1.

In the second round, the two candidates receiving the least number of votes having dropped out, there voted:—For Clarke: Councillors Wm. Osborne, William Burke, J. McCarroll, and Michael Fleming—4. For Fitzsimons: Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, Wm. Costello, James Byrne, and John Storey—6. For Toole: Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, James Galvin, and Wm. Byrne—6.

In the third round, Clarke having dropped out, there voted:—For Fitzsimons: Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, Michael Byrne, William Costello, James Byrne, and John Storey—7. For Toole: Councillors Wm. Osborne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, James Galvin, J. McCarroll, Michael Fleming, and William Byrne—9.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Toole, of Ballyreigh, Enniskerry, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Collector John Tallon, deceased, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of 6d. in the £1. Passed unanimously.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly—That Colonel Tottenham be co-opted a member of this Council to fill the

vacancy caused by the lamented death of the late Councillor R. R. Drought.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Short, of Rathnew, be co-opted a member of this Council to fill the vacancy caused by the death of the late Councillor R. R. Drought.

On a show of hands being taken, the Chairman declared Mr. Patrick Short elected by Eight Votes to Five.

Proposed by Councillor James Galvin, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Rev. John O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum, be co-opted as member on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture in room of Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., deceased. Elected.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Rev. Peter Earley, C.C., be co-opted on the County Committee of Agriculture in room of Father Hickey, resigned. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Rev. Mr. Staples, P.P.; the Rev. Mr. Johnson, M.A.; and the Rev. Mr. O'Brien, C.C., be appointed to fill the vacancies on the County Infirmity Committee of Management in place of the late Rev. T. Carberry, P.P.; Rev. James Sherwin, C.C., and Wm. Osborne, J.P. Carried nem con.

No. 6320/1906; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st November, 1906. Circular-letter drawing the attention of the Council to the Provisions of the Dogs Act, 1906, which will come into operation on the 1st January, 1907, and enclosing a copy of the Act. Further enclosing copies of an order made by the Department under Section 2 (1) (a) of the Act, entitled the Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1906, the effect of which is to enable local authorities to make regulations directly requiring the wearing of collars by dogs while in a highway or place of public resort.

No. 371/1907; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st January, 1907. Printed circular further referring to the powers conferred on local authorities by the Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1906, and enclosing copies of a Draft Form of Regulations for the wearing by dogs of collars with the name and address of the owner inscribed. Order—Order not to be enforced.

22nd February, 1907. From the Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—sending forward the names and addresses of the persons which his Committee desire to have appointed as the County Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee from the 1st May, 1907.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to be members of the new School Attendance Committee for the Dunlavin Division of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District:—Rev. J. Doyle, C.C., Donard; J. Ellis, J.P., Blackmoor, Donard; J. Rochford, D.C., Dunlavin; E. Butterfield, D.C., Rathallagh, Dunlavin; E. McDonald, D.C., Lemonstown, Dunlavin. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council. Winter Quarterly Meeting, 1907. 25th February, 1907. Gentlemen,—During the past quarter (ending

on 31st December) the general body of the contractors were fairly attentive to their work. Owing to the unusual dryness and frosts the repair patches have not been worked into the road surfaces. On some of the roads which have been subjected to some additional traffic from timber and stone drawing, the contractors do not appear to be making sufficient efforts to keep the roads in good order. It was necessary to proceed at Quarter Sessions against the contractors for the roads No. 554 (579 perches) and No. 318 (700 perches), in Rathdrum Rural District. Decrees were obtained in both cases, and I recommend that the contracts be cancelled.

Of the contracts and applications from the Rural Districts, the following require attention:—Rathdown No. 2—The Rural District Council has passed, and obtained contractors for, special works which, if carried out, will cause the limit of expenditure to be exceeded. This was pointed out to the Council at their Quarterly Meeting, but the majority of the Council being of opinion that the instalment in repayment of loan (and of interest) of £3,500 should not be included in the annual expenditure, and there would therefore be sufficient funds available to meet the cost of the special works passed. Rathdrum—All the renewal contracts on roads were only passed for a period of three years, the District Council having, at a previous meeting, passed a resolution to the effect that no contract for a longer period should be entered into.

An application is being made to permit a cottage to be built near Mount Usher gate at a less distance from the centre of the road than is allowed by law; a plan showing the proposed building has been lodged, and which I submit for your inspection.

Baltinglass No. 1—The special road contracts for the roads, subject to military traffic, were all taken at most improvident prices. The War Office have not yet forwarded their decision as to the amount they are prepared to contribute towards the upkeep of these roads, and I recommend that you should not enter into any special contracts on these roads until they do so.

I have received a letter from the Secretary of the Royal Irish Academy pointing out that an Ogham stone near Wicklow is in danger of being destroyed. This stone, which is of great interest, lies unprotected on the edge of the workingway of a lonely country road, and liable at any time to be destroyed by an accident or the destructiveness of ignorant mischievous strangers. It has been suggested to me by an eminent Irish Archaeologist that this stone be removed to one of the museums in Dublin, where it would be safely guarded and cared for. It appears to me that as you have no funds which could be expended in protecting this stone in its present site, it would be advisable to give your sanction (as far as the matter lies within your jurisdiction) to permit this stone to be removed by the persons appointed by either the Royal Irish Academy or Irish Arch. Society and placed in safe keeping. I have examined this stone frequently during the past seven years, and although it has now withstood the weather for over 20 centuries, yet I am of opinion that after the lapse of the short time that I have had it under observation, the markings show less distinctly.

I have received an application from the legal gentlemen attending at Baltinglass Courthouse requesting that an improvement be made in the seating accommodation at the solicitors' table. Additional

accommodation could be provided for about £20, and a great improvement effected.—Yours faithfully,

25/2/07.

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Paragraph 1—Road Contracts Nos. 554 and 318 in the District Register were cancelled in Rathdrum Rural District.

Paragraph 2—Works Nos. 269 and 270 in the District Register were rejected owing to the limit of road expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District being exceeded.

Paragraph 3—Allowed.

Paragraph 4—The Council rejected Road Contracts Nos. 123, 124, 125, 126, 127, 128, 129, and 130 in the District Register of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, and placed them in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months at the old price.

Paragraph 5—See resolution.

Paragraph 6—The Council approved of the spending of a sum not exceeding £20 in improving the seating accommodation at the solicitors' table in Baltinglass Courthouse.

The Council referred an application received from Mr. R. J. Mecredy, Vallombrosa, Bray, for permission to cut away about 15 feet of the grass edge opposite Kilbride Church, and to gravel the portion so cut away—to the County Surveyor to inquire into, and give permission if requisite.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the stone referred to in Mr. Gallagher's report be removed to Castletimon Cemetery for safety. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to have proper Telephonic Connection made between the Council Chamber and the Secretary's and the County Surveyor's Offices, and to keep same in repair. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON DIRECT LABOUR AND STEAM-ROLLING.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, 27th August, 1907. The Chairman and Members, County Council, Wicklow. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In accordance with your instructions, I communicated with the County Surveyors of Tipperary (S. R.), Waterford and Limerick, and have ascertained from these gentlemen that they find "Direct Labour" satisfactory in their counties. The wages paid are:—(1) to labourers, who provide their own tools—Waterford, Tipperary and Limerick, 2s. per day; (2) to overseers—Tipperary 21s. per week, Waterford 20s. per week, and Limerick 24s. per week; (3) horse hire—Waterford and Tipperary 5s. per day. In Waterford and Tipperary the Council provide materials; in Limerick they are provided by contract. No one who has to deal with roads will dispute that "direct labour" is the best for the roads, and in obtaining the greatest value for the money spent. The whole question is whether—(1) sufficient labour could be obtained in the county; (2) whether sufficient labour could be obtained at rates which would enable the work to be done at the same or less than the present low contract prices. As to steam-rolling—I wish to point out to you that although your roads are not

good, smooth, up-to-date roads, yet they are not bad roads, and are greatly improved to what they were say, ten years ago; the roads were never properly made. The great defect in your roads is that they are bumpy, and this can only be got rid of by steam-rolling. As to the cost of this, I think a concrete case will explain itself. A road 917 perches in length was rolled in 12 weeks at a cost of £664 16s. 6d., and the maintenance by direct labour cost £34 7s. 9d. per annum. Suppose the life of this road after steam-rolling would be 6 years, and the cost of maintaining for 5 years—£171 18s. 9d.—the total expenditure on road in 6 years would be £836 15s. 3d., as against £382 2s. under old system, or £139 9s. 2½d. per annum, against £63 13s. 8d., which was the annual contract cost under the old system. Although for the six years the average cost per annum after steam-rolling would be more than double what would have been spent under the old system, yet, the road would have been better, and on re-rolling the cost would probably be about half the original cost—thus for the next period of 6 years—the amount expended on the road would be £506 7s. or, but £124 5s. in excess of what would have been expended under the old system. The average annual cost being £84 7s. 10d., or, roughly, about 30 per cent. of an increase, but with a vastly improved road as reward. The last price would be the future cost per annum. The result of the TWELVE years' working by steam-rolling and direct labour would give an average annual cost of £111 18s. 6d., or an increase of £48 4s. 10d. per annum.—Your obedient servant,

25/2/07.

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Rejected.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 6th February, 1907. 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, 1906. Eighty-nine articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—35; whiskey, 22; milk, 21; cheese, 4; buttermilk, 4; rum, 1; tea, 1; coffee, 1; total, 89.

Certificates sent to Sergeant McNerney, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 24 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

There were eleven 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. One of them contained an excess of water—namely, 18.6 per cent.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union fifteen drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, syrup of ferrous phosphate, contained an excess of ferrous phosphate.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound mixture of senna, was low in gravity, solids and crystallised magnesium sulphate, and low in alcohol.

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

One specimen of water analysed for Shillelagh Rural District Council had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 14.280; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.013; saline ammonia, 0.0025; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.093; sulphuric acid, 4.3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6.0000.—A tolerably good water.

There were four fertilisers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

For the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture four specimens of feeding stuffs were analysed.

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

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters	33.320	12.880	8.820
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.021	0.012	0.013
Saline ammonia	0.009	0.007	0.005
Nitric acid	0.640	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.192	0.894	0.894
Sulphuric acid	4.3236	2.1618	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	6.0000	3.0000	2.0000

No. 1 was hardly usable, the others were inferior waters. Total analyses—174.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 58421/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th November, 1906. Sealed Order showing the qualifications necessary in candidates for positions as Assistant Surveyors.

No. 70257/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th December, 1906. Stating that the Board have no power to grant an extension of time for the payment of account of Sealy, Bryers, and Walker, with the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee, as the same is more than two years due.

No. 70262/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th December, 1906. Showing the conditions under which the Board will assent to arrears of rates in respect of vacant buildings being refunded collectors at the close of the first half-year's collections.

1st December. From the Manager, National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow—stating that he would advance £1,000 to the Council provided the Local Government Board allowed him to charge 4 per cent. interest on the said advance.

No. 70802/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th December, 1906. Approving of the Council borrowing from

the National Bank, Ltd., Wicklow, the sum of £1,000 required by Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Act, 1905, at 4 per cent. interest, for a period not exceeding 3 months.

No. 67219/1906. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th December, 1906. Sealed Order fixing Naas No. 2 Rural District as the area of charge for Ballyknockan Water Supply.

No. 72355/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th December, 1906. Stating that the Board would offer no objection to the payment of poundage fees to ex-Poor Rate Collector Patrick Behan in respect of the half-year's collection to 30th September, 1906.

No. 1980/1907; Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th January, 1907. Enclosing extracts from minutes of meeting of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council relative to the proposed resignation by Mr. Michael Tallon of his office as a member of that Council, together with copy of the Board's reply.

No. 962/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th January, 1907. Stating that, by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1906, the Motor Car Act, 1903, was continued until 31st December, 1907.

No. 71900/1906; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th February, 1907. Enclosing Sealed Order made by the Board relative to the qualification and appointment of County Surveyors in Ireland.

No. 6183/1906; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th February, 1907. Letter dealing with the state of the collection of the poor rate in the county up to 31st January, 1907.

No. 30927/1906. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 6th December, 1906. Notifying that three samples of butter had been taken up in Arklow under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure.

No. 192/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th January, 1907. Notifying that three samples of butter had been taken up in Greystones under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure.

No. 7532/1906; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th January, 1907. Notifying the manner in which local authorities under Diseases of Animals Acts should claim recoupment in respect of expenditure incurred in connection with Compulsory Dipping of Sheep, and enclosing a sample of the form to be used in claiming recoupment.

No. 1027/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th January, 1907. Notifying that a sample of butter had been taken up at Kilcool under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure.

No. 5323/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd February, 1907.—Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the county under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure:—Baltinglass, three samples; Dunlavin, three do.

(No. 78). Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, dated 4th February, 1907, cited as the "County Dublin (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907."

No. 103/07; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th February, 1907. Enclosing copies of an Order made by the Depart-

ment entitled the "Importation of Horses, Asses, and Mules (Ireland) Order of 1907," which comes into operation on 21st inst., and which revokes the Order of 1906.

(No. 80). Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, dated 8th February, 1907, cited the "County Wexford (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907."

No. 1816/. Dublin Castle, 19th February, 1907. Enclosing copy of "Dublin Gazette," in which is published an Order under the Hares Preservation (Ireland) Act, 1879—varying the close season for hares in certain counties in Ireland—County Wicklow being included.

Dublin Castle, 14th February, 1907. Circular enclosing Draft By-Laws for the guidance of County Council in drawing up By-Laws for the Lighting of Vehicles.

Dublin Castle, 28th November, 1906. Acknowledging the By-Laws for regulating the Glen Imaal Artillery Range, duly executed, and stating that a certified print of same would be forwarded in due course.

No. 23849/1906. Office of National Education, Dublin, 5th December, 1906. Stating that the Commissioners are precluded from sanctioning the appointment of a School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District to expire on 30th September, 1908, as it would be contrary to the Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, the Third Schedule of which regulates the matter.

C.O.761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 4th January, 1907. Notifying the persons appointed to complete the School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District for the period of three years from 1st January, 1907.

Irish 25/2; (L. B.). War Office, London, S.W., 15th February, 1907. With reference to the terms of the arrangement made with the Council on the subject of damage to roads in the Glen Imaal District by extraordinary military traffic.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 21st November, 1906. Notifying a Loan of £101 to the Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 27th November, 1906. Notifying a Loan of £191 to the Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

No. 14782/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 30th November, 1906. Acknowledging application for £170 7s. 7d., being the Third Instalment of the Loan of £3,500 for Road and Bridge Improvements in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 15604/1906. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 13th February, 1907. Asking to be furnished with the decision of the Committee of the Dublin and Wicklow County Councils regarding the defects in the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. Order—The Secretary to draw the attention of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company to the bad quality of sleepers being used on the line.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 23rd February, 1907. Notifying a Loan of £1,500 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

8th January, 1907, from Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council. Notifying two vacancies on the Veterinary Committee for his Rural District.

22nd December, 1906. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council. Enclosing copy of a resolution referring for payment to the County Council the claim of Relieving Officers for remuneration for attending Revision Courts. Order—There is no statutory power.

2nd February, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum. Asking the Contributory Authorities to agree to instituting proceedings jointly for payment of the three months' Capitation Grant due to 31st March, 1899.

Proposed by Councillor Jos. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Jas. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. William Dillon, solicitor, of 12 St. Andrew Street, Dublin (Law Adviser to the Joint Committee of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum), be, and is hereby instructed, to institute legal proceedings on behalf of this Council for the recovery of the sum payable out of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account as Capitation Grants in respect of the maintenance of pauper lunatics charged against the County of Wicklow for the period from 1st January, 1899, to 31st March, 1899, provided the Corporation of Dublin, and the County Councils of Dublin and Louth, agree to join in such proceedings to recover the amount of the Capitation Grants payable to them for the same period; and we hereby undertake to defray a share of the costs (if any) of such joint proceedings in proportion to the amount of our claim to the total sum claimed by the combined contributory authorities to the Richmond Asylum. Passed nem con.

22nd February, 1907. From Mr. S. J. Gorman, Secretary Dunlavin School Attendance Committee. Enclosing copies of two resolutions passed by his committee (1) asking the Council to sanction the payment of £1 per annum for the use of a room in Donard for his Committee to hold their meetings in, and (2) stating that his Committee think it necessary that the County Council should ask the Local Government Board to grant an extension of time for the payment of one quarter's salary stated to be due their School Attendance Officer.

The Council sanctioned the payment of £1 per annum for the use of a room in Donard for committee meetings, but as the Local Government Board had already refused to extend the time within which the Council could pay the quarter's salary referred to, no order was made thereon.

12th September, 1906. From Sergeant D. Chambers, Enniskerry. Giving the names of certain persons who had sheep for sale at Enniskerry fair, and who had not dipped them, and asking for instructions in connection with same.

19th November, 1906. From Sergeant Patrick Carroll, Dunlavin. Submitting Sheep Dipping Certificates, some of which had been handed in without any notification being given to the police prior to dipping, and stating that some persons in that district had dipped their sheep without handing in any certificates.

8th November, 1906. From the Secretary County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture. Enclosing copy of letter received from Captain A. Zeller, suggesting to his committee the necessity of building one or two dipping stations in his district, as it is exclusively used for sheep farming. Read.

10th November, 1906. From Viscount Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry—suggesting to the Council the advisability of erecting Finger Posts shewing distances in the neighbourhood of Enniskerry

for the direction of visitors. Order—There is no fund from which we can pay.

17th November, 1906. From Thomas Hewson, B.L., 2, Leeson Park, Dublin. Suggesting that steps should be taken for the prevention of the intolerable custom of carting down to the pier at Greystones, and pitching off the end of it, all the ashes and filth of the locality. Order—The County Council will not interfere.

3rd October, 1906. From the Manager St. Patrick's Inebriate Home, Waterford. Asking if the Council intend to contribute 5s. 6d. per week maintenance for any inebriates sent to that establishment from the County of Wicklow. Read.

12th November, 1906. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—enclosing a report of a sub-committee, and a form of resolution for adoption by the Council, on the subject of Inebriates Home. Also enclosing a printed report of his Executive Committee on the following subjects:—(1) University County Scholarship; (2) suggested amendments to the Local Government Acts, etc.; (3) Veterinary Dispensaries; (4) Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Inquiry; (5) Inebriates' Homes Act; (6) Maguire v. Cavan County Council; (7) Royal Commission on Canals and Waterways; (8) Army Meat Contract Tender Form.

29th November, 1906. From Secretary, Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, Westland-row, Dublin—stating, in reply to the Council's resolution, that no change in the running of the main line trains is about to be made at present.

5th December, 1906. From Mr. James O'Connor, M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging the Council's resolution of thanks for his services in settling the dispute regarding the upkeep of Glen Imaal Camp Roads.

6th December, 1906. From Canon G. M. Drought, Ballinacoola, Glenealy—thanking the Council on behalf of Mrs. Drought for their resolution of sympathy with her on the death of her husband, the late Councillor R. R. Drought, D.L.

26th December, 1906. From Collector Joseph Keane—sending the names of four persons for the Council to select a surety from for his bond to replace Mr. John Keane, deceased.

21st January, 1907. From Mr. P. J. Carey, J.P., Chairman of Rathdrum Rural District Council—stating that he would bring the question of Mr. Joseph Keane's sureties before the District Council's next meeting, and communicate the names of the persons approved.

25th February, 1907. Telegram from Chairman, Rathdrum Rural District Council Meeting, as follows:—"Sureties proposed by Mr. Keane are all solvent in opinion of Council." Order—Joseph Edge approved.

21st January, 1907. From Mr. S. J. Doyle, Accountant—reporting on his audit of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ending 31st December, 1906. Order—Referred to next meeting.

30th January, 1907. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—enclosing two appointments as Inspectors under Food and Drugs Acts for cancellation, and asking for new appointments for Sergeant T. Kennedy, Ashford, and Acting-Sergeant James Kavanagh, Stratford-en-Slaney. Order—Appointments approved.

24th January, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond Asylum,

Dublin—enclosing a Return of Patients admitted from the County during the quarter ended 31st December, 1906.

23rd January, 1907. Notice from Thomas Hewson, B.L., Jubilee Castle, Greystones—requiring the Council "to place and keep in good condition and repair" the road at Greystones running from the three roads opposite Mr. McEntaggart's house to the Old Lime Kiln, failing steps being taken within one month, proceedings will be instituted.

29th January, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting on the Criminal Injury Cases placed in his hands, as follows:—John Gowan v. Wicklow County Council.—This case was not proceeded with. Marquis of Downshire v. County Council.—Dismissed with costs. Patrick Miley v. County Council.—Decree given for £25, to be levied off County at Large. Henry Greene v. County Council.—Decree given for £287, to be levied off Rural District of Rathdrum. George J. Trim v. County Council.—Decree given for £36 3s., to be levied off Rural District of Rathdrum. Order—Appeal to proceed in Malicious Injury Cases.

30th January and 21st February, 1907. From City Treasurer, Dublin Corporation—enclosing copy of a table prepared by the Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, bearing on the Corporation's claim for increased representation on the Joint Committee of the Asylum. Order—Read.

Forms Nos. 2 and 5.—Application for Compensation for Malicious Injury to property of Christopher Lowe; amount claimed, £116; Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; together with police report on same.

Form 2.—Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to property of Mrs. Annie Panton; amount claimed, £397 9s.; Naas No. 2 Rural District; together with police report on same.

Form 2.—Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to property of Thomas Eustace; amount claimed, £12 10s.; Naas No. 2 Rural District; together with police report on same.

Form 2.—Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury to property of Thomas Butler; amount claimed, £70; Baltinaglass No. 1 Rural District; together with police report on same.

The attention of the Council having been drawn to the form in which the police send in their reports on alleged Malicious Injury Cases, it was directed that the Constabulary be requested to furnish complete information as to the evidence of malice, and report fully to the County Council, as their reports at present are useless.

January 1907. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—enclosing draft resolution for adoption by the Council relative to the management and control of Irish Railways.

January, 1907. From Same—further letter in addition to his circular-letter dated October, 1906—re Public Bodies Insurances, together with queries to be answered for the information of a Provisional Committee appointed to report on same.

21st January, 1907. From President, Irish Literary Society, 26 Hanover-square, London, W.—relative to the erection of a Celtic Cross at Fontenoy to perpetuate the memory of the Irish Brigade, and asking for a subscription to same.

24th January, 1907. From Secretary, County Kildare Committee of Agriculture, Naas—enclosing copy of a resolution of his Com-

mittee re establishing Salmon and White Trout Hatcheries on the River Liffey, and asking for the Council's co-operation.

22nd November, 1906. From the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, Margaret-street, London, W.—asking the Council to appoint Delegates to the Conference to be held in Dublin on 25th to 29th June, 1907.

19th November, 1906. From Mr. Joseph Scott, Whitbeck, Bootle, Cumberland—notifying for the information of the Council a recent discovery he has made of the greatest value in growing tap roots such as Carrots, Parsnips, and Beetroots.

From Secretary, Irish Vehicle Owners Accident Co., Ltd., Exchequer-street, Dublin—enclosing particulars of their proposals for "Third Party" Policies, re accidents to the public.

February, 1907. From Harrington Brothers, Shandon Chemical and Paint Works, Cork—asking the Council to support Irish made colours, paints, and varnishes for labourers' cottages.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

3rd October, 1906. From Naas No. 1 Rural District Council—resolution suggesting a conference to consider the best means of treating consumptive people so as to effectually prevent the spread of this disease. Read.

9th November, 1906. From Londonderry County Council—resolution mentioning certain points in connection with which that Council dissents from the recommendations of the Royal Commission on the Speed of Motor Cars.

30th November, 1906. From Limerick Corporation—resolution pointing out the advantages to be derived from a full measure of University Education.

5th December, 1906. From Wexford County Council—resolution dealing with the subsidizing of the Irish Agricultural Organisation Society by the Department of Agriculture.

28th January, 1907. From Same—resolution regarding the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways.

On communications received from Baltinglass Board of Guardians, and from Wexford County Council, a resolution protesting against the action of the French Government in their cruel treatment of the Roman Catholic Church in that country was passed, on the proposal of Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll, and directed to be forwarded to Archbishop Walsh, and the leader of the Irish Party, Mr. J. E. Redmond.

8th December, 1906. From Lismore Rural District Council—re Compulsory Sale of Irish Land, and pointing out how same could be expedited.

22nd December, 1906. From Kilmallock Rural District Council—enclosing copies of resolutions and correspondence, together with a printed statement—dealing with Land Purchase.

15th January, 1907. From Cork Harbour Commissioners—resolution opposing the withdrawal of the American Mail Service from Queenstown. Adopted.

17th January, 1907. From Shillelagh Board of Guardians—resolution demanding for Ireland the same educational rights and privileges, and the same percentage from the Development Grant as

England and Scotland receives, together with higher salaries for the teachers of Ireland. Adopted.

19th January, 1907. From Executive Committee of the Gaelic League—resolutions making clear the attitude of opposition of the League towards the forthcoming International Exhibition, and calling upon their sympathisers to boycott the same. Rejected.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH MARCH, 1907.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Saturday, the 16th March, 1907, at 11-45 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne, Michael Fleming, and John Storey. The newly-elected Councillor, Mr. Patrick Short, signed the declaration before the Secretary accepting office, his attention having first been drawn to Article 12 of Application of Enactments Order, and took his seat on the Council.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To decide what action the County Council shall take in connection with the Conditional Order in Hewson v. Wicklow County Council and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council.
- 2—To sign, seal, and issue the Warrants for the new Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District.
- 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.

The Council having considered the question of the Conditional Order in Hewson v. Wicklow County Council and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, decided that Mr. J. H. McCarroll, as the Council's Solicitor, be directed to employ Senior and Junior Counsel to represent the County Council at the hearing of this case. Councillors Michael Byrne and R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

On the motion of Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, the warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District were signed and sealed.

The Council accepted Laurence Toole, of Ballyreigh, Enniskerry, as surety for Collector Patrick Toole, No. 8 Collecting District, to replace Francis B. Buckley, Onagh, Enniskerry, withdrawn.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

It was directed that the Secretary write to the Deputy Checkers to notify sureties in case of any default.

The County Surveyor submitted an application received from Mr. H. Pasley, Tinahely, for permission to lay a kerbing in front of his premises in Barrack-street, Tinahely, where there is at present no foot-path. Application granted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 6153/1907. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st February, 1907. Sealed Order fixing area of charge for sewer at Baltinglass as Baltinglass No. 1 Dispensary District.

No. 9777/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th February, 1907. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the County Council's Accounts for the half-year ending 30th September, 1906, as follows:—

(Copy). No. 9777/1907; Wicklow County. February 22nd, 1907. 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 September last, and I forward herewith a certified abstract thereof in pursuance of your order. The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any notice on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. BARRY. The Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 10471/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th March, 1907. Approving of the appointment of Mr. Patk. Toole as Poor Rate Collector for No. 8 Collecting District, and stating that his bond should be submitted for the Board's inspection in due course.

No. 10471/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th March, 1907. Assenting to an extension of time to the 30th April, 1907, for the completion of the collection in Collector Patrick Toole's District for the period ending 31st March, 1907.

No. 11564/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th March, 1907. Drawing the attention of the Council to the backward state of the Poor Rate Collection in the county for the current half-year.

No. 1369/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 6th March, 1907. Asking the Council to defer for some time the question of a revision of the arrangements in connection with Compulsory Sheep Dipping until the Department issue a circular dealing with this subject.

Irish 25/2 (L. B.). War Office, London, S.W., 28th February, 1907. Stating that the sum of £140, in connection with the damage to roads in Glen Imaal District by Military Traffic, will be paid forthwith. Also stating that the consideration and decision of the Army Council on the report of the examination of the roads (referred to in paragraph 2 of their letter of the 15th February, 1907), will be communicated as soon as possible.

Dublin Castle, 6th March, 1907. From Chief Crown Solicitor—enclosing a certified copy of the Glen Imaal Artillery Range By-Laws as sanctioned by the Council.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 11th March, 1907. Acknowledging Secretary's letter forwarding Form 62, showing the Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for the Electoral Division of Dunlavin.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 23rd February, 1907. Notifying a loan of £1,500 to Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 27th February, 1907. From Chief Clerk, acknowledging the Council's resolution in reference to the deferred Capitation Grant.

Archbishop's House, Dublin, 27th February, 1907. From the Archbishop, acknowledging the Council's resolution protesting against the persecution of the Church in France.

12th March, 1907. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—stating that he has asked for special instructions from his authorities as to the form of police reports in connection with Criminal Injury Applications.

13th March, 1907. From Secretary, Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction relative to the necessity for payment of the Council's contribution towards Technical Instruction for the half-year ending 31st March, 1907, within the half-year.

5th March, 1907. From Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners—enclosing printed copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Commissioners' Accounts for the year ended 31st December, 1906.

6th March, 1907. From Francis McQuaid, Solicitor, Naas—enclosing notice of withdrawal of the Criminal Injury Application lodged on behalf of Mrs. Annie Panton.

28th February, 1907. From Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson, Bray—re removal of sheep suffering from Sheep Scab by William J. Johnston from Buckley's farm at Monastery to a field at Cookstown.

February, 1907. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—circular dealing with the action of the General Council regarding the Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH MAY, 1907.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 16th May, 1907, at 11-45 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, and, subsequently, Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors W. H. McFarland, Joseph McCarroll, Daniel Condren, William Osborne, Michael Kelly, William Costello, James Galvin, William Byrne, Patrick Short, P. J. Carey, Michael Fleming, John J. Reilly, and John Storey.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider reports 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 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 make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1908, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants.
- 10—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow.
- 12—To arrange for the Rate Collection in No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District.
- 13—To consider correspondence with the War Office, and, if necessary, rescind the resolution of the 26th November, 1906.
- 14—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 15—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 16—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 17—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 18—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 19—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. I.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 23rd April, 1907:—Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, 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				3,104	14	5
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District proposals	585	9	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	6	12	8	592	2	3
Naas No. 2:—						
District proposals	301	5	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	—	—	—	301	5	6
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District proposals	399	4	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	117	19	1	517	3	11
Rathdrum:—						
District proposals (Form 22 not received in time for meeting).						
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,342	5	0	1,342	5	0
Shillelagh:—						
District proposals	471	8	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	288	7	0	759	15	7
Wicklow Urban:—						
Proposals Committee's proposals	55	18	0	55	18	0
Payments out of Loan Account				11	15	0

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	973	10	0
Naas	227	0	0
Rathdown	974	0	0
Rathdrum	2,489	0	0
Shillelagh	907	0	0
Total	£5,570	10	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	102	0	0
Naas No. 2	48	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	116	10	0
Rathdrum	444	15	0
Shillelagh	15	0	0
Total	£727	0	0

We recommend the payment of the following irrecoverable rates to the several rate collectors, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

	£	s.	d.
1—Joseph Doyle	24	11	7
2—Richard Geoghegan	10	12	10
3—Thomas Tutty	11	11	7
4—Bryan Dunne	5	13	0
5—Michael Kelly	0	15	2
6—Michael McGrath	5	11	1
9—Joseph Keane	20	6	8

10—John Murphy	...	12	6	10
11—John Kelly	...	8	16	8
12—John F. Evans	...	8	18	1
13—George Evans	...	6	8	8
14—James Byrne	...	32	3	11
15—John Brennan	...	17	1	3
16—P. J. Carey, junior	...	13	9	6
17—Philip Doyle	...	4	19	5
19—Terence Byrne	...	3	6	7

An application was received by the Committee from Collector Joseph Keane for an increase of £10 per year in his salary as collector of poor rate.

Order—Application refused.

(Signed) M. BYRNE, Chairman. 23rd April, 1907.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.—No. II.

The following Members of your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 16th May, 1907. Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (in the chair). Councillors Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll.

We recommend the following additional proposals for payment:—

	£	s.	d.	
County at Large—				
Dr. Cecil Brew, attending inquest	...	1	1	0
Naas No. 2 Rural District—				
School Attendance Committee expenses	...	12	12	6
Rathdrum Rural District—				
District proposals	...	1,509	13	0
Also a payment on account to Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor	150	0	0	

(Signed) EDWARD P. O'KELLY, Chairman. 16/5/07.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note 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 DISTRICT COUNCILS, WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £3,105 9s. 4d. (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 Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £644 0s. 1d. (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 William Osborne, seconded by Councillor M. Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £319 6s. 4d. (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 W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £517 3s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,975 6s. (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 Michael Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £768 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 James Galvin, seconded by Councillor P. Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £55 18s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Loan Account:—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of Loan Account, amounting to £11 5s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Law Costs:—Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, amounting to £150 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS:

Baltinglass No. 1:—The recommendation that road No. 130 in the District Register be placed in hands of County Surveyor—no tender having been received—was rejected. Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—The tender of Patrick Whelan, Kilbride, Brittas, at £15 per annum, was accepted for road No. 43 in District Register,

600 perches. Guarantors—Patrick Cullen, Athdown, Manor Kilbride; and Thomas Molloy, Ballydonnel, Lackan. Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Rathdrum:—The tender of Michael Connor, Milltown, Rathnew, at 3s. per perch, was accepted for road No. 626 in the District Register, 547 perches. Guarantors—John Clements, Milltown, Rathnew; and William Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford.

The tender of Patrick Mahon, Brockagh, Glendalough, Rathdrum, at 1s. per perch, was accepted for road No. 637 in the District Register, 40 perches. Guarantors—George Mahon, Brockagh, Rathdrum; and William Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford.

Roads Nos. 634, 635, and 636 in the District Register, and works Nos. 639 and 622 in the District Register, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Road No. 621 in the District Register was put in hands of the County Surveyor until next meeting of the County Council. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

The Council had before them a letter from Contractor Laurence Byrne, Moneystown, Rathdrum, dated 14th May, 1907—again applying to have his road contract, 771 perches, cancelled. "Read."

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

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908, be signed and sealed—the Warrants not to be issued until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy, or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books, etc., of the Collectors of the Poor Rate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount, £2,854 0s. 1d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Galvin, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal the Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount, £853 16s., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1908. Passed.

The Council's attention having been drawn to the Local Government Board's letter of the 30th June, 1906, No. 37935/1906, assenting to the employment of Mr. P. J. Carey, junior, to collect the rates for the year ending 31st March, 1907, in No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District—the Secretary was directed to issue the usual advertisement for

a collector for this district, the appointment to take place at the Annual Meeting of the Council in June.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we now sign the Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Act. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle be appointed Auditor to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company to audit their accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1908. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Secretary's report to the Wicklow County Council, 16th May, 1907. Gentlemen,—An important matter will come before you in the correspondence with the Local Government Board—viz.: the deduction on this occasion of the sum of £3,117 9s. 7d. from the half-year's Agricultural Grant on account of arrears of land purchase payments, or to put it more accurately, a sum of £2,896 10s. 11d. due to this county on account of death duties has been withheld, and a further sum of £220 18s. 8d. has been deducted from the Agricultural Grant to which we were entitled—together making up the £3,117 9s. 7d. as above. This will affect the several Rural Districts roughly as follows:—Equal to over 2½d. in the £1—Baltinglass, £533 16s. 7d.; Naas, £217 10s. 8d.; Rathdown, £375 7s. 6d.; Rathdrum, £1,347 4s. 11d.; Shillelagh, £467 9s. 3d.; Bray Urban, £110 6s. 4d.; Wicklow Urban, £65 14s. 4d.—£3,117 9s. 7d. I hardly think it will be necessary to strike an extra rate at present, as this deduction is so iniquitous, being the result—not of non-payment of the instalments—but of bungling on the part of those responsible for the issue of the Land Stock, that I am satisfied Parliament will be compelled to find means of making this import good to the County Councils.

A Mr. G. W. Burton, of Enniskerry, having been reported by your Veterinary Inspector for that district, and also by the Constabulary as guilty of frequent and defiant breaches of the Sheep Scab Ireland Orders, I thought it best (as some time would elapse before the County Council would meet) to transmit the correspondence and reports to the Department of Agriculture, so that it might in the meantime take any steps it thought proper under the circumstances, and I understand the Department is having the matter sifted with a view to prosecuting or otherwise. Mr. Burton wrote to your Chairman, Mr. O'Kelly, bringing serious charges against your Veterinary Inspector; a copy of this letter was, by direction of Mr. O'Kelly, sent to your inspector, and his reply will be laid before you, as well as an application from said inspector to be authorized to institute prosecutions of offenders on behalf of the Council.

The War Office, you may recollect, after some years of correspondence, and of interviewing the Council, undertook last summer that provided the Council consented to give its approval to the Byelaws for the regulation of the use of Glen Imaal Range, the War Department would, within a certain time, pay the amount claimed for costs incurred in repairing public works and roads which suffered from the

extra traffic in consequence of use of the Military, and would in addition pay an annual sum for the increased expense caused by the Military traffic, such sum to be arranged between your County Surveyor and the Engineer Officers on the spot. The report on the sum thus agreed upon has long since been sent in from the Curragh to the War Office, but no payment has yet been made, or even suggested, by the War Office although we are now in the second year for which it is due. I reported this matter to you at your last Quarterly meeting, and in consequence you cancelled all the contracts then taken up by the District Council for the roads to which the agreement refers. I have since then written several letters to the War Department, but have not even received the courtesy of a reply; and I understand that the Rural District Council on this occasion has taken alternative contracts for these roads to meet this conduct on the part of this Department. I have also written to the latter to inform it that if the payment were not made in time for this meeting I would bring up the resolution consenting to the Byelaws for the purpose of having it rescinded at this meeting. As you will observe, I have placed this on the agenda for this meeting to enable you to do so if you think fit. You have had experience of the dealings of the War Department already, and think you will find my advice at the time was sound—viz.: that you should require payment in cash in advance by that Department prior to any step being taken by the Council on the basis of any proposed payment.

The Department of Agriculture has taken a very high hand with regard to the payment of rates on account of the Avondale Estate. They first stated that the payment would be included in the Government Bounty in Lieu of Rates, but the Treasury wrote repudiating the idea that it was exempt from Rates as Government property, and said no Bounty would be paid in respect of it. The Department then wrote that it would pay an annual fixed sum for it equal to the lowest rate struck upon it since the Local Government Act came in force, and excluding all separate charges. This, by your direction, I informed the Department you would under no circumstances accept, but would require a payment on the same basis as the Bounty in Lieu of Rates; to this no reply has been vouchsafed, nor has any payment whatever been made. I would recommend you to send in a demand to the Department for the rates due made out in the same manner as the certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates.

The Veterinary Branch of the Department of Agriculture has issued an order fixing the periods for Sheep Dipping for all Ireland, which I think you will find coincides with the dates which this Council decided upon at its last meeting. This Branch has prepared a large poster on the subject, giving a large amount of necessary information, and offer to supply you with any you may require for posting throughout the county. I sent each member of the Council a circular on the subject.

Should you intend to insure under the provisions of the Workmen's Compensation Act, the following are, I believe, the persons you will require to provide insurance for:—The 4 permanent clerks, 16 temporary clerks, 3 assistant county surveyors, 19 rate collectors, 4 veterinary inspectors, 5 court-keepers, and 2 coroners—53 in all. I presume the Technical and other Committees will arrange for the insurance of their employees. If you so direct me I shall obtain offers

for their insurance, and lay them before you at your Annual Meeting.

Your County Surveyor and I have prepared a list of dates for your Quarterly Meetings; it has not been possible to arrange for the Proposal Committee Meetings to be held up the last Tuesday in the month, as the Quarterly Council Meeting would then clash with Baltinglass Fair. You may recollect those Committee Meetings used formerly to be held on Wicklow Fair Day, but were specially altered by the Council to suit Baltinglass Fair.

Two Vacancies are announced on Baltinglass Veterinary Committee. I do not know if any of these Committees have ever acted, or are required; should they at any future time become necessary, the Council could then take steps to reform them.

A proposal sent forward by Rathdrum Rural District Council for 480 perches of road to Barnbawn Pound, does not appear to me to be a subject for a "Provisional proposal," as it was a road under contract at the time and after the Act came into force, and on which the County Council made more than one payment; and from the expression of the opinions of the Judges in the recent Greystones case, it is a road the Council is bound to maintain until it takes the prescribed steps to have it abandoned under Section 82 (2).—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland—That Veterinary Inspectors be instructed to prosecute cases of Sheep Scab occurring in their districts, and that County Councillors' Solicitor be appointed to assist Inspectors in the prosecutions. Withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the several Veterinary Inspectors be instructed to proceed against parties guilty of Breaches of the Sheep Scab Orders, but that no solicitor be appointed to assist them. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That our Secretary write to the War Office informing that Department that unless it complies before the 12th June with the undertaking given on the occasion of our sanctioning the Glen Imaal Byelaws, the consent to those Byelaws shall be cancelled. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to prepare a Demand on the Department of Agriculture for their contribution on account of Avondale Estate on the basis of the Bounty in Lieu of Rates for Government property, and bring it before the Council at the Annual Meeting in June for signature. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals Committee, and of the County Council, for the year 1907-8:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1906.	Autumn Quarter 1906.	Winter Quarter 1907.	Spring Quarter 1907.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Ennis-kerry.	11-30	Mon. July 9	Mon. Oct. 8	Mon. Jan. 7	Mon. Apl. 8
RATHDRUM ... Court house, Rathdrum.	12	M n. 16	Mon. Nov. 5	Mon. ,, 28	Mon. ,, 22
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. ,, 23	Mon. Oct. 29	Mon. ,, 21	Mon. ,, 15
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. ,, 24	Tues. ,, 30	Tues. ,, 22	Tues. ,, 16
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. ,, 20	Fri. Nov. 2	Fri. ,, 25	Fri. ,, 19
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. Aug. 7	Tues. ,, 6	Tues. Feb. 5	Tues. ,, 23
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow	11.30	Mon. ,, 27	Mon. ,, 26	Mon. ,, 25	Thurs May 16

Adopted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow, 16th day of May, 1907. County Surveyor's Report, Spring Quarterly Meeting, 1907. The Chairman and Members, County Council, Wicklow. Gentlemen,—The contracts coming before you for approval are nearly all of the usual type, but the following require special note:—

In Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—The group of loads leading to and about the Camp at Glen of Imaal—These roads are let for one year, and the specifications only provide for such work as is generally required for roads subject to the ordinary traffic. The District Council "passed" these roads at prices which would enable me to provide for such special works as might be rendered necessary by the very extraordinary traffic caused by the movements of guns and troops over these roads; but the District Council in passing these resolutions provided that the War Department should contribute the difference between these prices and the old prices, before the establishing of the Camp at Glen Imaal. As the Officers of War Department declined to state whether they would, or would not, contribute, and, in fact, completely ignored all communications addressed to them, the Rural District Council declined to receive tenders at the higher prices, and only let the contracts on tenders based on the old (before the establishment of the Camp) prices. Last November, at the request of the War Department, and at great personal inconvenience and expense, I met an Officer of Royal Engineers and inspected these roads with a view to ascertaining the amount they would cost to maintain to meet the standard

required by the Military. The Officer, who was most painstaking and courteous, promptly forwarded his report to headquarters, but from the time (last December) we were informed that his report had been handed in, we have heard nothing, and our communications with the War Office have not even been acknowledged.

Naas No. 2 Rural District—A contract for the rebuilding of Annalecka Bridge—The money required for this work is to be obtained on a loan, and before you sanction this contract it will be necessary to take steps to obtain the money. The Local Government Board have approved of the plans, etc. In connection with this Bridge I have received a communication from the Secretary of the Irish Automobile Club asking leave to make some temporary improvements, as the bridge is dangerous to motor traffic. As these improvement would be useful, I recommend that I be permitted to sanction them.

In accordance with your instructions I have ascertained that the Prisons Board will contribute half the cost (not exceeding £20) of rebuilding a wall at the rear of the Gaol and Courthouse. I recommend that this work be now proceeded with.

I have received a letter from the County Court Judge requesting some improvements in Tinahely Court-house. I consider that these improvements would be reasonable, and recommend that I be permitted to have them carried out.

Certain parties in Arklow have erected temporary hoardings in front of new buildings, and as these hoardings completely block the footpath, and the parties responsible have refused to remove them so as to allow some passage for the public, I request that I be permitted to consult with, and employ, your solicitor to protect the public interest.

I have ascertained that the cost of proper telephonic plant, etc., between the Secretary's Office, County Surveyor's Office, and Council Chamber would be between £13 and £14, and request authority to spend such amount in carrying out your instructions given at last Quarterly Meeting.—Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Permission granted Secretary, Irish Automobile Club to make some temporary improvements to Annalecka Bridge.

County Surveyor directed to proceed with work of rebuilding wall at the rear of the Gaol and Court-house.

County Surveyor empowered to expend £10 in heating Tinahely Court-house.

Telephonic plant, etc., between the Secretary's Office, County Surveyor's Office, and Council Chamber, at probable cost of £14, allowed.

Proposed by Councillor W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren—That the matter of Lighting of Bray Court-house be referred to Mr. Gallagher, C.E., for report, as to the probable cost of same, and that he be empowered to carry out the work if not over £10. The Chairman declared the motion lost, on a show of hands being taken.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street, Dublin, 7th May, 1907.
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, 1907.

Sixty-two articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—29; milk, 12; whiskey, 10; cheese, 5; buttermilk, 4; skim-milk, 1; rum, 1; total, 62. They were all pure.

There were six 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.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	11.480	15.960	24.920	11.200
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.009	0.010	0.009	0.012
Saline ammonia	0.0025	0.004	0.008	0.0045
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace	3.440	Trace
Chlorine	1.590	1.689	2.385	1.789
Sulphuric acid	1.4412	1.4412	5.0442	2.1618
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.0000	2.0000	7.0000	3.0000

All not quite up to the standard of best waters, but not far below the standard.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twenty-one drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound mixture of senna, was high in gravity, solids and crystalized magnesium sulphate.

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

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union seventeen drugs and four specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, solution of ferric chloride, was slightly high in iron. Three of the specimens of milk were adulterated with at least 14, 37 and 57 per cent. of added water, respectively.

For the County Committee of Agriculture two specimens of feeding stuff, one fertilizer, and one of linseed oil, were analysed.

There were seven fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company.

For Mr. R. T. Evans, Greystones, two specimens of milk were analysed. One was deprived of at least 23 per cent. of its fat.

Two specimens of water analysed for Mrs. Bayly, Woodenbridge, had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	8.120	8.400
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.009
Nitric acid	0.540	Trace
Chlorine	1.192	1.292
Sulphuric acid	1.4442	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.0000	2.0000

No. 1 was a good water; No. 2 was slightly inferior to No. 1.

One specimen of water analysed for J. W. S. Harrison, Esq., Rathnew, had the following composition. One imperial gallon con-

tained in grains:—Total solid matters, 28.560; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.013; saline ammonia, 0.0035; nitric acid, 0.930; chlorine, 2.783; sulphuric acid, 7.206; equal to calcium sulphate, 10.000. A rather inferior water.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, thirty-two drugs were analysed. They were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for Naas Urban District Council, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 30.380; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.004; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.292; sulphuric acid, 8.6472; equal to calcium sulphate, 12.0000. A fairly good water.

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

Total solid matters	43.120	35.560	36.120
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.024	0.006	0.017
Saline ammonia	0.031	0.005	0.024
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace	0.790
Chlorine	2.186	1.093	2.087
Sulphuric acid	11.5296	8.6472	10.0884
Equal to calcium sulphate	16.0000	12.0000	14.0000

No. 1 was polluted, and unfit for use; No. 2 was not much better than No. 1; No. 3 was a fairly good water.

Total analyses—162.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

REPORT ON BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

Wicklow, 21st January, 1907. E. N. Wynne, Esq., C.E., J.P., Secretary Wicklow County Council. Dear Sir,—In accordance with a resolution of your Council passed on 17th May, 1906, I attended at Terenure and inspected the audited accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1906. The receipts of every nature from the working of the undertaking amounted to £3,897 0s. 1d. during the half-year, and the expenses during the same period to £2,949 6s. 1d., leaving a sum of £947 14s. available towards the payment of dividend on the guaranteed capital, as against £725 18s. 10d. in the corresponding period of last year. Credit having been given for the above, there remains due a sum of £52 6s. in respect of dividend for the half-year, one moiety of which, £26 3s., is owing by your Council. Amongst the items charged against revenue is a sum of £302 19s. 8d. for hire of rolling stock—viz.: £283 6s. 8d., an additional payment on account of an engine, and £19 13s., being portion of the cost of building a bogie at Templeogue. Similar payments in respect of engine and bogie appeared in previous accounts, and were referred to by the auditors. I have nothing to add to their remarks thereon. The portion of the running expenses, etc., to be paid by the Phoulaphuca Tramway Company, for the working of their line, has been calculated in accordance with the agreement existing between the two companies, and properly charged in the accounts. The total running expenses during the half-year under the headings—

fuel, oil, and water, amounted to £580 12s. 3d., the total mileage being 46,177 miles. Hence the average cost per mile for these expenses works out at 3,016 pence per mile. Of the above £580 12s. 3d. a sum of £500 10s. 7d. is charged to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for working 38,392 miles, and £80 1s. 8d. to the Phoulaphuca Company for working 7,785 miles. The former amounts to 3.128 pence per mile, and the latter to 2.468 pence per mile. This is all in accordance with the agreement which establishes the principle that the cost of working an average mile of the Dublin and Blessington Company's road is greater than that of working a mile of the other company's. When arranging the through rates between Terenure and Phoulaphuca this view seems to have been lost sight of by both Companies, as a few examples will sufficiently illustrate. Taking the distance from Terenure to Blessington as 15½ miles, and from Blessington to Phoulaphuca as 4½ miles, I worked out the following interesting results:—First class single fare from Terenure to Phoulaphuca 2s. 6d., of which 1s. 8d. goes to the Dublin and Blessington Company, and 10d. to the other, or in other words the former receives only 1.29 pence per mile, while the Phoulaphuca Company receives 2.22 pence per mile. First class return—Total, 3s. 6d.; Dublin and Blessington Company's share, 2s. 4d., or 0.903 pence per mile; Phoulaphuca Company, 1s. 2d., or 1.55 pence per train mile. Third class single—Total, 1s. 9d.; Dublin and Blessington, 1s. 2d., or 0.903 pence per mile; Phoulaphuca, 7d., or 1.55 pence per mile. Third class return—Total, 2s. 6d.; Dublin and Blessington 1s. 8d., or 0.64 pence per mile; Phoulaphuca 10d., or 1.11 pence per mile.—Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Accountant.

Order—Copy of this Report to be sent to Arbitrators, and to Secretary of the Tramway Company.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we learn with wrath and indignation the almost certain closing down of Kynoch's Arklow Factory, brought about by the prosecution and persecution of the Home Office Officialdom, animated, we believe, by the old jealousy and hate of the Irish trade; and we deplore this great wiping out of a great Irish industry all the more as taking place under the aegis of the Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, whose father was a life-long friend of Ireland; and we now call on the Home Secretary to save Arklow from absolute ruin by ordering:—(I.) That the Kynoch's magazines be released forthwith; (II.) That all further oppressive action be withdrawn; (III.) That the dispute between Kynoch's and the Home Office Inspectors be referred to arbitration, as provided in the Act, section 56; (IV.) By placing the Arklow Factory, as an Irish industry, under the control of an Irish Department, with power to the latter to appoint its own inspectors. And further, that copies of the foregoing be forwarded to the Right Hon. Herbert Gladstone, to Mr. Arthur Chamberlain, to the Irish Leader, Mr. John E. Redmond; Mr. John Dillon, Sir Thomas Esmonde, Mr. Wm. Field, and the County Members, Messrs. D. J. Cogan and James O'Connor, imploring the Irish Party to exercise their strong power to save Arklow and Irish industry, and thus avert an almost national calamity. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we request the County Committee of Agriculture to report to the County Council the names of the

seed merchants in this county whose seeds have been declared by the experts of the Department of Agriculture to be impure and showing a low percentage of germinating power. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to write to the Inspector General of Constabulary to inquire whether any instructions are issued to the constabulary with regard to carrying out the provisions of the Motor Car Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be applied to to sanction a limit of speed of six miles an hour for motor cars between Annamoe three roads and the end of the county road at the Upper Lake of Glendalough; also between Annagowlawn three roads and the three roads at Ballinahinch. Passed.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 14565/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th March, 1907. Enclosing negotiable receipt for £6,602 6s. 4d., being the portion of the Agricultural Grant payable to the Council in the half-year ending 31st March, 1907, and notifying that a sum of £3,117 9s. 7d., which accrued due to the Irish Land Commission and to the Commissioners of National Debt in respect of land purchase in the County during the two financial years 1906 and 1907, had been withdrawn from the Death Duty Grant, and from the Agricultural Grant, on this occasion to recoup the Guarantee Fund formed under the Land Acts of 1891 and 1903.

No. 17740/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th April, 1907. Enclosing copies of the certificates under which the deductions were made from the Death Duty Grant and from the Agricultural Grant, also enclosing a statement showing the share to which each Board of Guardians and Road Authority would have been entitled in the sum of £2,896 10s. 11d. Death Duty Grant, and stating that the Board would again write as to the manner in which the deduction from the Agricultural Grant should be dealt with in the County Accounts.

No. 129M/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th November, 1906. Transmitting copy of the General Rules for carrying into effect the Labourers (Ireland) Act, made by the Board in pursuance of section 31 of the Act of 1906.

No. 18673/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th April, 1907. Sanctioning the proposal to borrow a sum of £350 from the Commissioners of Public Works for the purpose of re-building Annaleeka Bridge, in Naas No. 2 Rural District, repayment to be spread over a period of twenty years, and the loan to be issued in two instalments of £300 and £50.

No. 23054/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th May, 1907. Enclosing copy of a letter from Mr. A. J. Gorman, Dunlavin, relative to an account due to him as secretary and School Attendance Officer of the School Attendance Committee

for the district of Dunlavin, and asking for the observations of the Council thereon. Order—That Secretary reply that the sanction of the Local Government Board has been already applied for, and on the replies having been forwarded on the form, that Board did not see its way to sanction an extension of time for the purpose. This was communicated to Mr. Gorman. This official has again on this occasion failed to furnish his account within the statutory time.

No. 1118/1907; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, March, 1907. Printed circular transmitting copies of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907, and drawing the Council's attention to certain important provisions in same.

(No. 83). Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (dated 27th March, 1907); County Borough of Dublin (Control of Dogs) Order of 1907.

No. 10847/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th April, 1907. Notifying an offence against the Provisions of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts at Tinahely by Mr. Henry Pasley, Barrack-street, Tinahely, through selling a sample of butter containing 1.6 per cent. of water in excess of the maximum proportion allowable under Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902.

8th May, 1907. From Sergeant J. Clifford, R.I.C., Tinahely—reporting that Mr. Henry Pasley, Barrack-street, Tinahely, had been convicted for an offence against the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and fined 5s. and 18s. 6d. costs.

No. 11817/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 27th April, 1907. Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, and found to be pure:—Rathdrum, 3 samples; Tinahely, 1 do.

No. 2566/1907; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th May, 1907. Enclosing specimen copies of the Placard Notice to be issued on the subject of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907, and asking for a liberal estimate of the number the Council required for posting throughout the County. Order—Five hundred required.

C.O.761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 25th April, 1907. Notifying the persons appointed to complete the School Attendance Committee for Dunlavin Division of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

No. 246/1907. Board of Trade (Census of Production Office), 68 Victoria-street, London, S.W., 18th April, 1907. Enclosing copy of a notice to public authorities as to their obligations under the Census of Production Act, 1906.

2nd May, 1907. Certificate signed by Rev. Thomas Rowan, Chairman of Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—showing that Andrew Gorman, of Dunlavin, has been appointed School Attendance Officer to the said Committee. Approved.

10th April, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing Return of Admissions charged against the County of Wicklow for the quarter ending 31st March, 1907.

18th April, 1907. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—expressing the views of his Council as to the necessity of Byelaws regulating the speed of Motors in the County, and the lighting of all vehicles after sunset.

22nd March, 1907. From Same—complaining of the County Printer's delay in printing an forwarding the necessary Requisition

Forms, and pointing out the great inconvenience caused by these delays. Order—Specification to be adhered to.

20th April, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting on the Criminal Injury Cases placed in his hands, as follows:—Editha Gardiner v. County Council—Dismissed with costs. Christopher Lowe v. County Council—Dismissed with costs. Thomas Butler v. County Council—Dismissed with £1 witness expenses.

16th March, 1907. From Viscount Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry—further letter pointing out the great hardship it is on Motorists, Cyclists, and Pedestrians, owing to there being no Finger Posts in the County. Order—Regret to say we have no funds—Secretary to explain.

22nd March, 1907. From Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—submitting a list of names of gentlemen willing to act as surety for his Fidelity Bond with the Council in room of Mr. John Keane, deceased; and asking the Council to select from the list a person to fill the vacancy. Mr. John Cunniam, Glen Hotel, Ashford, accepted.

11th May, 1907. From Collector James Byrne, Rockbog, Arklow—informing the Council that one of his sureties proposes selling his farm, and submitting the names of Mr. Eugene Fogarty, 22 Main-street, Arklow; and Mr. Charles Kinsella, as sureties for his Fidelity Bond. Sureties approved.

18th March, 1907. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—stating that, under the Regulations as approved by Government, the Constabulary cannot include in their reports any statement which would indicate their views or suspicions as to the cause of injuries alleged to be malicious.

Form 6. Notice of application for compensation for alleged criminal injury to property of Mary McInerney, Anne Lynham, and John Lynham, at Mount Seskin, Parish of Tallaght, County of Dublin. Amount claimed, £49.

Form No. 2. Notice of application for compensation for alleged criminal injury to property of Colonel W. H. O. Kemmis, Rathdrum Rural District. Amount claimed, £50.

Form No. 2. Notice of application for compensation for alleged criminal injury to property of Henry Sutton, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Amount claimed, £30. Police report on same.

25th April, 1907. From W. Beddoes, English and Irish Traffic Representative, Great Western Railway, Upper Newrath, Waterford—asking for the Council's co-operation with his Company in their efforts to arrange through Passenger Fares via Fishguard and Rosslare new route to and from Wicklow, and the various stations and tourist resorts on the Dublin and South Eastern Railway—and enclosing copy of his Company's application to the Railway and Canal Commissioners, and directing special attention to Clause 4 and 9 on Page 3 of same.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, respectfully urge the Railway and Canals Commission to grant, with as little delay as possible, the application of the Great Western Railway of England for through Passenger Fares between Stations on their various systems and Stations on the Dublin and South Eastern Railway, which would be of the greatest public convenience, serve the best

interests of the shareholders of both railways, and confer lasting beneficial advantages on the entire area served by the Dublin and South Eastern Railway. That we authorise our Chairman and Secretary to give evidence in support of the application. Passed.

8th May, 1907. From Secretary, Wexford County Council, Court-house, Wexford—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Council in support of the application of the Great Western Railway of England to the Railway and Canals Commission.

6th April, 1907. From Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Court-house, Wicklow—enclosing a letter from the Hon. Secretary to the Roundwood Agricultural and Industries Committee re dates of Dipping Periods for Sheep.

24th April, 1907. From Hon. Secretary, Roundwood Agricultural and Industries Committee—enclosing resolution protesting against the proposed exclusion of Ireland from the benefits of the Bill now before Parliament re Sale of Sheep Dips and Agricultural Poisons. Adopted—Copies to be sent both Members of Parliament.

10th May, 1907. From Gregg and Co., Belfast—stating that they would be showing a new Sheep Dipping Apparatus at the coming Belfast Show, and asking that a Representative of the Council call and inspect it.

2nd May, 1907. From Secretary, National Directory of United Irish League, 39 Upper O'Connell-street, Dublin—asking the Council to appoint six delegates to the National Convention to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on 21st May, 1907, and enclosing six cards of admission for same. The following Members were nominated to attend, and the cards of admission distributed:—Councillors John J. Reilly, James Galvin, Joseph McCarroll, E. P. O'Kelly, John Storey, M. Fleming.

From McDougall Brothers, 68 Port-street, Manchester—enclosing illustrated pamphlet re Dipping Apparatus and Sheep Dips.

Printed list of subscribers to Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, together with the Yearly Accounts for 1906—and notification from the Hon. Secretary of a vacancy on the Committee of Management in room of Mr. Simon T. Doyle, deceased.

28th March, 1907. From London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Westmoreland-street, Dublin—asking for business from the Council under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906.

6th May, 1907. From Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—asking the Council to fill the vacancies on his Committee due to the resignation of Rev. L. O'Byrne, P.P., and Rev. J. Hickey, C.C. The Council appointed Rev. John O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum, and Rev. Peter Earley, C.C., to fill the vacancies.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

11th March, 1907. From County Borough Council of Limerick—resolution in favour of Through Rates to all Stations in Ireland for Irish Traffic of all descriptions. Adopted.

From Hon. Secretary, Catholic Graduates' and Under Graduates' Association, Dawson Chambers, Dawson-street, Dublin—resolutions supporting in the strongest manner the Government's proposed Scheme of Irish University Reform. Adopted.

12th April, 1907. From Abbeyleix District Council—resolution supporting the Government's proposed Scheme of Irish University Reform. Adopted.

17th April, 1907. From Waterford County Council—resolution protesting against the distinction drawn between the Corporation and County Councils with regard to nomination for the Office of High Sheriff.

9th May, 1907. From Kilkenny County Council—enclosing copies of resolutions of his Council passed consequent to the deductions under the Land Purchase Acts from certain Government Grants.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH JUNE, 1907.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, the 14th June, 1907, at 12 o'clock noon.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, James Byrne, B. McDonald, John J. Reilly, William Burke, William Costello, Daniel Condren, Michael Fleming, P. J. Carey, Patrick Short, James Galvin, Joseph McCarroll, and D. J. Cogan.

The newly-elected Councillor representing Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Mr. John Murphy, signed the declaration accepting office, and took his seat on the Council.

BUSINESS.

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District.
- 5—To recommend Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 6—To appoint a gentleman as Member of the Council of Agriculture, in place of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, deceased.
- 7—To receive reply from the War Office, and, if necessary, rescind the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, consenting to the Bye-laws regulating the use of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.
- 8—To sign the application for Bounty in Lieu of Rates in respect of Avondale Estate.
- 9—To appoint Two Members of the Joint Committee of Management for Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, in place of the late Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., and of the late Mr. Simon T. Doyle.
- 10—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 12—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 13—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

The chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Edw. P. O'Kelly, J.P., and minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly be and is hereby re-elected Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and, until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne be, and is hereby re-elected Vice-chairman of this Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Friday, the 14th day of June, 1907, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly; P. J. Carey, J. McCarroll, Michael Byrne, Wm. Burke, and James Byrne. An application for an increase of payment was received from Mr. Joseph Keane, collector. The Committee regret they do not see their way to alter the decision in this case come to at last meeting. The tenders from the several Insurance Companies for insuring the County Council against liability under the Workman's Compensation Act, and under all similar Acts, and at common law, were submitted to the Committee, and were carefully considered. The Committee recommended that the tender of the Guardian Assurance Company, with a capital of £200,000, by a premium of £5 3s., be accepted by the Council.—Signed, D. J. COGAN, Chairman of Finance Committee. 14th June, 1907.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed by 10 votes to 3.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That this Council hereby accepts the tender of the Guardian Assurance Company, Ltd., 3 Suffolk-street, Dublin, in which they undertake to fully and completely indemnify the County Council against all liability under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, 1897 to 1906; the Employers' Liability Act, 1880, the Fatal Accidents Act, 1846; and at Common Law (including law costs), to the 53 employees of the County Council at a premium of £5 3s., and we authorise our Secretary to take out a policy on these terms. Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," "Wicklow People," and "Wicklow Free Press," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District, and one reply received from Patrick Joseph Carey, junior, Tomanierin, Aughrim.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

Wicklow County Council. Poor Rate Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its meeting to be held in the Courthouse, Wicklow, on the 14th June, 1907, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Aughrim, Ballinacash, Ballinacor, Ballinderry, Knockrath, Rathdrum, Trooperstown (No. 16 Collecting District), at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector. Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 10-30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and addresses of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,500, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a

sum of £750. Applicants should attend before the Council on same date. By Order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the Council.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Joseph Carey, junior, be appointed Rate Collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of 6d. in the £1. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Valuation Office to have the Lists revised accordingly. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we deeply deplore the death of our late respected colleague, Dr. R. Norman Thompson, and request our Secretary to convey to Mrs. Norman Thompson and her family our deep and sincere sympathy. Carried nem con.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by the late Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., Kendlestown, Delgany, to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we 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 Courthouse, Wicklow. 14th June, 1907. Signed—Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council.

No. 14966/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th May, 1907. Notifying a vacancy on the Council of Agriculture owing to the lamented death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, and directing that the attention of the Council be drawn to Section 27, Sub-section (4) and (5) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, when electing a representative to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Councillor James Galvin member of the Council of Agriculture in room of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., deceased, for the balance of the three years ending 31st March, 1909. Passed.

The Council having had before them the letter from the Army Council, dated 31st May, 1907—Irish 25 (2) (L. B.)—proposing to pay for the present finance year on the old assessment of £60 per annum as the War Department's contribution in respect of roads in the vicinity of the Glen Imaal Artillery Ranges, and stating that when a settlement of the future contribution has been arrived at any necessary adjustment can then be made—the question of rescinding the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, consenting to the By-laws regulating the use of the range was held over pending the result of the Army Council's decision as to the amount of their future contribution.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor

D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we now sign the application to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland for bounty in lieu of rates in respect of the Avondale Estate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That the application for bounty in lieu of rates from the Department of Agriculture, and the requisition order to tax Mr. McCarroll's costs be signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That we appoint the following two persons to fill the vacancies on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the deaths of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., and Simon T. Doyle:—John Murphy, Vive Vale, Delgany; John A. Loverock, Delgany. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—In connection with the large deduction from the Agricultural Grant, which I reported to you at your last meeting, I have since that meeting received a letter from the Local Government Board dated 17th May, 1907, in which that Board states that all agricultural land is entitled to the benefit of the Agricultural Grant as certified for the standard year. The letter then goes on to point out how this Agricultural Grant is to be dealt with, in the opinion of that Board, in the Council's accounts. I need not trouble you with particulars of this plan, but may mention that there are a number of complications in it. But it is to a very serious point involved in it affecting the ratepayers to which I wish to draw your attention. The Agricultural Grant affects agricultural land and agricultural holdings only, and ratepayers occupying towns, villages, or other hereditaments only have no hand, act or part whatsoever in anything advantageous or disadvantageous in connection with it, and are in no way whatever responsible for the mismanagement which has brought about the deficit on this occasion in the Grant. But now the Local Government Board in this letter to which I refer, directs the Council to raise the whole of this deficiency in the Grant which the Government should have paid in full, by making an additional rate for County at Large charges to be levied off these very ratepayers who have nothing whatever to do with the matter, and pay out these rates when levied solely for the benefit of the agricultural ratepayers—in my opinion a most inequitable and unjustifiable proceeding,—but the matter does not end there, for a proportion of the County at Large charges is in the ordinary course to be raised off Bray Urban District; however in the case of this special Departmental bungle relief rate, it shall not be so raised, but this proportion (amounting to one-tenth of the whole deficiency) as the Local Government Board naively puts it, "might safely be dealt with by putting it into the estimate for rates for separate charges," thereby again further increasing the rates on those very ratepayers who have nothing to do with it. I would recommend the County Council, as the guardian of the ratepayers, through its Finance Committee, to take this letter into very serious consideration before entering upon this rather complicated rate to meet the Government's deductions from the Grant. According to your directions at your last meeting, I have in-

vited proposals from a number of Insurance Companies, for insuring the Council against liability under the Workman's Compensation Act, 1906, and under all similar Acts, and at common law, and have submitted their replies to your Finance Committee, which recommends the Guardian Assurance Company, Suffolk-street, Dublin, who tenders for the 53 employees at £5 3s. per annum. It is my sad duty to announce a vacancy which has occurred in your Council since last you met, through the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, the most regular attendant at the meetings of this Council; in him you have lost one of your most efficient, active, and courteous members, and I have lost a very sincere and valued friend. His death also causes vacancies on the Board of Technical Instruction in Dublin, on the Joint Committees of Management of Richmond Asylum, of the County Infirmary, and of the Newtown Fever Hospital, also on your Finance and Proposals Committee, and on the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. The balance to credit of the County Council account in the Bank this morning amounts to £7,102 7s. 9d. You have already signed transfers to Unions and to Rural Districts out of this balance, amounting to £6,297 10s., which leaves your net balance £804 17s. 9d.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary.

Order. Adopted—The question of deduction from Government Grants being referred to a special meeting of the Finance Committee.

County Council Office, Wicklow, 14th June, 1907. To Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—I should be glad if you would accord me four weeks' leave of absence from the 22nd July next, and that during my absence that the assistants be directed to carry out any necessary work, etc.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Granted.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council calls on the Home Secretary to submit the whole question at issue between the Home Office and Kynochs, Ltd., to an independent board of experts, on which the Home Office and Kynochs shall be equally represented, with the Lord Chancellor of Ireland as umpire, and that pending their decision the magazines be released and all prosecutions withdrawn. That the delegates to attend the deputation to Mr. Gladstone from County Council be E. P. O'Kelly, E. C. Walsh, D. J. Cogan, Joseph McCarroll. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That this Council is of the opinion that Mr. A. Nolan, who has acted with marked ability as Chief Agricultural Instructor in this county during the past five years is, by his training and experience, eminently qualified for the position of Lay Assistant Land Commissioner, and we hereby strongly recommend him for that appointment, and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief and Under Secretaries for Ireland. Passed.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the County Council. Gentlemen,—I beg to apply to you for as much linoleum as will cover the floor of a room in my apartments.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, THOMAS WILLIAMS, Court-keeper. Granted.

The undertaking required by the Commissioners of Public Works before recommending the loan of £350 required for the purpose of rebuilding Annalecka Bridge to the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury for sanction—was signed by the Chairman and Secretary.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 23690/1907. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th May, 1907. Sealed order fixing Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District as the area of charge for pump at Seekin.

No. 27395/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd June, 1907. Enclosing copy of a letter which the Board have addressed to Mr. A. J. Gorman, Dunlavin, relative to the payment of an account furnished by him, amounting to £8 15s.

No. 17740/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th May, 1907. Directing how the deficit in the Agricultural Grant is to be made up, and also how it is to be treated in the County Council's accounts. Order—Refer to Finance Committee.

No. 15451/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 3rd June, 1907. Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in that county under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure:—Carnew, 2 samples.

No. 15494/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 3rd June, 1907. Asking the Council to determine what action they will take under the Fertilizers' and Feeding Stuffs' Act, 1906—and enclosing a copy of the Act.

S.S. No. 172/1907; County Wicklow. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th May, 1907. Stating that the Inspector-General, R.I.C., is being asked to take proceedings against Mr. G. W. Burton for three offences under the Sheep Scab Orders.

3rd June, 1907. From Veterinary Inspector W. J. Richardson, Castle-street, Bray—reporting further breaches of the Sheep Scab Orders by Mr. G. W. Burton, and asking for instructions as to the disinfecting and cleansing of Mr. Burton's farm and premises where the sheep were detained.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 29th May, 1907. Notifying a loan of £1,400 to the Guardians of Naas Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 30th May, 1907. Notifying a loan of £2,500 to the Joint Committee of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

No. 151980/6. Home Office, London, S.W., 29th May, 1907. From the Secretary of State for the Home Department, acknowledging the Council's resolution re Kynochs.

Moor Green Hall, Birmingham, 1st June, 1907. From Arthur Chamberlain—acknowledging the Council's resolution re Kynochs.

Ballinastraw, Gorey, 2nd June, 1907. From Sir Thomas H. G. Esmé—acknowledging the Council's resolution re Kynochs.

Blackrock, County Dublin, 30th May, 1907. From William Field, M.P.—acknowledging the Council's resolution re Kynochs—and enclosing some copies of a letter which he has addressed to the Ministers of the Crown and to the Press concerning the matter.

Railway and Canal Commission, Royal Courts of Justice, London, W.C., 29th May, 1907. Acknowledging the Council's resolution regarding the Midland Great Western Railway Company's Application for through fares.

7th June, 1907. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. James Henry Coleman, J.P., Griffinstown.

Grange Con, was re-elected as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

7th June, 1907. Telegram from the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying the re-election of Captain Alfred Zeller as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

7th June, 1907. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying the election of Mr. John Murphy, Vive Vale, Delgany, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

7th June, 1907. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—notifying the re-election of Mr. P. J. Carey as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

8th June, 1907. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that, as the re-elected Chairman of his Council, Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely, is already a County Councillor, the District Council has again nominated Mr. Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, to take his place as an additional member of the County Council.

27th May, 1907. From George Newsom, V.S., Killoughter, Ashford—acknowledging the Council's resolution relative to prosecutions under the Sheep Scab Orders—and asking if the Council would pay him two guineas fee, and his travelling expenses for each time he attended a Court to prosecute in these cases without the assistance of the Council's solicitor. Order—Secretary to reply that prosecutions be left in statu quo.

5th June, 1907. From A. Gordon, Engineer's Office, Great Southern and Western Railway Company, Inchicore, Dublin—proposing to make certain deductions from the account for maintenance of overbridges approaches for the half-year ending 31st March, 1907. Order—Refer to Secretary's letter of 4th June, 1907, now confirmed by the Council. If the Railway Company not satisfied therewith they will please give this Council an undertaking that the Railway Company will in future themselves keep the overbridge approaches to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

14th June, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting that the King's Bench unanimously refused to make the Conditional Order absolute in *Hewson v. County Council*, but without costs.

Form No. 2. Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for alleged malicious injury to the property of Wm. Halliday, Ballinacor, Rural District of Rathdrum. Amount claimed £50, and police report on same.

27th May, 1907. From Wm. T. Kirkpatrick, Donacowper, Celbridge—notifying that he had withdrawn his claim for compensation for alleged malicious injury to his property.

30th May, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—acknowledging the Secretary's letter notifying him that W. T. Kirkpatrick had withdrawn his claim for compensation for alleged malicious injury to his property.

28th May, 1907. From Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, Aldborough House, Dublin—asking for the Council's consent to the proposed transfer of three telegraph poles east of Enniskerry Bridge to the opposite side of the road. Order—Work to be done to satisfaction of County Surveyor.

May, 1907. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General

Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—asking the Council to discuss the failure of the Financial Provisions of the Land Act of 1903, and also the subject of the prevention of tuberculosis, as these matters will shortly come before a special meeting of his Council.

May, 1907. From same—enclosing copy of a resolution asking co-operation in the purchase and choosing of common standard samples and sizes of all the articles not at present made in Ireland required, and to thereby encourage the establishment of new industries in the country.

24th May, 1907. From the National Telephone Company, Limited, Telephone Buildings, Temple Bar, Dublin—asking for the Council's consent to the erection of eight poles on the highway in Greystones in accordance with the positions marked in red on the accompanying plan. Permission granted.

13th June, 1907. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Wicklow—notifying two vacancies on his Committee through the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, Kendlestown, Delgany, and the resignation of the Rev. Laurence O'Byrne, P.P., formerly of Ovoca; and asking the Council to fill these vacancies. Order—To be placed as an item on the agenda for the next meeting.

13th June, 1907. From Same—transmitting a report submitted to his Committee by their Agricultural Instructor, Mr. A. Nolan, complaining of the manner in which analyses are carried out by the County Analyst, Sir Charles A. Cameron, together with a further letter from Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., re same. Order—Copy of report to be sent Sir Charles A. Cameron asking for an explanation re same.

June, 1907. From James H. Webb, Hon. Secretary Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, 20 Lincoln-place, Dublin—offering suggestions regarding the conducting of any architectural competitions which may be promoted by the Council.

7th June, 1907. From the Hon. General Secretaries to the Second International Congress on School Hygiene to be held in London from August 5th to 10th—asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress.

22nd May, 1907. From McDougall Brothers, 68 Port-street, Manchester—enclosing particulars of their Sheep Dips and their Dipping Appliances.

17th May, 1907. From the South Dublin Rural District Council—resolution condemning the Irish Council Bill, and calling upon the Irish Parliamentary Party to do all in their power to prevent its becoming law.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26TH AUGUST, 1907.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 26th August, 1907, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, Edward C. Walsh, Michael Fleming, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, Daniel Condren, Jos. Dunne, William Osborne, William Costello, Patrick Short, John Murphy, John J. Reilly, James Galvin, James Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, 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 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 sign certificates for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates.
- 11—To fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P.
- 12—To fill two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., and the resignation of Rev. Laurence O'Byrne, P.P.
- 13—To rescind the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, giving consent to the By-laws regulating the use of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.
- 14—To hear a personal application from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee to erect permanent buildings in Arklow for a County Day Trade Preparatory Schools.
- 15—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 16—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 17—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 18—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 6th August, 1907:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, Michael 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—				4,341	10	10
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	534	7	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	50	13	5—	585	1	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	302	6	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	450	14	5—	753	0	7
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	384	5	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	81	16	9—	466	1	9
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,559	2	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	310	17	9—	1,869	19	11
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	436	18	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	1	0—	493	19	1
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				18	3	3
Payments out of Loan Account				34	0	0

In Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Proposals a payment of £8 15s. was recommended subject to the Local Government Board extending the time within which the same could be made, this being one quarter's salary to Mr. A. J. Gorman, Secretary to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee. The attention of this officer to be called to his failure to furnish his accounts in proper time, and the Secretary to inform him that if he again fails the Committee will take serious notice of it.

In Rathdrum Rural District Proposals the Committee recommended for payment a sum of £12 10s., being quarter's pension to ex-Collector William Smith to 31st March, 1907, subject to the Local Government Board extending the time within which the same could be made, it having been inadvertently omitted from last quarter's payments.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payment on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1,008	10	0
Naas	242	0	0
Rathdown	1,039	0	0
Rathdrum	2,624	0	0
Shillelagh	919	0	0

Total ... £5,832 10 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	462	0	0
Naas No. 2	94	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	798	10	0
Rathdrum	950	15	0
Shillelagh	385	0	0

Total ... £2,690 10 0

The letter from the Local Government Board, dated 17th May, 1907, dealing with the deductions made from the Agriculture and other Government Grants to the County Council under the Land Purchase Act, and suggesting the manner in which the deficit so caused is to be raised, and how it is to be dealt with in the County Council's accounts, having been referred to the Finance Committee by the County Council for their consideration and report was read, the Committee adjourned the further consideration of the same pending the final settlement of the question by the Government, and directed the accountant in the meantime to carry forward in the Council's accounts as a debit balance against the Government the sum of £3,117 9s. 7d. withheld from the last payment of the Government Grants.

The Secretary brought forward for consideration the question of effectively carrying out the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order, and informed the Committee that, pending the directions which he had already asked for from the County Council, he had simply filed the various notices received from the Constabulary in pigeon holes in the office, and reported from time to time to the Council any breaches of the Order brought under his notice.

The Committee directed the Secretary to continue to deal with the notices under the Order in the same manner.

The Secretary was further directed to ascertain whether any of the parties reported by the police on this occasion as having failed to dip their sheep prior to fetching them to fairs, had been previously reported for the same neglect.

The Committee recommended for payment, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the following Supplemental List of Irrecoverable Rates:—

No. 6. Collector Michael McGrath £1 14s. 2d.

An application was received from Collector Joseph Keane to the Committee to re-consider his application for an increase of salary, or to be put on the same footing as other rate collectors under the Council, and enclosing a printed leaflet showing collector's salaries, etc.

The Committee are unable to see any grounds to alter their previous decision on this application.

An application was received from Collector Geo. Evans asking to be given a fixed poundage rate of 6d. in the £—as in the case of all newly-appointed rate collectors.

The Committee, as in Collector Keane's case, also declined to accede to this application.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note 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 DISTRICT COUNCILS:

County at Large—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve

of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,341 10s. 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 T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £585 1s. 4d. (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 T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £753 0s. 7d. (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 M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £466 1s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District Council, amounting to £1,869 19s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approved of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £493 19s. 4d. (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 E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £18 3s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown Floods Loan Account—Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of the Rathdown Floods Loan Account, amounting to £34 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Fleming, seconded by Councillor James 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 DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

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

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

Rathdown No. 2—Work No. 285 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Rathdrum—The tender of John Harte, Ballinvalley, Redcross, Rathdrum, was accepted for road No. 647 in the District Register, 1,365 perches, at 6 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. per perch. Guarantors—Edward Bennett, Baraniskey, Ovoca, and Daniel McDonald, do., do. Road No. 649 in the District Register, 504 perches, was put into the County Surveyor's charge. The remaining contracts, and two provisional proposals, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh—No proposals this quarter.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, 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 Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the certificate for bounty in lieu of rates be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. P. J. Kinlen be co-opted a Councillor to fill the vacancy on this Council caused by the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That we appoint the following two persons to fill the vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P., and the resignation of the Rev. Laurence O'Byrne, P.P.:—P. J. Kinlen, Montrose, Greystones; Rev. John Nolan, P.P., Ovoca. Passed.

The Council further adjourned for three months the question of rescinding the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, giving consent to the By-laws regulating the use of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.

The Council having heard the deputation from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and from the town of Arklow, with reference to the scheme suggested for the erection of an Evening Technical School Building in Arklow, and the establishment of a County Day Trade Preparatory School, at a proposed total extra cost to the County Council of £263 per annum,

It was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren—That we, the Wicklow County Council, approve of the proposal to erect permanent buildings in Arklow for Technical Instruction purposes, and for the establishment of a Day Trade Preparatory School and Scheme of Scholarships, and that it authorises the County Committee to approach the Department for the purpose of framing a definite scheme, the cost not to exceed the amount mentioned in the scheme read by Mr. Wake.

A poll being called for, there voted—For: Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, James Byrne, and J. McCarroll—4. Against: Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, Michael Byrne, Jos. Dunne, Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, James Galvin, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, John Murphy, Michael Fleming, and Patrick Short—13. The Chairman declared the motion lost by 13 votes to 4.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That our Corporate Seal be affixed to the

Deed of Mortgage of this date, now read, whereby security is given to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland for the repayment of the sum of Three Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£350) proposed to be advanced by them to us under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the Public Works Loans Act, 1898. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the Secretary be instructed to ask for a resolution from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council indemnifying the County Council against all charges in connection with the said mortgage. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That, inasmuch as this Council does not immediately require from the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland the total amount of the sum mentioned in the Deed of Mortgage to them executed this day by this Council, but prefer to receive the same by instalments as occasion may require, it is resolved that the requisitions for each advance shall be intimated to the said Commissioners by the Chairman of this Council for the time being, counter-signed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, and that each such requisition shall be forwarded to the accountant of the said Commissioners, and that all such advances shall be lodged to our account as "Annalecka Bridge Loan Instalment" in Wicklow Branch of the National Bank. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, Court-house, Wicklow, 26th day of August, 1907. Gentlemen,—The contracts coming before you to-day for your approval are not numerous, and are of the usual character. During the past quarter the road contractors have been fairly attentive to their work, but I regret to report a series of sudden damages which took place between the 19th and 21st July. With one exception the contractors went promptly to work and placed the roads in a safe condition. I have received several complaints from residents in Greystones as to the reckless driving of motorists on certain roads in the locality. I annex the letter received from the local District Councillor on the matter.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. To Wicklow County Council, 26th August, 1907.

The Council made no order on the letter from Mr. Ormsby Vandeleur, Rathlahine, Greystones—submitted by the County Surveyor—complaining of the danger to traffic caused by motors running through Church lane, Greystones.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Summer Quarterly Meeting, 1907.—26th August, 1907.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

Gentlemen,

On the 23rd inst. I carried out the annual inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

A.—The permanent way presents the usual untidy appearance, being overgrown with weeds and grass; the ballast should be repacked under

most of the new sleepers and more attention paid to the drainage. The old sleepers, as yet unreplaced by new, are greatly worn and much decayed. The bolts in fish plates, etc., are loose, with the result that the rail joints are not rigid and considerable pounding takes place at the ends of the rails, which at the slack joints, present a very battered appearance.

New waiting-rooms, offices, etc., have been erected at Blessington, a new goods platform has been constructed, the old cattle bank completely removed, and the old goods platform converted into a cattle bank. All these works are decided improvements tending to greater comfort and convenience of the public.

The rolling stock appears to be well maintained. On the day of my visit to the works at Templeogue, engines Nos. 8 and 9 were having general repairs carried out, engine No. 3 was being thoroughly overhauled and being rebuilt. Two new wagons are in progress and one wagon is being rebuilt. It is satisfactory to note that these are being done in the Company's Works, and that the timber used in the framings is Irish oak grown in the County Wicklow.

The tyres of many of the wheels of the rolling stock are greatly worn and distorted, and should be re-turned; but as the Company have no plant suitable for this work, it has to be sent out, which is inconvenient and very expensive.

B.—I suggest that a suitable lathe be obtained and the work carried out in the Company's sheds. A considerable saving would be effected, not only in the actual cost of the work, but by enabling this turning, etc., to be more frequently and promptly done. The wear and tear on permanent way and rolling stock would be lessened and the comfort of passengers increased.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., etc.

28th August, 1907.

Order—The attention of the Directors to be called to this report—especially to clauses marked A and B.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the report of Mr. Gallagher be sent to the Blessington Steam Tramway Company, specially desiring the Directors' attention to the necessity of economy in preserving the railway, etc. Adopted.

Church Hill, Wicklow, 26th August, 1907. The Chairman and County Council of Wicklow. Gentlemen,—I beg respectfully to apply for three weeks' leave of absence, for which I have the sanction of your County Surveyor.—Your obedient servant, J. Pansing, Assistant Co. Surveyor.

Order—Allowed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle Street, Dublin, 30th July, 1907. 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, 1907.

Seventy-eight articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter; number—31; milk, 24; whiskey, 17; cheese, 4; buttermilk, 2; total, 78.

Certificate sent to Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, for specimen of

whiskey, which was 35 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 13.33 per cent. of water.

Certificate sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11 per cent. of added water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, twelve drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, tincture of ferric chloride, contained a slight excess of iron.

Specimen of water analysed for Baltinglass Rural District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 15.260; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.014; saline ammonia, 0.009; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.894; sulphuric acid, 2.8824; equal to calcium sulphate, 4.0000. A very inferior water; well below the standard of purity.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, syrup of ferrous iodide, was deficient in iodine.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twelve specimens of milk, two of butter, two of whiskey, and eighteen drugs were analysed. Three of the milks were of poor quality. One of the specimens of butter was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of ferric chloride, contained an excess of iron.

There were fifteen 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. One contained an excess of water—namely, 17.6 per cent.

There were two fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co.

One specimen of water analysed for Bray Urban District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 38.920; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.030; saline ammonia, 0.006; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.093; sulphuric acid, 2.1618; equal to calcium sulphate, 3.0000. A polluted water; unfit for use.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, thirty drugs and two 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.
Total solid matters	5.040	3.920
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.013	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.024	0.012
Nitric acid	0.930	Trace.
Chlorine	0.994	0.795
Equal to calcium sulphate	None.	None.
Sulphuric acid	None.	None.

Both inferior waters.

Two specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Coun-

cil, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	32.760	32.760
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.040	0.015
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.027
Nitric acid	Trace.	Trace.
Chlorine	1.590	1.093
Sulphuric acid	5.0442	7.206
Equal to calcium sulphate	7.0000	10.000

No. 1 was polluted largely; and No. 2 polluted, but not so largely as in the case of No. 1.

In the original reports on the waters, full details, chemical and bacteriologically were given. Total analyses—186.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly:—I give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Local Government Board be requested to hold a sworn investigation into all the circumstances connected with Mrs. Catherine O'Toole's rating, the correspondence connected therewith, and the reasons for removing her name from the rate book and substituting another in its place.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Short:—I beg to give notice that I will move at next meeting of County Council that a Committee be appointed to frame By-laws regarding speed of motors, lighting of vehicles, and other matters connected with County and Urban District traffic in the county.

The reports from the deputy checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the poor rate collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 31697/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st June, 1907. Acknowledging the Council's resolution requesting the Board's sanction to a proposal to limit the speed of motor cars on certain roads in the county, and stating that the Board have power under Section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act, 1903, to make regulations restricting the driving of motor cars to a speed not exceeding ten miles an hour, but that they cannot fix the limit of speed required by the County Council—viz., six miles an hour. Also giving the procedure necessary where an application is made to have a limit of speed fixed by an Order of the Board.

No. 31673/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd June, 1907. Stating that the Board have recommended to the Commissioners of Public Works the loan of £350 sanctioned to the Council for the purpose of re-building Annalecka Bridge.

No. 33360/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd July, 1907. Approving of the appointment of Mr. Patrick Joseph Carey, junior, as poor rate collector for No. 16 (Aughrim) Collecting District.

No. 41335/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board,

Dublin, 12th August, 1907. Acknowledging receipt of copy of new form of tender for repairing road in use in County Wicklow.

No. 41871/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th August, 1907. Enclosing copy of a letter addressed by the Board to Rev. Thomas Rowan, Dunlavin—relative to the claim for unpaid salary furnished to the Council by Mr. A. J. Gorman, Secretary to the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee.

No. 16749/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th June, 1907. Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the county under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure:—Blessington, 3 samples; Bray, 3 samples.

No. 16750/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th June, 1907. Notifying that two samples of butter had been taken up in Wicklow town under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure.

No. 17145/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th June, 1907. Acknowledging Secretary's letter stating that the vacancy on the Council of Agriculture caused by the death of Dr. R. Norman Thompson had been filled by the appointment of Mr. James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum.

No. 4386/1907; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, August, 1907. Stating that local authorities are at liberty themselves to prosecute in cases of breaches of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907; and that it has also been arranged that the Constabulary will prosecute for all offences against the Order in all cases in which they are requested to do so by the local authority.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the police are requested to prosecute in every case of breach of the Sheep Dipping Orders where the person guilty has been previously warned or notified. Passed.

No. 4489/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 22nd August, 1907. Approving of the appointment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., to the position of Veterinary Inspector for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

No. 13277/. Dublin Castle, 19th June, 1907. Acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution sent to the Under Secretary for Ireland recommending the Agricultural Instructor, Mr. A. Nolan, for the position of Lay Assistant Land Commissioner.

No. 14784/. Dublin Castle, 8th August, 1907. Printed circular making certain changes to meet the convenience of persons wishing to tour with their motor cars in Germany so as to arrange for the simplification, as far as possible, of the formalities required by the German authorities.

7310/07. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 26th June, 1907. Pointing out, for the information of the Council, their powers under the Sea Fisheries Acts, etc., when taking proceedings for such offences as throwing rubbish, etc., into harbours.

151980/19. Home Office, 18th June, 1907. Acknowledging the Council's resolution re Kynochs Ltd.—passed on 14th June, 1907.

Rating of Government Property Department; Treasury, London, S.W., 27th June, 1907. Stating that it is contrary to the practice of that Department to issue duplicate forms of claims for contributions in lieu of rates.

No. 20614D/. Royal Irish Constabulary Office, Dublin Castle,

20th June, 1907. Relative to enforcing by the Constabulary the Provisions of the law in regard to Registration and Licensing under the Motor Car Acts.

General Valuation Office, Dublin, 1st July, 1907. From Sir John G. Barton, C.B.—acknowledging the Council's resolution re Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

3rd June, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing a return of patients admitted from the County Wicklow during the quarter ended 30th June, 1907.

6th August, 1907. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—referring to patients committed to the asylum from that Rural District during the quarter ended 30th June, 1907.

6th August, 1907. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—referring to patient committed to the asylum from that Urban District during the quarter ended 30th June, 1907.

23rd August, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—letter and enclosure re same.

22nd June, 1907. From Sir Charles A. Cameron, Bart., County Analyst, 51 Pembroke road, Dublin—letter of explanation regarding certain analyses made for the County Committee of Agriculture. Order—Copy to be sent to Mr. Nolan, Agriculture Instructor.

Kindlestown, Delgany, June 24th, 1907. Dear Mr. Wynne,—At the next meeting of the Wicklow County Council, will you please convey to Mr. O'Kelly, and other members thereof, on behalf of my children and myself, our deep sense of gratitude for the very kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my beloved husband, passed by them, and forwarded to me by you on the 15th inst. I thank them each and all from my heart. To know how sincerely they respected him, and how deeply they mourn him, is a source of very real gratification to me.—Believe me, very truly yours,

HELEN C. NORMAN THOMPSON.

24th June, 1907. From G. Newsom, V.S., Killoughter, Ashford—further letter relative to his fees for attending court of two guineas for each attendance, and travelling expenses, in the case of any proceedings taken under the Sheep Dipping Orders.

21st June, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting that the County Court Judge had dismissed the malicious injury claim of Henry Sutton, but that the applicant has served notice of appeal to next Assizes.

29th June, 1907. From Same—reporting that the Recorder at Kilmainham Quarter Sessions dismissed the malicious injury claim of McInerney v. County Council, allowing costs to the Dublin County Council only.

26th August, 1907. From Same—regretting his inability to attend the Council meeting owing to an attack of rheumatism.

26th August, 1907. From Same—reporting that the decision of the County Court Judge in the malicious injury claim of Sutton v. County Council had been reversed, and the applicant awarded £18 compensation, together with costs of appeal, and 15s. expenses to be levied off the Electoral Division of Delgany.

29th June, 1907. From Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, County Dublin—acknowledging the Council's resolution regarding the tramway.

13th August, 1907. From Same—further letter referring to the

injustice to the guaranteeing ratepayers in the Counties Dublin and Wicklow, pointed out in the report of the County Council's auditor, and stating that if the Council bring the matter before the arbitrators by resolution, they will be glad to consider it, and hear any evidence against the existing arrangement for working the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway in conjunction with the Blessington and Poulaphuca Tramway, which the Council may wish to submit.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the arbitrators of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's accounts be requested to take into consideration the matters referred to by the auditor of the County Council, and to deal with it in such a manner as to remove the injustice which the Council considers is being done to the ratepayers of the guaranteeing area. Passed.

9th July, 1907. From the Chairman, E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., St. Kevin's, Baltinglass—enclosing a letter received by him from Wilfred Tighe, Ballinapark, Rathnew, complaining of the working of the Compulsory Sheep Dipping Order in the county. Order—Submitted—Secretary to give explanation as given to the Council.

5th July, 1907. From Wilfred Tighe, Ballinapark, Rathnew—copy of the letter written by him to the Chairman—submitted above.

17th July, 1907. From A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry—writing on behalf of Lord Powerscourt protesting against the dates given in the order fixing the close season for hares in the County Wicklow.

18th July, 1907. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—relative to the application of his Council for By-laws regulating the speed of motor cars passing through Bray—and for By-laws making the lighting of all vehicles compulsory.

23rd July, 1907. From William Deverell, Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Wicklow—asking the Council to enlarge the present strong room in his offices at present used for storing the registration of title cases in this county.

16th August, 1907. From Secretary, Cavan County Council, Courthouse, Cavan—relative to the payment of rates in respect of property in Cavan County in the occupation of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

16th August, 1907. From the Resident Manager, Gas Works, Wicklow—asking the Council's permission to send the gas meter to the makers for repairs, it being the Council's own property. Order—Permission granted.

16th August, 1907. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—informing the County Council that the next meeting of his Council will take place in Dublin on Thursday, the 17th October next—and asking for any matters requiring to be discussed.

19th August, 1907. From Thomas Fisher, Dunlavin—asking for the Council's permission to allow him to erect a weighbridge in the street of Dunlavin, opposite his house. Order—Postponed.

19th August, 1907. From John Rochford, D.C., Dunlavin—recommending the Council to grant the permission asked for by Mr. Thomas Fisher to allow him to erect a weighbridge in the street of Dunlavin.

8th July, 1907. From Messrs. R. Meredith and Co., 32 Moles-

worth-street, Dublin—claiming on behalf of Mr. Pierce O'Mahony a refund of £1 11s., being rates paid to Collector Joseph Doyle on a house known as Rath Con, stated to have been unoccupied during the qualifying period, and to be still vacant. Order—Mr. O'Mahony to pay the rates, the house having been shown to be "occupied."

From Secretary, Irish Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro'-street, Cork—circular letter enclosing resolution asking the Council to insist on all goods supplied to them being of Irish manufacture, and bearing the Irish trade mark.

29th June, 1907. From Secretary, International Housing Congress, 432 West Strand, London, W.C.—inviting the Council to nominate delegates to represent them at the forthcoming Congress to be held in London next August.

2nd August, 1907. From Honorary Secretaries, Women's National Health Association, 76 Grafton-street, Dublin—asking the Council to appoint two representatives on the Consultative Committee to promote a Tuberculosis Exhibition to be held in the Village Hall of the Home Industries Section from 15th October until the close of the Exhibition at Ballsbridge. Order—None appointed.

From Gregg and Co., Belfast—lists and pictures showing the utility of McNally's Sheep Dipping Machines, as supplied by that firm.

From the Aristodos Machine Syndicate Ltd., Rutland Chambers, Newmarket—lists and pictures showing the advantage of using the Aristodos Machine for the prevention of dust and mud nuisances.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

14th June, 1907. From Waterford County Council—resolution claiming that County Councils should be invested with powers to acquire, by compulsion, if necessary, suitable lands for the establishment of small holdings of from 5 to 20 acres, not exceeding the annual value of £50.

11th June, 1907. From Newcastle Rural District Council—resolution calling on the Nationalist Parliamentary Party to introduce into the House the Home Rule Bill of 1893, and thus force the Liberal Government to declare its intentions towards Ireland.

18th June, 1907. From Kerry County Council—resolution calling upon the Irish Party to invite into their ranks all Irish Nationalist members at present sitting for Irish Constituencies.

26th June, 1907. From Wexford County Council—resolution condemning, and calling upon the Irish Parliamentary Party to oppose, the Navigation Works (Ireland) Bill.

1st July, 1907. From Same—resolution pointing out the necessity for unanimity in pressing forward the claims of Ireland from the Government.

29th July, 1907. From Oughterard Rural District Council—enclosing printed copy of a report of one of their officers regarding consumption.

1st August, 1907. From King's County Council—letter asking information as to the Council's method of paying decrees obtained in malicious injury cases, for the use and information of that Council. Order—To be replied to.

1st August, 1907. From Waterford County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—resolution emphatically approving of the Minority Report furnished by Mr. Micks, as member of the Departmental Committee of Inquiry.

6th August, 1907. From Arklow Town Commissioners—resolution urging the necessity for the passing of a Bill to compensate jurors serving on juries for their loss of time, and to refund their expenses of travelling to attend at Court.

9th August, 1907. From Wexford County Council—resolution condemning the policy of withdrawing the Irish Parliamentary Representatives from Westminster.

10th August, 1907. From Corporation of the City of Cork—resolution pointing out the necessity of unity in Irish National Politics, and in the Irish Party.

17th August, 1907. From Limerick Board of Guardians—resolution re same.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES

The following resolutions were passed at the meeting of the various bodies mentioned in the preceding pages of this report. The resolutions were passed in the following order:—

1. That the Board of Guardians should be empowered to purchase land for the purpose of providing a site for a public house in the town of Limerick.

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MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH NOVEMBER, 1907.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 25th November, 1907, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, William Byrne, Wm. Costello, John Murphy, Patrick Short, W. H. McFarland, P. J. Carey, James Byrne, D. J. Cogan, John Storey, John J. Reilly, M. Fleming, E. J. Byrne, James Galvin, Joseph McCarroll.

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 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 sign application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To appoint a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections.
- 11—To rescind the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, giving consent to the Bye-laws regulating the use of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.
- 12—To fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee.
- 13—To fill the vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee.
- 14—To fill the vacancies on the following Committees, caused by the death of Councillor R. Norman Thompson:—Finance and Proposals Committee, Wicklow County Infirmary Joint Committee of Management, Richmond District Asylum Joint Committee of Management, Irish County Councils' General Council.
- 15—To consider the following notice of motion, handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly:—"I give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Local Government Board be requested to hold a sworn investigation into all the circumstances connected with Mrs. Catherine O'Toole's rating, the correspondence connected therewith, and the reasons for removing her name from the Rate Book and substituting another in its place."
- 16—Consider the following notice of motion, handed in by Councillor Patrick Short—"I beg to give notice that I will move at next meeting of County Council that a committee be appointed to frame Bye-laws regarding speed of motors, lighting of vehicles, and other matters connected with County and Urban District Traffic in the County."

- 17—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 18—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 19—To consider Official Correspondence.
 20—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 5th November, 1907, when the following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne, 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—				3,438	10	11
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	415	10	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	16	8	5—	431	19	2
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	234	1	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	14	4	2—	248	5	6
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	353	6	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	118	16	10—	472	3	4
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,463	7	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,020	9	10—	2,483	17	0
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	386	13	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	288	3	11—	674	17	8
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				57	15	2

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	973	10	0
Naas	227	0	0
Rathdown	974	0	0
Rathdrum	2,489	0	0
Shillelagh	907	0	0
Total	£5,570	10	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	102	0	0
Naas No. 2	48	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	116	10	0
Rathdrum	444	15	0
Shillelagh	15	0	0
Total	£727	0	0

The Committee recommended for payment—subject to the approval of the Local Government Board—the following lists of irrecoverable rates in respect of the half-year ending 30th September, 1907:—

	£	s.	d.
4—Collector Bryan Dunne	2	17	6
7—Collector Charles S. Sutton	24	15	9

A circular letter, dated the 12th October, 1907, No. 5234/07 (V.B.) was received from the Department of Agriculture asking for a return under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1907, classifying the sheep, etc., dipped under the Order during the past season.

The Secretary was directed to forward, in reply to the circular, a copy of the direction given by the Council on the 26th August last for the carrying out of the Order, and to state that, as no books are kept in connection with these returns, the Committee desire to be informed whether the Department wish them to have the return asked for, prepared at the Department's expense, as no record of the numbers was kept.

A letter, dated 5th September, 1907, was submitted from the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—enclosing an account furnished to that Council by Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., for examining a cow supposed to be suffering from an infectious disease—and asking the County Council to pay same under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Committee decided that the responsibility for this payment rests with the Urban District Council, and not with the County Council, under 49 and 50 Vic., cap. 32, sec. 9 (3) and (8).

An application was submitted from Mr. Thomas Williams, dated 31st October, 1907—for an increase in his salary as Court-keeper of Wicklow Courthouse—and was referred to the County Council, as the Committee did not see their way to deal with the same.

Applications were again received from Collectors Joseph Keane and George Evans, for increased poundage on their collections.

These having been dealt with on two previous occasions, the Committee refer the Council to their reports of the 23rd April, 1907, and the 6th August, 1907—to which they have nothing to add.

The following paying orders, which have not been sanctioned by the Local Government Board, are recommended to be cancelled:—
 Expenditure book No. 14. Paying order No. 832. December quarter, 1905. A. J. Gorman, £8 15s.

Expenditure book No. 16. Paying order No. 258. September quarter, 1906. Messrs. Sealy, Bryers, and Walker, £3 5s. 3d.

The Committee checked the subsidiary account for the two quarters ended 30th June, 1907, and 30th September, 1907, with the vouchers, and found same correct—and recommend a transfer of £272 17s. 8d. to credit of same.—(Signed), M. BYRNE, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 25th November, 1907, when the following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, chairman; Councillors E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, Edward P. O'Kelly, and William Byrne.

The Committee, having examined the following additional proposals for payment, recommend them for payment, subject to confirmation by the County Council:—

County at Large—

	£	s.	d.
Thomas Chapman—printing Register of Voters, etc.	73	15	10
Edward P. O'Kelly—for postage, telegrams, etc.	2	0	0
Frank McPhail—advertising the Notices of Revision Courts and Quarter Sessions, three in number	8	0	6

This latter payment was recommended by the Committee on the county printer indemnifying the Council against loss through such payment.

On the application of Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, the Committee ratified items Nos. 59, 82, 109, 171, 202, and 226 in his bill of costs, being for special attendances, and recommend payment of £36 4s. 1d., balance of bill dated 14th May, 1907—cheque to be drawn on production of Taxing Master's certificate.—(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the reports of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Williams' salary be increased by £5 a year, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Carried—nem con.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS:

County-at-Large:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £3,556 11s. 4d. (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 Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £434 15s. 3d. (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 P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £248 5s. 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 Michael Byrne, 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 £496 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 E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the

foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,483 17s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £674 17s. 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 Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £57 15s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the quarterly payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:—

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

Naas No. 2:—Road contract No. 53 in the District Register approved and confirmed. Road contract No. 54 in the District Register referred back to Rural District Council, and their attention to be called to Bond, and in the meantime road to be handed over to charge of County Surveyor.

Rathdown No. 2:—Nil.

Rathdrum:—A letter was read from the Clerk Rathdrum Rural District Council dated 22nd November, 1907, enclosing all the tenders received by him, together with a money order for £5 10s. (representing the deposits of the parties tendering)—in consequence of the two adjourned quarterly meetings summoned of this Council falling through for want of a quorum. Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the tenders from Rathdrum Rural Council be opened by the County Council and dealt with, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Carried—nem con. Road No. 657 in the District Register, 1,142 perches, was given to Patrick Turner, Clara, Rathdrum, at 1s 3½d per perch. Guarantors—Laurence Clements, Park, Ashford, and Oliver Timmons, Garrymore, Rathdrum. Road No. 658 in the District Register, 504 perches, was given to John Byrne, Barnabawn, Rathdrum, at 3s. 8½d. per perch. Guarantors—John O'Brien, Clara, Rathdrum, and Andrew Byrne, Aghowle, Ashford. Road No. 654 in the District Register, 978 perches, was given to William Stedman, Barraniskey, Ovoca, at 1s. 2½d. per perch. Guarantors—Christopher Stedman, Tigroney, Ovoca, and Wm. Quinn, Ballydonnell, Ovoca. Work No. 659 in the District Register, 700 yards of mountain road to be repaired and reconstructed was given to Michael Doyle, Tara, at £35. Guarantors—John Brady, Ashtown, Roundwood, and William Doyle, Glenmacanass, Rathdrum. Work No. 660 in the District Register was given to Patrick Merrigan, Brockagh, Rathdrum, at £10. Guarantors:—George Merrigan, Brockagh, Rathdrum, and Christopher Merrigan, Glenmacanass, Rathdrum. Works Nos. 661 and 662 in the District Register were given in charge

of the County Surveyor. Contractor William Merrigan was called up before the Council and warned by the Chairman of the seriousness of his position in delaying carrying out certain repair works on his road when directed.

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

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor James 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 Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement for a Returning Officer for the Local Government Elections in 1908, which was published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," "Wicklow People," and "Free Press"—

"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 25th November, 1907, proceed to appoint a Returning Officer for the Local Government Elections, to be held in 1908. Payment to be made according to Scale and Fees approved by the Local Government Board.—Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council."

And also the applications received from Edward J. Doyle, Baltinlass, and S. J. Doyle, Accountant.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That Mr. S. J. Doyle be appointed Returning Officer for the Local Government Elections for the year 1908. Passed—nem con.

The Council decided to take no action, until a further communication was received from the Secretary to the War Office, in reference to rescinding the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, giving consent to the Bye-laws regulating the use of Glen Imaal Artillery Range.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That Mr. Myles Healy of Woodend, be appointed to fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the disqualification of Mr. Michael Healy through non-attendance. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That Mr. Robert Wogan, R.D.C., be appointed to fill the vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the inability of Mr. Michael Tallon of Enniskerry, to attend meetings of the Committee. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That Mr. John Ellis, J.P., Blackmoor, Donard, be appointed to fill the vacancy on Dunlavin School Attendance Committee caused by the disqualification of Mr. John Ellis, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to fill the vacancies created by the death of the late Dr. Thompson:—Mr. Patrick Short, on the Finance Committee; Mr. E. C. Walsh, on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum; Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, C.C., on the Joint Committee of Management of

Wicklow County Infirmery; Mr. Joseph McCarroll, on the Irish County Councils' General Council. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council, 25th November, 1907. Gentlemen,—I wish to remind you that in spite of the promises of the Department of Agriculture that they would make a payment to the Council in lieu of the rates lost to the Rural District of Rathdrum on account of Avondale property, not one penny has ever been received from them on account of the same; every one of your letters to them, or applications, on the subject that Department treats with absolute contempt, not even deigning to acknowledge the receipt of any one of the applications made by you for the past twelve months, which in itself is gross discourtesy. Unless you take some legal step to recover this loss, which falls on the ratepayers of Rathdrum District, you will lose the amount, which is considerable, and if so you render yourself liable to surcharge. A strong representation on this treatment by the Department should also be made to the Chief Secretary and to Mr. Russell. We applied to the Treasury a year ago to include this payment in the bounty in lieu of rates, but that body replied it was not Government property, or entitled to bounty. I have been in communication with other counties on the subject, and through the Council Secretary for Wexford I hear that recently the Treasury paid for some property taken by the Department in County Tyrone. The Clerk of the Crown applied at last meeting for extra strong room accommodation for storing county records; this should be attended to. Some of the tenders on this occasion have been sent in on forms not prepared by your County Surveyor or you, and omitting very important clauses prepared to protect your Council, and approved by the Local Government Board, although every Rural District Clerk has been supplied with the Council's tender forms. The auditor desired me to draw your attention to a payment made on account of the expenses of a member of your Council attending in London about Glen Imaal Camp and the War Office. This payment, he said, was quite irregular, and a similar one in another county had been declared illegal. He did not wish to remark upon it in his report on this occasion, as he was sure when the Council's attention was drawn to it, it would not occur again. Wicklow Urban Council invariably withholds its payment of the Council's demand until we have to enforce the payment. The auditor drew attention to the importance of not letting the time pass without sending that Council a solicitor's letter of demand, as we may otherwise lose the money, as occurred in the North.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Order—£50 to be expended on strong room in Clerk of the Crown's offices—to give additional accommodation for storing county records. The serious attention of Clerks of Rural District Councils to be drawn to the necessity of using only the tender forms supplied from the Council's offices.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That the Secretary write to the Chief Secretary and to Mr. Russell, as recommended in his report about Avondale estate, and request a settlement. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the deputation to wait on the Department in

connection with Avondale rates consist of the Chairman, D. J. Cogan, and Mr. Joseph McCarroll, together with the County Secretary. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council; autumn quarterly meeting, 25th November, 1907. County Surveyor's report. Gentlemen,—The very wet season has caused the roads in your County to be very soft and easily cut up, but notwithstanding the bad weather, etc., the great majority of the contractors were fairly attentive to their contracts. The metal returns were fair as to quantity, but the gauge of the material supplied was generally too large.

The contractor for the road No. 843, 1,500 perches, Ballymanus to Askakeagh, has apparently abandoned his road; notices were served on him and his bails, but without effect. I recommend that this contract be cancelled.

An application has been received from Mr. Brooke, of Coollattin, asking permission to construct a footpath in Tinahely. The Shillelagh District Council approve of the work, and I suggest that permission be granted. The work will be a great improvement.

At the old chapel schoolhouse at Three-Mile-Water a new church has been erected replacing the old house, and a new porch has been constructed, which projects 9 inches (about) on the public road. This was done without your permission. The attention of the Rector was called to it. I annex the Rector's letter in reply to my objection, and request your instructions on the matter.

I beg to call attention to a Bill in Parliament in connection with Greystones Lighting, etc. It will be necessary that certain clauses be inserted in this Bill for the purpose of insuring that the roads will be properly repaired, etc., when interfered with by the Gas Company, and relieving the road authority of all responsibility in connection with breakages of pipes, etc., from road rollers, etc.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Contract No. 843, 1,500 perches, was cancelled, as recommended. Permission was granted Mr. Frank Brooke to construct a footpath in Tinahely.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That no action be taken regarding slight trespass on county road by Rev. Mr. Wright at Dunganstown in erecting building; that copy of this resolution be sent to Rev. Mr. Wright. This Council consider County Surveyor acted properly in reporting infringement to the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That the following Committee be appointed to settle the protective clauses in the Greystones Gas Bill of 1908, with plenary powers to act in the interests of the County Council as a road authority:—Messrs. Wm. Byrne, J. McCarroll, P. Short, J. J. Reilly, and J. Murphy. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That this Council approve of the proposed lighting of Greystones with gas, and consider it will tend to the development of the district, and be a great benefit to the inhabitants, and that the Greystones Gas Bill, 1908, is deserving of support. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—That Mr. Gallagher, C.E., be empowered to have the electric light installed in Bray Court-house, the expense not to exceed £10. Granted.

Proposed by Councillor W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That incandescent lights be put into Council Chamber and Council's offices. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 7th November, 1907. 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 September, 1907. Sixty-one articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article—butter, number—22; whiskey, 19; milk, 12; cheese, 2; buttermilk, 2; tea, 2; ice cream, 1; rum, 1; total, 61.

Certificate sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 14 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union fifteen drugs, twelve specimens of milk, two of butter, and two waters were analysed. Two of the drugs—namely, solution of ferric chloride, contained excess of iron. Two of the specimens of milk were adulterated with at least 26 and 34 per cent. of added water, respectively. The specimens of butter were pure. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters,	43.120	7.000
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.007	0.006
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.002
Nitric acid	3.220	trace
Chlorine	7.455	1.491
Sulphuric acid	10.809	trace
Equal to calcium sulphate	15.000	trace
Fairly good waters.		

Four 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.	No. 4.
Total solid matters,	7.560	5.320	19.040	41.440
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.012	0.020	0.010	0.030
Saline ammonia	0.006	0.006	0.005	0.005
Nitric acid	trace	trace	trace	trace
Chlorine	1.391	1.292	1.590	2.186
Sulphuric acid	trace	trace	3.603	10.084
Equal to calcium sulphate	trace	trace	5.000	14.0000

No. 4 was much polluted; No. 2 was a very inferior water; Nos. 1 and 3 were of better quality, though not up to the standard of purest water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union eighteen drugs were analysed. They were correct.

One specimen of water analysed for Baltinglass Rural District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains: Total solid matters, 7.140; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.017; saline ammonia, 0.028; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.994; sulphuric acid, 2.1618; equal to calcium sulphate, 3.000. Slightly polluted.

Eleven specimens of water analysed for Bray Urban Council had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:				
	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters,	4.200	5.320	5.600	5.600
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.012	0.010	0.010	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.008	0.005	0.002	0.0025
Nitric acid	trace	trace	trace	trace
Chlorine	1.292	0.894	0.894	0.894
Sulphuric acid	none	none	none	none
Equal to calcium sulphate	none	none	none	none

These waters were from the Vartry Waterworks, but they were not up to the standard of normal Vartry water. This was especially the case as regards No. 6.

	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.
Total solid matters,	5.880	4.200	4.200	4.200
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.029	0.011	0.014
Saline ammonia	0.0025	0.004	0.0035	0.0035
Nitric acid	trace	trace	trace	trace
Chlorine	1.292	0.994	0.994	0.994
Sulphuric acid	trace	none	none	none
Equal to calcium sulphate	trace	none	none	none

	No. 9.	No. 10.	No. 11.
Total solid matters,	4.200	4.200	4.200
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.017	0.012
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.003	0.002
Nitric acid	trace	trace	trace
Chlorine	0.994	0.994	0.994
Sulphuric acid	none	none	none
Equal to calcium sulphate	none	none	none

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

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs, three specimens of milk, and one of buttermilk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of opium, contained a slight excess of alcohol. Another—namely, compound tincture of conshona, contained a slight excess of alkaloids. One of the milks was deprived of at least 16 per cent. of its fats.

Five specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:					
	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Total solid matters,	31.080	28.420	53.200	31.920	51.240
Including—					

Albuminoid ammonia	0.021	0.011	0.008	0.007	0.008
Saline ammonia	0.032	0.015	0.005	0.009	0.0056
Nitric acid	trace	1.210	4.110	trace	1.800
Chlorine	1.491	1.789	9.940	0.990	2.783
Sulphuric acid	5.7648	8.6472	18.015	2.8824	14.412
Equal to calcium sulphate	8.0000	12.0000	25.000	4.0000	20.000

No. 1 was largely polluted. No. 2 was an inferior water. The others were tolerably good.

Total analyses, 159; adulterated or defective articles, 8.

C. A. CAMERON.

Councillor John J. Reilly's notice of motion was withdrawn.

Consideration of the following notice of motion by Councillor Patrick Short was referred to the Proposals Committee:—"I beg to give notice that I will move at next meeting of County Council that a committee be appointed to frame Bye-laws regarding speed of motors, lighting of vehicles, and other matters connected with County and Urban District Traffic in the county."

Montrose, Greystones, 24th November, 1907. Dear Sir,—I beg to thank the members of the County Council for the honour they did me at their last meeting in co-opting me a member of their body in the place of the late Dr. Thompson, and regret exceedingly I am unable to accept the seat by reason of my having a contract at present from the Rathdrum District Council.—I am, dear sir, yours faithfully, P. J. Kinlen. E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P., Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the office of Councillor held by P. J. Kinlen, J.P., Montrose, Greystones, to be vacant, in consequent of his refusal to accept office, and we 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 Courthouse, Wicklow.—Signed, Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed, E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council. 25th November, 1907.

Baltinglass, County Wicklow, 23rd November, 1907. The presiding Chairman, County Council, Wicklow. Dear Sir,—I beg to tender my resignation as Coroner for the County Wicklow owing to leaving the district, and wish to convey my thanks to the members and staff of the Council for the kindness they have always extended to me.—I remain, your obedient servant, Thomas B. Doyle. Resignation accepted.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That advertisements for the position of Coroner of West Wicklow be issued; election to take place at next meeting of the County Council, at a salary of £50 a year. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the following members of this Council be deputed to act on a committee to appoint any temporary clerks which

may be required to assist at office work of this Council for year 1908:—Mr. Michael Byrne, Mr. J. J. Reilly, Mr. Patrick Short. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Short. Resolved—That the best thanks of the County Council be given to our representatives, Messrs. D. J. Cogan and James Galvin, for their independent action at the Agricultural Council of the Department in opposing the subsidy to the Irish Agriculture Organisation Society, a subsidy unjust, unconstitutional, and subversive of all legitimate trade and business. Passed—nem con.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 40442/1907. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th Aug., 1907. Sealed order fixing Newcastle Dispensary District as the area of charge for the supply of water at Newcastle.

No. 46334/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th September, 1907. Assenting to an extension of the time to 31st October, 1907, within which the Council may pay a sum of £12 10s. superannuation to Mr. William Smith for the quarter ending 31st March, 1907.

No. 46334/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th September, 1907. Assenting to an extension of the time to the 31st October, 1907, within which the Council may pay a sum of £8 15s. to Mr. A. J. Gorman, Dunlavin, for salary as Secretary to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee for the quarter ended 31st March, 1907, and stating that the Board will not be prepared to consider any further applications of this nature from him.

No. 47445/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th September, 1907. Observing that Collectors Jas. Byrne and P. J. Carey, junior, had sums of £2 8s. and £14 9s. 7d., respectively, collected but not lodged, and pointing out that the retention of monies in hands is irregular, and that in the event of its recurrence serious notice will have to be taken thereof.

No. 46767/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th September, 1907. Referring to the Board's circular-letter of the 9th March, 1904, re rates of interest on local loans, and enclosing copy of a further notice issued by the Treasury in pursuance of the Public Works Loans Act, 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., cap. 51).

No. 46880/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th September, 1907. Further referring to the Board's letter of the 6th September, 1906, and calling attention to the revised memorandum of instructions with regard to Provisional Orders which accompanied it.

No. 46313/1907. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd Oct., 1907. Sealed order fixing Dunlavin Dispensary District as the area of charge for the sewer at Dunlavin.

No. 192M/1907; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th October, 1907. Enclosing a copy of their annual report for the year 1906-7, being the thirty-fifth report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

No. 51102/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th October, 1907. Stating, for the information of the Coun-

cil, that by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1907, the Motor Car Act, 1903, was continued until the 31st December, 1908.

No. 123M/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th October, 1907. Enclosing for the use of the Council, copy of the Advertisements Regulation Act, 1907, under which local authorities are empowered to make Bye-laws respecting the exhibition of advertisements.

No. 56263/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th November, 1907. Enclosing the return showing the condition of the poor rate collections up to the 31st October, 1907, for the current half-year, and asking for explanations from those collectors who have failed to attend for the checking of their accounts for the period in question as to their default in this respect.

No. 48425/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th November, 1907. Referring to the proposal of certain local authorities to become their own insurers against claims arising under the Workmen's Compensation Acts, and stating that the Board are advised that a local authority has no legal power to form an Insurance Fund of this nature.

No. 56672/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th November, 1907. Enclosing a copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's accounts for the half-year ended the 31st March, 1907, as follows:—

No. 56,672; Wicklow County. November 6th, 1907. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of 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 of expenditure calls for any remark on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. Barry, Auditor. To the Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 57308/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th November, 1907. Assenting to the payment of full poundage fees to Collector Thomas Ebbs for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1907.

No. 4507/1907; (V. B.). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th September, 1907. Circular-letter pointing out the precautions necessary to be taken to guard against the possibility of pollution of any adjacent stream, river, or lake, whilst carrying out the Provisions as to the Compulsory Dipping of Sheep.

No. 31604/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 19th November, 1907. Reporting a breach of the Provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, by Mr. Henry Saul, Main street, Rathdrum, by selling butter found on analysis to contain 1.6 per cent. of water in excess of the maximum proportion allowable.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland. Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Act for the year 1906.

No. 32030/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd November, 1907. Notifying that two samples of butter had been taken up in Rathdrum under Food and Drugs Act and found to be pure.

No. 19028/. Dublin Castle, 9th September, 1907. Transmitting, for the Council's information as the local authority under the

Petroleum Act, 1871, a copy of an Order in Council dated 7th May, 1907, directing that certain portions of the Petroleum Acts 1871 to 1881 shall apply to Mixtures of Petroleum.

No. 24014/. Dublin Castle, 4th November, 1907. Stating that the Corporation of Dublin have applied to the Lord Lieutenant for increased representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, and fixing the number of members to be appointed by each of the contributory bodies which His Excellency is prepared to embody in an Order under Section 9 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Dublin Castle, 5th November, 1907. Enclosing a copy of the Leinster Winter Assizes Order, 1907, in regard to the payment of prosecutors and witnesses expenses.

No. 23151/1907. Dublin Castle, 15th November, 1907. Circular-letter pointing out the arrangements which have now been made to meet the formalities required by the German Authorities to be observed by the owners of motor cars desiring to tour with their cars in Germany. Order—Secretary hereby authorised to charge 5s. for each stamped and signed copy or extract.

Forty-fifth report of the inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland for the year ended 31st December, 1906.

No. 10118/. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 4th September, 1907. Acknowledging Secretary's letter of the 3rd inst., with enclosures re loan of £350 for the purpose of rebuilding Annalecka Bridge.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 8th November, 1907. Notifying a loan of £575 to the Guardians of the poor of Rathdown Union, under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1838 to 1900, the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and the incorporated, amending, or extending statutes.

S 19206/1907. Estates Commissioners' Office, Irish Land Commission, Dublin, 6th September, 1907. Enclosing copies of letters which have passed between the Commissioners and the Local Government Board relative to the provisions of such sums as may be necessary for the preservation and upkeep of Ancient Monuments vested in County Councils.

18 Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, 22nd October, 1907. From the Secretary, Departmental Committee Irish Forestry, transmitting copy of the minute appointing the Committee, and giving the different subjects on which the Committee would be glad to receive the Council's observations or information. Order—Secretary to report.

Labour Department, Board of Trade, 43 Parliament-street, London, S.W., 18th November, 1907. From the Commissioners for Labour, enclosing forms for a detailed return of the rates of wages and hours of labour of work people employed in the various companies or harbours which may be under the Council.

7th September, 1907. From the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—sealed resolution authorising the County Council to charge all payments made in connection with the loan of £350 for rebuilding Annalecka Bridge against the rates leviable off Naas No. 2 Rural District.

4th November, 1907. From Same—resolution asking the Council to make representations to the Local Government Board for the issue

by them of a Provisional Order adding Naas No. 2 Rural District to County Kildare for administrative purposes. Read.

29th October, 1907. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—resolution protesting against the removal of Mr. Edward Ellison from his office as Superintendent of Avondale Forestry Station, and condemning the action of the Department in removing an Irishman from an Irish office.

4th October, 1907. From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—letter explaining how the error occurred through which Collector Thomas Ebbs underlodged £27 short of the total amount of his warrant for the half-year ending 30th September, 1907.

10th October, 1907. From same—resolution calling on the Estates Commissioners to determine who is the rightful owner of the Grove at Newry, on the Fitzwilliam Estate, which was the subject of litigation recently.

29th August, 1907. From A. Chatterton, Estate Office, Enniskerry—further letter complaining of the dates mentioned in the Order fixing the close season for hares in County Wicklow, and asking the Council to have the date altered to the 12th August next year for the shooting of hares, as the dates as at present makes it almost impossible to shoot the hares on the hills after 20th September owing to the changeable weather. Order—Refused.

11th September and 24th August, 1907. From John McLennan, Castle Boro Saw Mills, Enniscorthy—asking to have his name placed on the rate books as the owner and occupier of Killough House, Kilmacrogue, at present in the name of George Heatley, Ballybawn Lower, and enclosing Demand Notes and letter from Collector Patrick Toole.

2nd October, 1907. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum—enclosing a return of admissions of patients charged against the County Wicklow from 1st July to 30th September, 1907.

8th October, 1907. From Secretaries, Limerick Industrial Association, Limerick—asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend their Third Annual Industrial Conference to be held in Limerick on 27th and 28th November, 1907.

6th November, 1907. From Public Bodies Association, 58 Middle Abbey-street, Dublin—enclosing for approval of Council resolutions passed at the Conference held in Dublin on 28th August.

16th and 20th November, 1907. From Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—further letter dealing with the account for £1 1s. submitted by Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., to the Urban Council, and suggesting that the County Council should pay same. Order—See Finance Committee's report.

15th November, 1907. From Rev. Hugh F. Baker, Ballard Rectory, Rathdrum—asking to be refunded £1 10s. 6d. rates paid on Sheeana National School, and submitting that this school should be placed on the list to be sent forward for Revision, with the request that it be exempted from rates. Order—To be refunded.

20th November, 1907. From Collector P. J. Carey, junior—stating that he knows of no reason why Sheeana National School should not be exempt from rates, it being used for educational purposes, and that he has it entered on the lists to be sent in by him for revision.

12th September, 1907. From County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Wicklow—acknowledging the Council's resolution directing the Constabulary to prosecute for breaches of the Sheep Dipping

Order in cases where the parties have been previously warned, or are aware of the Provisions of the Order.

27th September, 1907. From Sergeant D. Chambers, R.I.C., Enniskerry—reporting that, as instructed by the Council, Owen Fisher of Ballintekin, had been prosecuted under the Sheep Dipping Order and fined 2s. 6d. and costs.

27th September, 1907. From Same—enclosing Five Declaration Forms under the Sheep Dipping Order made by persons who did not dip within the required period, and who seem to have disobeyed more through ignorance of the Order than any intention to escape dipping.

23rd September, 1907. From Sergeant James Dowling, Dunlavin—notifying a breach of the Sheep Dipping Order within his district by Mary Hoxey of Freyne town.

6th October, 1907. From Sergeant Thomas McKeown, Arklow—relative to the dipping of 535 sheep by Mr. R. A. Mowatt, acting on behalf of Lord Carysfort.

21st November, 1907. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting that the County Court Judge had given a decree for £23 in the criminal injury application of William Halliday, to be levied off the Rathdrum Rural District.

2nd November, 1907. From Patrick Miley, Kilpatrick, Red-cross—complaining of an unfinished gullet passing through his land at Kilpatrick, and calling on the Council to have the same put in order within fourteen days. Read.

Memorandum from National Telephone Co., Ltd., in reply to the memorial of the Association of Chambers of Commerce of the United Kingdom on Telephone Rates.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

21st September, 1907. From Kerry County Council—resolution asking each County Council to appoint a Committee to confer with Committees from other Councils and Corporations as to the best means of getting the Catholic University question settled.

1st November, 1907. From County Dublin National Teachers' Association—resolution urging the necessity of further financial assistance for Primary Education.

15th November, 1907. From Kerry County Council—resolution supporting the claim for financial assistance in connection with Irish Primary Education.

1st October, 1907. From Ballymena Rural District Council—resolution urging the necessity for planting young trees in waste ground, etc., and that the County Agricultural Instructor should qualify to advise farmers as to the cutting down or the preserving of old trees.

23rd October, 1907. From Lismore Rural District Council—resolution demanding an inquiry into the whole working of the Local Government Board and its officials, especially since the year 1899.

3rd October, 1907. From Kilkenny County Council—resolution calling for an immediate re-adjustment of the great financial grievances under which this country at present suffers.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 24TH FEBRUARY, 1908.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 24th February, 1908.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors D. J. Cogan, Thomas Sheppard, M. Fleming, W. H. McFarland, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Michael Kelly, Wm. Osborne, B. McDonald, Joseph Dunne, John Murphy, Patrick Short, John J. Reilly, Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Wm. 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 Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts and the Proposal Committee.
- 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 certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1909.
- 11—To fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the refusal of P. J. Kinlen, Esq., J.P., Montroce, Greystones, to accept office as Councillor.
- 12—To fill the vacancy on the Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital Joint Committee of Management, caused by the death of the Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, P.P.
- 13—To hear a further application from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for an additional annual sum of £130 towards providing a Day Trade Preparatory School in Arklow, and for a small centre west of the mountains.
- 14—To consider certain resolutions sent forward by the Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry, from a conference of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of County Councils.
- 15—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 16—To consider reports from County Officers.
- 17—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 18—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No I.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 11th February, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor Wm. Byrne,

in the chair; Councillors Patrick Short, Joseph McCarroll, and J. J. Reilly.

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:—				4,742	8	6
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District proposals	629	13	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	33	3	5	662	16	11
Naas No. 2:—						
District proposals	329	6	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	324	10	0	653	16	6
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District proposals	338	0	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	55	13	1	393	13	9
Rathdrum:—						
District proposals	1,602	9	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	739	8	0	2,341	17	4
Shillelagh:—						
District proposals	417	1	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	1	0	474	2	4
Wicklow Urban:—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				17	12	9
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (included in total for the County-at-Large)				981	8	2

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 ...	986	10	0
Naas ...	258	10	0
Rathdown ...	1,050	10	0
Rathdrum ...	2,400	0	0
Shillelagh ...	893	10	0

Total ... £5,589 0 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1 ...	399	0	0
Naas No. 2 ...	130	10	0
Rathdown No. 2 ...	934	0	0
Rathdrum ...	898	0	0
Shillelagh ...	367	10	0

Total ... £2,729 0 0

The Committee considered, and recommended for payment, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, the following arrears of rate claimed as irrecoverable:—

No. 7—Collector C. S. Sutton £29 13 5

The Secretary's estimates of the amounts required to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing financial year 1908-9 were approved of, and recommended to the Council for adoption.

An application from the Returning Officer, Mr. S. J. Doyle, for an advance of £300 to defray the expenses of the Local Government Elections, under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, was submitted, and ordered for payment.

Councillor E. C. Walsh having written indemnifying the County Council against costs or expenses that may be incurred through handing over to Mr. Thomas Nicholson the payments due to his late father, Thomas Nicholson, Court-keeper at Arklow, who died intestate—the Committee recommend that the paying orders be handed over accordingly.

The widow of the late road contractor, Thomas McDonald, wrote applying that payment for his contracts be made to her, he having died intestate, and enclosed letter from the two sureties agreeing to and approving of the payments being so made.

The Committee recommend that the payments be made to the widow, on receiving an indemnity against any liability in connection with the same which has been promised by Councillor McFarland.

A further application was received from Collector Joseph Keane for an increase of poundage fees.

The Committee, having already dealt with this application on four previous occasions, have nothing further to add to their previous recommendations, to which the Council is referred.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, dated 21st December, 1907, No. 34592/1907, was received, in which the Department modified their proposal with regard to the payment of a fixed annual sum to cover all claim in connection with rates from the Avondale School of Forestry.

After considering the same, the Committee recommend that the Council adhere to their former resolution requiring the contribution for the Avondale Estate to be calculated on the basis of all other bounty in lieu of rates, which was communicated to the Department by the Council's letter of the 14th February, 1907. The Committee sees no possible grounds upon which the Council should deviate from this basis of calculation.—(Signed), WILLIAM BYRNE, Chairman. 11th February, 1908.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—No. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 24th February, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, chairman; Councillors Patrick Short, E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, William Byrne, E. P. O'Kelly.

The Committee examined the following additional proposals for payment, and recommend them for payment, subject to confirmation by the County Council:—

	£	s.	d.
County at Large—			
Dr. F. W. Walsh—expenses of inquest	1	1	0
Rathdown No. 2—			
Collector C. S. Sutton—irrecoverable rates	29	13	5
Rathdrum—			
John Lawrenson—malicious injury decree	37	14	6

An application was submitted from George Newsom, veterinary inspector, for additional fees for attendance at Newtown Petty Sessions to prosecute in two breaches of the Sheep Scab Order.

The Committee regret they are unable to consent to pay this demand.—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the reports of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note 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 DISTRICT COUNCILS:

County at Large—Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,743 9s. 6d. (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 Michael 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 £662 16s. 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 Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £653 16s. 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 John Murphy, 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 £423 7s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum—Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,379 11s. 10d. (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 Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £474 2s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban—Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £17 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Election Expenses—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor P. Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposal for payment, to meet election expenses, amounting to £300 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:

Baltinglass No. 1—Road contract No. 162 in the District Register, 542 perches, was given to Patrick Redmond, Knocknagilkey, Hacketstown; annual amount of contract £18 1s. 4d. Guarantors—Thomas Fallon, Barnamelia, Aghrim, and John Dowling, Knocknagilkey, Hacketstown. Remaining contracts, as received, were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2—Contracts, as received, were approved and confirmed.

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

Rathdrum—Road contract No. 669 in the District Register, 377 perches, was given to Moses Lennon, Kilmacoo, Ovoca, at 5d. per perch. Guarantors—Patrick Reilly, Kilmacoo, Ovoca, and James Treacy, Knockenree, Ovoca. Road contract No. 674 in the District Register, 425 perches, was given to Henry Ashford, Brittas, Tonelagee, Wicklow, at 5d. per perch. Guarantors—John Brennan, Brittas, Tonelagee, and Peter Kelly, Kilmurry, Kilbride. Road contract No. 685 in the District Register, 370 perches, was given to William Hender, Ballinahinch, Ashford; annual amount of contract £92 10s. Guarantors—William Byrne, Ballycullen, Ashford, and John Byrne, Barnbawn, Rathdrum. Work No. 690 in the District Register was given to James Arthur, Ballinabarney, Redcross, at £15. Guarantors—John Hudson, Kilcandra, Redcross, and Henry Hudson, Kilcandra, Redcross. Work No. 693 in the District Register was given to Michael Doyle, Laragh East, Glendalough, at £35. Guarantors—John Brady, Ashtown, Roundwood, and William Doyle, Drummin, Glendalough. Roads Nos. 672, 680, 686, and 687 in the District Register, and works Nos. 691 and 694, were all given in charge of the County Surveyor. The County Surveyor was directed to look for tenders for work No. 652 in the District Register, and have the work carried out if possible. Provisional proposal and remaining contracts, as received, were approved and confirmed. Attached to Form 20 were resolutions dated 15th February, 1907, and also form of minute under section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, in reference to road contract No. 681 in the District Register.

Shillelagh—Attached to Form 20 were six forms of minute under section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, in reference to the following road contracts Nos. 4, 13, 18, 19, 21 and 26 in the District Register, and also letters from Richard Horan, Kilquigan, and Martin Moran, Ballyconnell, Tobinstown, Tullow, protesting against the action of the District Council in accepting higher tenders than theirs. A poll being called for as to whether the highest tender

should be accepted in respect of the contract for road No. 26 in the District Register, the contract was thrown out by ten votes to nine, as follows:—For accepting the highest tender: Councillors Jos. Dunne, D. J. Cogan, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, T. Sheppard, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, M. Fleming, and P. Short—9. Against: Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, and William Byrne—10.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That the tender for road No. 26 in District Register be referred back for the further consideration of the Shillelagh District Council, and given over to the County Surveyor in the meantime. A poll being taken there voted—For: Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, B. McDonald, John Storey, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, and Wm. Byrne—13. Against: Councillors J. J. Reilly, T. Sheppard, Jos. McCarroll, John Murphy, M. Fleming, and P. Short—6. The Chairman declared the resolution carried by thirteen votes to six.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That all contracts from Shillelagh District Council in which lowest tenders have not been accepted be referred back to Shillelagh District Council. Passed. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council at the Winter Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th of February, 1908. Gentlemen,—One of the principal matters which come before you to-day is to strike the rates for the ensuing year. As you are aware, since we struck our rates last year the Government notified us that they were withholding from this county a sum of £3,111 out of the grants we were entitled to receive. In addition to this loss of income, the demand from the Lunatic Asylum is no less than £1,323 higher now than it was last year, and we have also to provide some £400 to meet the expense of the triennial elections. These three items in themselves represent about 4½d. over the county. You will therefore not be surprised to hear, that with the exception of one rural district (Rathdrum) which had a balance to its credit, there has been a marked increase all round in the rates necessary to provide for working the county during the coming year, varying from 1½d. in the £ in Baltinglass Rural District to 5½d. in Shillelagh Rural District, and amounting to 5d. in Naas Rural District, and 2½d. in Rathdown Rural District. The figures above given are the general charges rates on "other hereditaments." As £220 odd pounds were deducted from the Agricultural Grant to certain rural districts, there is a further increase on the rate on agricultural land of 4d. in Rathdown, and 1½d. in Shillelagh. The following figures are

the rates for general charges in each district on other hereditaments:—Baltinglass 3s. 6d., gross increase including separate charges, 2½d.; Naas 4s. 2d.; Rathdown 3s. 8½d., do. Delgany and Greystones 3½d., Powerscourt and Enniskerry 5½d.; Rathdrum 3s. 5½d., do. 1d.; Shillelagh 4s. 2½d., do. 5½d. The Local Government Board has notified me that there will be no deduction made from the grants this year, but I wish to point out that the Capitation Grant for the Lunatic Asylum, which we were promised payment of within two months of the close of the financial year for which it is due, has for some time past not been paid us till 11½ months after the year has closed. We are also at a loss by having to pay out the urban districts' proportion of the union demands from two to eight months before we receive it from the urban districts. I see that the County Kildare County Council has had a petition of right drawn up by Mr. Samuels, K.C., and served on the Crown, against the deductions made from their grants on account of the deficiencies in the land purchase monies, and the Crown has entered an appearance to the same; the result will be of importance to our ratepayers. As I have seen a paragraph in a local paper apparently trying to make the county at large charges prepared by the County Council responsible for the increase of the rates, I think it but right to say that the Council's estimate for county at large charges, including provision for election expenses, is £440 less than last year, but this saving is swamped by the large increase in the asylum demand. It is hardly necessary for me to say that the War Department has not made the slightest attempt to fulfil its promises, and not a penny has been paid towards the upkeep of Glen Imaal Camp roads. As a Conference of County Council chairmen and vice-chairmen has gone into the question of Forestry in Ireland, and has forwarded a report for your consideration, I need not go into the matter, but I would draw your attention to Mr. Gill's remarks on the wasteful destruction of timber in Ireland, which he estimates has caused a loss of over four million pounds sterling within the past six or eight years. The vice-chairman of Longford County Council, who proposed the first resolution to come before you, and which I hope you will support, says—"That unfortunately the few forests we have in Ireland are fast disappearing." The chairman of Cork County Council states—"It was a great national and a great local loss that woodlands should pass into the hands of people who cut them down, and were unable to replant them." The vice-chairman of Kerry County Council says—"There could be no doubt but it was a great national loss." In the face of all this may I urge that where there is such a strong feeling arising as to the great necessity of planting timber in this country, that some step may be devised to arrest the wanton and rapid destruction of the timber which we still have in the country. I passed a beautiful wood alongside a main road here, every tree in which was marked for cutting down; if the destruction of timber in this county continues at the rate that it is being carried on at present, the County Wicklow will in a very short time cease to be a resort for tourists, thereby causing a large loss of income to the inhabitants. Surely if it be an advantage to plant additional areas, it must be worth while to preserve the few we still have.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. 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:—

Name of Rural District.	Rates on Land,		Rates on other Hereditaments.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	1	11	3	6
Naas No. 2	2	7½	4	2
Rathdown No. 2	2	7¾	3	8½
Rathdrum	2	1½	3	5½
Shillelagh	2	8½	4	2½

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Baltinglass public health charge and criminal injury, 2d.; Naas public health charge, —; Rathdown public health charge, 3d.; Greystones water supply and Delgany sewerage, 2½d.; Greystones sewerage 11½d.; Greystones lighting, 1½d.; Enniskerry sewerage, 3½d.; Delgany criminal injury, 1½d.; Greystones pier, 0½d.; Rathdrum public health charge, 0½d.; Johnstown water supply, 1d.; Stylebawn water supply and Kilpedder drainage, 2½d.; criminal injury, 1½d.; Shillelagh public health charge, 1d.; Arklow harbour, 2½d.; Wicklow harbour, 3½d.; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, 8½d.; Criminal injury on Bray Urban, £4 7s.; criminal injury on Wicklow Urban, 19s. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. 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 District.	General Charges.		Separate Charges.		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bray	2,955	18 6	4	7 0	2,960	5 6
Wicklow	651	11 8	149	0 0	800	11 8

Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement for a Coroner for the West Division of the County, which was published in the "Leinster Leader," "Wicklow People," "Wicklow Press," and "Wicklow News-Letter," and also an application received from Dr. Denis P. Kenna, Baltinglass.

Wicklow County Council. Coroner Wanted. The County Council for Wicklow will, on Monday, the 24th February, 1908, proceed to appoint a fit and properly qualified person to fill the office of Coroner for the West Division of the County of Wicklow, at an inclusive salary of Fifty Pounds (£50) per annum, to cover all fees, allowances, and mileages, and in lieu of all sums heretofore payable for the same. Applications from Candidates for the appointment to be sent to me, in writing, to my Office, at or before 11 o'clock, a.m., on Monday, the 24th February, 1908.—By order, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That Dr. Denis P. Kenna be appointed Coroner for the West Division of the County of Wicklow, at a salary of £50 per annum, in accordance with the terms of the advertisement. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That Mr. Morgan Travers, Kilcool, be co-opted a member of this Council to fill the vacancy caused by the refusal of P. J. Kinlen, Esq., J.P., Montrose, Greystones, to accept office. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That Mr. J. J. Reilly, M.C.C., be co-opted member of County Committee of Agriculture in the room of Mr. Kinlen, retired. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That Rev. Matthew McIntee, P.P., be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, caused by the death of the Rev. Bernard O'Reilly, P.P. Passed.

A further application from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for an additional annual sum of £130 towards providing a County Day Trade Preparatory School in Arklow, and for a small centre west of the mountains, was submitted. Having heard Mr. Richard Wake, Principal of Technical Schools, the Council, on a show of hands being taken, rejected the application.

Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry Offices, 18 Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, 4th January, 1908. From the Secretary of the Committee enclosing for the consideration of the Council, copies of the resolutions passed at a Conference of Chairmen and Vice-chairmen of Irish County Councils, held in Dublin on the 2nd inst., together with a summary of the proceedings, and asking that a copy of same be sent to each member of the County Council when summoning the meeting. (And see the Secretary's report anti).

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That, in our opinion, it is a matter of urgent public importance that measures should be taken by the State for the preservation of the existing forest areas in Ireland, for the acquisition of land suitable for plantation, and for the development generally of a systematic scheme of National Afforestation. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That the County Council are the proper authorities to be entrusted with the management of the smaller local woods within their counties which are passing from the hands of private owners, and that in our opinion the County Council, being given the requisite facilities in respect of loans under the Land Acts for the acquisition of land, etc., and in respect of expert advice and supervision from a central authority, should be prepared to undertake the custody of such woods and to work them for the benefit of the county. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland. Resolved—That no scheme of afforestation can be effectual unless compulsory powers are conferred for the acquisition of lands suitable for the purpose, and of grazing or other rights affecting same. Adopted.

24th February, 1908. From Secretary Toghher Agricultural and Industries Association—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Association impressing on the Council the importance of taking up the re-afforesting movement in the county, and suggesting the planting of shelter belts on each side of the main road crossing Calary Commons.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council. Winter Quarterly Meeting, 24th February, 1908. County Surveyor's report. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The extreme wetness of the past year, combined with the weak construction of some of the roads and the timber drawing, resulted in leaving many of the roads in bad condition.

The roads subject to timber drawing are in a shocking state, and I regret to state that some of the contractors for these roads have made no effort to cope with this traffic.

The timber is in nearly all cases carried on ordinary carts with narrow tyres, which cut into the thin crust of metal forming the road surface. No proper brakes are used, apparently the braking is performed by putting chains under the wheels, and by running the traffic on the weak sides and unmetalled parts of the road.

The number of road contracts coming before you is heavy, and in some of the contracts the contractors have taken the roads at most improvident prices—notably in Shillelagh Rural District. In this district the Council in some cases decided not to give the contracts to the low tenders. Of course the necessary document stating the reasons for this course will come before you in due order.

The Committee appointed to consider protective clauses necessary in the Greystones Gas Bill met, and certain clauses were decided on. I have received a letter from the agent of the promoters stating that subject to consent of Parliament, the clauses would be inserted in the Bill.

A.—Owing to failure to obtain contract on road, 504 perches, Drumdangan 3 roads to Barnbawn pound, this road has been out of contract for the past two months, and is in a shocking state from timber traffic. I request that the Council, if possible, allow me to expend such money as would have been lawful had the road been given in my charge.

B.—I have received applications for repairs and improvements in Arklow Courthouses and the County Courthouse, and I submit them to you.

C.—I request that the order of 26th November, 1906, requesting ordinary current expenditure on repairs in the Courthouses, be renewed, as the sum placed at my disposal is practically exhausted.

D.—I submit a certain written statement made to me regarding alleged unlawful disposal of road metal in Baltinglass Rural District, and request the assistance of the Council in the matter.

An application has been made asking an extension of the terms of permissible contract obtained at last quarterly meeting—"To erect a weighbridge in Dunlavin." I cannot recommend that this application be granted.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. 24th February, 1908.

The following orders were made:—Paragraph A—Apparently no precedent. Paragraph B—To be carried out. Paragraph C—Order renewed. Paragraph D—To submit to solicitor for prosecution.

The Secretary was directed to forward a copy of the following instruction to each Assistant County Surveyor, and the County Surveyor was directed to report at each meeting of the County Council whether it has been complied with:—"That the Assistant County Surveyors be directed to start the quarterly inspections of roads on 1st March, 1st June, 20th September, and 1st December, and to proceed with the various inspections promptly and steadily. That they be also

ordered to lodge the quarterly reports, fully complete in all respects, with the County Surveyor not less than twelve clear working days previous to the quarterly meeting of the district in which the roads are situated. That the assistants mention in the report on each road whether the clauses of the specification have been complied with, and, where not complied with, to so definitely state the fact and the extent of the neglect. In making recommendations to the County Surveyor for payment, etc., the sole guides to the assistants are—(1st) the state of the road, and (2nd) the fulfilment of the terms of specification."

The Secretary submitted a proposed Bill in Parliament, Session 1908, for incorporating and conferring powers on the Greystones Gas Company, and for other purposes—copy of which was lodged in the office of the County Council, Wicklow, on 16th December, 1907.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That Mr. Pierce O'Mahony be given permission to enclose a small area in front of his house in Grange Con—the line, etc., of such enclosure to be laid out by the County Surveyor. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the Local Government Elections be held on Wednesday, the 3rd June, 1908. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That, of the 350 millions admittedly due to Ireland, we demand an immediate instalment of one million to rebuild Irish industries, and we call on the Irish Party, and the President of the Department, Mr. T. W. Russell, to take immediate steps to give effect to this resolution. Copies to be sent Mr. John E. Redmond, Mr. Asquith, Mr. Birrell, and Mr. T. W. Russell. Passed unanimously.

The reports from the deputy checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the poor rate collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 60391/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd December, 1907. Stating that the Council have no statutory authority for accepting at their quarterly meeting in November the tenders sent forward from Rathdrum Rural District, and therefore proposals for the works in question must be made de novo.

No. 60392/1907; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd December, 1907. Stating that the proceedings in regard to the proposed increase of £5 per annum to Mr. Thomas Williams appear to have been irregular, and pointing out that, except in the case of an annual meeting, no business can be transacted at a meeting other than that specified in the summons relating thereto.

In reference thereto the following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give notice of motion that I, or someone for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that the salary of the Court-keeper at Wicklow, Mr. Thomas Williams, be increased £5, this increase to date from 1st January, 1908."

No. 60008/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd and 18th December, 1907. Letters regarding the proposal of the Board to amend the County and Rural District Councillors (Ireland) No. 2 Election Order so as to prevent fictitious nomination papers being sent by post to the Returning Officers for Local Government Elections.

No. 5704/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th February, 1908. Stating that, to prevent fictitious nomination papers being sent by post, the Returning Officer should make it clear that nomination papers should be sent only to the Deputy Returning Officer for the County Electoral Division concerned, whose local knowledge would enable them to minimise the danger referred to.

No. 50191/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th December, 1907. Enclosing copy of an order, dated 11th December, 1907, made by the Board under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1875 to 1907, as to Registration of Butter Factories, etc., revoking and rescinding their Order of 16th January, 1900.

No. 1M/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th January, 1908. Notifying an examination of candidates for the position of Assistant Surveyors, to be held on 12th and 13th February, 1908.

No. 106M/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th January, 1908. Circular calling attention to certain matters with reference to the approaching elections of County and Rural District Councillors in 1908.

No. 4717/1908; Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st January, 1908. Enclosing copy of a letter from the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, asking the Board to vary and increase the limit of road expenditure in the Rural District from £1,711 5s. to £1,881.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the extension of the limit of road expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, as applied for by that Council, to £1,881 (one thousand eight hundred and eighty-one pounds). Passed.

No. 57268/1907; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th February, 1908. Circular pointing out the necessity of Danger Sign Posts in the County, and dealing with the Council's powers to erect such Danger Posts under the Motor Car Act, 1903. Read.

No. 31202/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th December, 1907. Circular drawing the special attention of the Council to the Provisions of the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907 (copy of which was enclosed) which Act comes into operation on 1st January, 1908, and which is to be construed as one with the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th December, 1907. Printed acknowledgment by Mr. T. W. Russell of the Secretary's letter of 4th inst.—re rates due on Avondale Estate.

No. 5822/1907. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th December, 1907. Pointing out how the question of the cost of preparing the return of sheep dipped within the county might be arranged, and stating that it is the statutory duty of the local authority to furnish such returns as the Department may require.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the letter of the Department of Agriculture, No. 5822/1907, be and is hereby referred to the County Committee of Agriculture with instructions to draw up a scheme and report to this Council at an early date. Passed.

No. 224/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 22nd January, 1908. Acknowledging receipt of return showing the number of

sheep reported as having been dipped within the County in 1907 during the prescribed dipping period, amounting to 102,206, and stating that the Agricultural Statistics for 1907 show the number of sheep in the county to be 187,664, and asking for the Council's observations regarding the very wide difference in these figures.

No. 6034/1907; V. B. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th December, 1907. Circular transmitting copy of the "Importation of Horses, Asses, and Mules (Ireland) Order of 1907, No. II."

No. 471/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, January, 1908. Printed memorandum under the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907, dealing with the Registration of Butter Factories.

No. 2339/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 28th January, 1908. Notifying that three samples of butter had been taken up in Greystones under Food and Drugs Acts, and found to be pure on analysis.

No. 4875/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th February, 1908. Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Food and Drugs Acts, and found on analysis to be pure:—Baltinglass, three samples; Dunlavin, three samples.

Supplementary List No. 1 of Sheep Dips approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland for Sheep Scab in Ireland.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 6th December, 1907. From Chief Secretary, acknowledging Secretary's letter of 4th inst.—re rates due on Avondale Estate.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 22nd December, 1907. Further letter of acknowledgment—re same.

No. 1717/. Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 8th February, 1908. Stating that by directions of the Lord Lieutenant, on and after the 1st June, 1908, the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum shall consist of 46 members to be appointed as follows:—Corporation of Dublin City, 29; County Council of Dublin County, 9; County Council of Louth County, 4; County Council of Wicklow County, 4.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 17th January, 1908. Notifying particulars of a loan of £230 to Naas No. 2 Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 5th February, 1908. Circular dealing with claims for Treasury contributions to the charge of dividends guaranteed in the case of Tramways or Railways under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883.

Royal Commission on Coast Erosion, 35 Great George-street, Westminster, S.W., 1st January, 1908. Enclosing copies of printed questions on points which the Commission require information on, and asking the Council to circulate same amongst those interested, and to furnish a list of those to whom copies had been sent as follows:—The Clerk Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, County Dublin; the Clerk Rathdrum Rural District Council, Rathdrum; the Clerk Bray Urban District Council, Bray; the Clerk Wicklow Urban District Council, Wicklow; the Clerk Arklow Town Commissioners, Arklow; The Secretary Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company, Westland-row, Dublin; the Secretary Arklow Harbour Commissioners, Arklow; the Secretary Wicklow Harbour Board, Wicklow; the Secre-

tary Board of Public Works, Dublin; the Manager Kynoch Ltd., Arklow; the Manager the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow; Right Hon. the Earl of Carysfort, H.M.L., Glenart Castle, Arklow; Thomas Acton, Esq., D.L., Kilmacurragh, Rathdrum; Alfred H. Wynne, Esq., J.P., Burnaby Lodge, Greystones.

Royal Commission on Coast Erosion, 35 Great George-street, Westminster, S.W., 10th January, 1908. Notifying that the Commission have decided to hear most, if not the whole of the Irish evidence during sittings of the Commission in Dublin.

No. 2048/1907. Vice-Regal Commission on Irish Railways, 13 St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, 27th December, 1907. Forwarding a copy of the revised proofs of the evidence given before the Commission for the sittings from 11th to 22nd October, inclusive, in which are contained notes of the evidence given on behalf of the Council.

9th December, 1907. From the Clerk Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—asking to have the resolution on the subject of proposed transfer of Naas No. 2 Rural District to the County Kildare brought up at the next quarterly meeting of the County Council, when the local representatives hope to attend to support same. Order—Not agreed to.

14th January, 1908. From Councillor Wm. Osborne, Ballyknockan House, Blessington—notifying his intention to move at the next meeting of the Council that the Naas No. 2 Rural District be transferred to County Kildare, as applied for in the resolution sent forward from the Rural District Council.

Correspondence from W. J. Richardson, V.S., and from the Constabulary in Enniskerry and Roundwood, relative to the outbreaks of Sheep Scab in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

3rd December, 1907. From T. B. Doyle, Baltinglass—asking for cheque for his last quarter's salary as Coroner for West Wicklow.

4th December, 1907. From Thomas Grace, Uppertown, Dunlavin—asking to have a revision made of the valuation of the portion of the farm he holds from Colonel Tynte. Order—Referred to Reviser.

21st February, 1908. From Thomas Fisher, Dunlavin—enclosing plan and photo, and asking the Council's permission to erect a small house on the side of the street at Dunlavin to protect the lever of the weighbridge which the Council gave him permission to erect. Order—Application refused.

13th December, 1907. From W. J. Moore, Clerk of Petty Sessions, Dunlavin—conveying the wish of the magistrates to the Council that the Council provide a caretaker, and provide coal, etc., for Dunlavin Courthouse. Order—Fuel allowed.

30th December, 1907. From Lord Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry—further letter bringing before the Council the necessity of providing Finger Posts at the many cross-roads in the Enniskerry district. Referred to previous reply.

30th January, 1908. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin—enclosing official estimate and demand from the asylum for the ensuing financial year, together with a copy of the report of their Finance Committee dealing with the estimates, and a copy of a report of a special sub-committee appointed to enquire into the question of provision for Workhouse Lunatics.

6th January, 1908. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asy-

lum—enclosing a return of the admissions of patients charged against the County Wicklow from 1st October to the 31st December, 1907.

20th February, 1908. From the Clerk, Bray Urban District Council—relative to the ability of the relatives of a patient submitted from that district to contribute towards his maintenance in Richmond District Asylum.

20th February, 1908. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—relative to the ability of the relatives of three patients admitted from that district to contribute towards their maintenance in Richmond District Asylum. Order—Unable to contribute.

22nd January, 1908. From J. W. Beddoes, English and Irish Traffic Representative of the Great Western Railway of England, Waterford—asking the Council to pass a resolution in favour of granting through rates between stations on the Dublin and South Eastern system and the Great Western Railway of England; also asking the Council to appoint some persons to give evidence, if necessary, in support of same. Order—Approved.

24th January, 1908. From Mr. S. J. Doyle, Accountant, Wicklow—reporting on his audit of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ending 31st December, 1907. Order—Refer to Finance Committee.

20th February, 1908. From Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture—enclosing copy of the following resolution, sent forward to his Committee by the Shillelagh Rural District Council, urging the Government to provide proper veterinary attendance for the farm stock of the country on the veterinary system:—"Resolved—That it is the opinion of this Board that public opinion should be directed to the want of proper veterinary attendance on the dispensary system to attend to the farm stock of the country. At present the Government are spending £40,000 which would provide 160 veterinary surgeons at £250 per year, and confer a lasting benefit on the whole of Ireland." Passed.

25th January, 1908. From W. G. Williamson, County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—stating that police reports on cases of alleged malicious injury are made and transmitted in accordance with the Constabulary Regulations.

Order from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Wicklow, made at Court of Quarter Sessions, Baltinglass, on 20th January, 1908, changing, at the request of the magistrates by requisition, the times of holding the Petty Sessions of Dunlavin from every alternate Wednesday to the last Wednesday in each month. The first sessions to be held 29th January, 1908.

31st January, 1908. From Richard Wake, Secretary County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—asking the Council to place in repair the room in the Courthouse, Arklow, lent by the Council for Technical Instruction purposes.

February, 1908. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster-street, Dublin—pointing out that the affiliation fee is now due by the Council, and asking, in the event of any change having been made, for the names and addresses of the Council's delegates to the General Council. Order—Affiliation fee to be sent.

4th February, 1908. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow—reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £35 in John Lawrenson's malicious injury claim—to be levied off Rathdrum Rural District.

4th February, 1908. From Same—reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £420 in George Sharpe's malicious injury claim—to be levied off Rathdrum Rural District.

Form 4. Application for compensation for malicious injury made on behalf of Constable Thomas Fitzroy, Wicklow. Amount claimed £300. Rathdrum Rural District.

Form 2. Application for compensation for malicious injury made on behalf of John Ruskell, Oughill Lower. Amount claimed, £10. Rathdrum Rural District. Police report on same.

20th December, 1907. From Wm. J. U. Sowter, Engineer and Manager, Electric Lighting Station, Bray—enclosing, for execution by the County Council, form of agreement in duplicate for the supply of electricity in lighting Bray Courthouse.

6th December, 1907, and 16th January, 1908. From District Manager, National Telephone Company, Ltd., Crown Alley, Dublin—enclosing, for execution by the County Council, agreement in connection with poles erected on the property of the Council at Greystones by the Company.

3rd January, 1908. From Secretary, General Post Office, Dublin—applying for the Council's permission to erect a telegraphic line from the existing line near Ballynerrin to Kilbride. Granted.

From Wm. Fry and Sons, Solicitors, 14 Lower Mount-street, Dublin—forwarding Parliamentary Notices on behalf of the Dublin and South Eastern Railway of a proposed application in Parliament for extension of time for compulsory purchase of lands and other property granted by the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Act, 1903.

14th December, 1907. From the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, Margaret-street, London, W.—inviting the Council to appoint three delegates to their 24th Congress to be held in Cardiff, July 13th to 18th, 1908.

January, 1908. From the President, the Royal Institute of Public Health, Townhall, Buxton—inviting the Council to appoint four delegates to attend their Annual Congress to be held in Buxton, July 18th to 24th, 1908.

8th February, 1908. From "The Leader," 32 Lower Abbey-street, Dublin—applying for a share of the Council's advertising during the ensuing year.

February, 1908. From United Irish League, 39 Upper O'Connell-street, Dublin—enclosing pamphlet entitled "The Housing Problem—How to Solve it," being printed copy of a speech delivered at the meeting of the Central Branch of the United Irish League on 6th November, 1907, by John J. Clancy, K.C., M.P.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

December, 1907. From Down County Council—two resolutions (1) urging that powers be granted to County Councils to enable them to have the Register of Voters made out alphabetically in townlands, or as regards urban districts in streets; and (2) advocating arrangements whereby it can be provided that the Parliamentary Polling Districts can be made co-terminous with Electoral Divisions. Resolution 1, disapproved; resolution 2, approved.

10th December, 1907. From Waterford County Council—resolution calling on Parliament to repeal the law as regards the imposition of charges for malicious injuries.

10th December, 1907. From the Gaelic League, 3 Temple-street, Dublin—resolution on the withdrawal of the fees for Irish in National Schools by the National Board.

11th December, 1907. From King's County Council—resolution condemning faction and factionists as inimical to the best interests of the Irish National Cause.

1st January, 1908. From the Municipal Council of Drogheda—urging the advisability of having powers conferred on local authorities to enable them to initiate and undertake the construction of railways within their administrative areas.

6th February, 1908. From Dublin County Council—resolution in reference to the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of fines under the Irish Education Act, 1892.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Patk. Short. Resolved—That this Council cannot allow the occasion afforded by the decision of the Court of Appeal in the case of the fines under the Irish Education Act of 1892 to pass without recording its astonishment and indignation that the present Government should, in asking that two-thirds of the fines in question should go to the Crown, have violated an understanding arrived at in the House of Commons by which the whole of those fines were to go in aid of the rates, and which successive Governments had observed for fifteen years; that such action on the part of the Government is so manifestly unjust that this Council urges on the Irish representatives of all parties the desirability of publicly protesting against it in Parliament; and that with a view of securing united action on their part in this matter a copy of this resolution be forwarded immediately to every County Council in Ireland, with a request that they draw the attention of their respective representatives to the subject of it without delay. Adopted.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 9TH APRIL, 1908.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 9th April, 1908, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, W. Byrne, John J. Reilly, William Costello, John Murphy, and Patrick Short.

A letter was submitted from Councillor E. C. Walsh, stating his inability to attend the meeting.

B U S I N E S S.

1—To consider letter just received with regard to the War Department's contribution to Glen Imaal roads, and if desirable, to rescind the resolution of the 26th November, 1906, consenting to the Bye-laws regulating that Range, the War Department having failed to carry out its part of the agreement; also to make such further arrangements in connection with this Range as may be necessary.

2—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

3—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.

4—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.

5—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

5/1599. Commanding Royal Engineer's Office, Curragh Camp, 29th February, 1908. War Department contribution towards the upkeep of County roads in the vicinity of Glen Imaal Artillery Camp—offering a contribution of £120 per annum, subject to reconsideration after two years, and under certain conditions prescribed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That in accordance with due notice given, we hereby rescind the resolution of 26th November, 1906, consenting to the Bye-laws regulating Glen Imaal Range, which consent was then granted on the faith of the War Department's letter of the 18th July, 1906, the terms of which the War Department have failed to comply with. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That the Chairman and County Surveyor act as a deputation to wait on the War Office with a view to arrive at an agreement towards maintenance of roads in Glen Imaal district, and report to County Council meeting on 25th May, 1908. The expenses of deputation to be paid by County Council. James O'Connor, Esq., M.P., and John Muldoon, Esq., M.P., to be asked to arrange an appointment. Passed nem con.

The Council directed to be placed in the hands of their solicitor the Civil Bill served on the Council on behalf of George Newsom, V.S., for the sum of £2 16s., being balance of fees claimed by him as due in respect of two prosecutions at Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Petty Sessions under the Sheep Scab Orders.

The reports of the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the poor rate collectors, and the state of their collections were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 10373/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, 24th February, 1908. Stating that, owing to arrears in purchase annuities under the Land Purchase Acts of 1891 and 1903, a sum of £646 4s. will be deducted in respect of Land Purchase liability from the Estate Duty Grant payable in the County in month of March.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That in the face of the over-taxation of Ireland by the sum of over Four Hundred Millions, we protest in the strongest manner against the further robbery of Ireland by the withholding of those grants due to Ireland to make up for the breakdown of the Treasury in connection with Land Purchase Act of 1903, and we highly approve of the action of the Kildare County Council in opposing the further robbery of Ireland by the Treasury. Passed nem con.

No. 10783/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th February, 1908. Enclosing, to be laid before the Council, copy of a letter received by the Board from Mr. Martin Moran, Ballyconnell, Tobinstown, Tullow, relative to a contract taken for a public work at Shillelagh Rural District Council at a price £32 12s. 5d. higher than the amount in his tender, together with a copy of the Board's reply.

No. 11707/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th March, 1908. Enclosing copy of a letter sent by the Board to the Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, assenting to the limit

of expenditure on roads in that district being increased to the sum of £1,881 for the year ending the 31st March, 1909.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th March, 1908. Enclosing for the local authority's information copies of the "Hay and Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1908."

Department of Agriculture, Dublin. Memorandum conveying copies of the "Dublin Swine Fever Order of 1903, Amendment Order, No. II. Revocation Order"—making Swine Market Restrictions more stringent.

6th April, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—resolution requesting the Council, pending their approval of the permissive contract, to give permission to the Greystones Electric Lighting and Power Co., Ltd., to open up footpaths and roads, etc., in Greystones and district for the purpose of laying electric mains with the object of supplying electric light to the residents of the district.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to grant permission to Messrs. Coates and Company, or the Greystones Electric Light Company, to open roads, etc., in Greystones for the purpose of laying electric light mains, sub-mains, etc., provided that the Company previously comply with the following conditions:—1—That a plan or plans be deposited showing clearly the line of main, sub-main, etc., proposed to be laid. 2—That the Company deposit with the County Council a bulk sum at the rate of 1s. 6d. (one shilling and sixpence) per lineal yard of main, sub-main, etc., to be laid, said sum to be expended by the County Surveyor making good any default in restoring the roads disturbed (provided that the Company have not previously restored the roads to the full satisfaction of the County Surveyor) any balance remaining unexpended will be returned to the Company. 3—That the Company, at their own expense, enter into an agreement by which they undertake to indemnify the County Council, Rural District Council, and the Councils' officers, servants, and contractors, from all liability for any accident or damage which may occur to any person or any property whatsoever by reason of any of the operations of the Company; and, also, by which they relieve the aforesaid Councils, etc., from liability for any damage which may occur to the Company's property by any cause whatsoever. Passed.

7th April, 1908. From the Secretary, Ballee Wood Whinstone Quarry Company, Rathdrum, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Directors dealing with the notice served on Mr. Edward Ellison by the Department of Agriculture proposing to terminate his services on the 1st July next. Order—Referred to Council's meeting to be held 25th May.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Patrick Short:—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next County Council meeting a resolution in connection with the action of Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in dismissing from their employment Mr. Edward Ellison, as we consider such dismissal a breach of faith in the face of the assurance made to the deputation which waited on the Department some time ago."

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH MAY, 1908

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11-45 a.m., on Monday, the 25th May, 1908.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, Morgan Travers, Wm. Costello, John Murphy, Daniel Condren, William Byrne, M. Fleming, Joseph McCarroll, and D. J. Cogan.

BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider reports 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 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 make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 10—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow.
- 12—Consider the application from the Rathdrum Rural District Council to have the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, put in force within the Dispensary District of Newcastle.
- 13—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 14—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 15—Consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor M. Fleming:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some one for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that the salary of the Court-keeper at Wicklow be increased £5, this increase to date from 1st January, 1908."
- 16—Consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Patrick Short:—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next County Council meeting a resolution in connection with the action of Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in dismissing from their employment Mr.

Edward Ellison, as we consider such dismissal a breach of faith, in the face of the assurance made to the Deputation which waited on Department some time ago."

- 17—To receive and consider Reports from Committees
 18—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 19—To consider Official Correspondence.
 20—To consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 25th May, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, and E. P. O'Kelly.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Council, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County-at-Large				3,355	18	0
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	544	11	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	59	8	10	603	19	11
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	289	17	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	26	15	11	316	13	8
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	307	0	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	122	8	11	429	9	1
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,492	10	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,111	5	4	2,603	16	0
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	434	3	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	294	7	4	728	10	9
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				57	4	8
Transfer to the Subsidiary Account				370	19	9
(Included in the total for the County-at-Large).						

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	952	10	0
Naas	243	10	0
Rathdown	972	10	0
Rathdrum	2,300	0	0
Shillelagh	881	10	0
Total	£5,350	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	99	0	0
Naas No. 2	45	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	196	0	0
Rathdrum	376	0	0
Shillelagh	12	10	0
Total	£728	10	0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several rate collectors, paying orders in respect of same not to issue until the several amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	Refund.	Refund and carry forward.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1—Joseph Doyle	22 10 1	
2—Richard Geoghegan	7 8 11	
3—Thomas Tutty	11 11 4	
4—Bryan Dunne	2 7 9	
5—Michael Kelly	0 15 9	
6—Michael McGrath	13 8 1	
7—Charles S. Sutton	—	
8—Patrick Toole	5 10 10	
9—Joseph Keane	5 12 9	
10—John Murphy	14 13 1	
11—John Kelly	7 7 8	
12—John F. Evans	9 8 4	
13—George Evans	6 3 9	0 17 6
14—James Byrne	31 1 8	
15—John Brennan	14 17 0	14 4 8
16—P. J. Carey, junior	7 19 4	6 12 11
17—Philip Doyle	4 4 5	
18—Thomas Ebbs	—	
19—Terence Byrne	2 2 1	

The Committee recommend the Council to refund a sum of 10s. 2d. to Michael Kavanagh, Ferrybank, Arklow—being rates paid by him in respect of premises at Ferrybank, Arklow, on a valuation subsequently reduced on appeal.

The Committee checked the Subsidiary Account for the quarter ended 31st March, 1908, with the vouchers, and found same correct, and recommend a transfer of £370 19s. 9d. to credit of same.

We recommend that the requisition for Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs be signed and sealed.

May 25th, 1908.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's report be hereby adopted. Passed.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor

Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Order to tax Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs be signed and sealed. Passed.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Proposals Committee met on May 25th, 1908, and having considered the question of the speed of motor cars submitted to them by the County Council, recommend that application be made to the Local Government Board to issue Regulations under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, prescribing a maximum speed for Motor Cars of ten miles per hour within the following places and limits in the County of Wicklow:—

(1)—Between Rathnew Railway Station, Tinnakilly entrance, and Coolawinna gate lodge.

(2)—Between Killaheen gate and the Upper Lake at Glendalough.

(3)—Between Annagowlaun three roads and the three roads at Ashford National Schools.

(4)—Between Ballyronan three roads and Mr. Condell's gate at Warblebank.

(5)—Between Kinlen road three roads and the Railway Station at Greystones.

(6)—Church lane, Greystones.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS, WERE PASSED AS FOLLOWS:—

County-at-Large—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £3,355 18s. (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. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £603 19s. 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 Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £316 13s. 8d. (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 John Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £429 9s. 1d. (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 Daniel Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,608 13s. (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 D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £728 10s. 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 Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £57 4s. 8d. (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 Advice Notes 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 following roads were referred back to the District Council, and were placed in the hands of the County Surveyor for three months:—D.R. No. 178, 652 perches; D.R. No. 179, 432 perches; D.R. No. 180, 952 perches; D.R. No. 181, 384 perches; D.R. No. 182, 440 perches; D.R. No. 183, 676 perches; D.R. No. 184, 684 perches; D.R. No. 185, 637 perches; D.R. No. 186, 560 perches; D.R. No. 187, 608 perches; D.R. No. 188, 324 perches; D.R. No. 189, 320 perches; and D.R. No. 190, 282 perches. The remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Rathdown No. 2—Contract No. 293, as submitted, was approved and confirmed. Proposal No. 294 was rejected.

Proposed by Councillor W. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the Greystones Electric Light and Power Company not having complied with the conditions required in the leave given provisionally by the County Council at last meeting this Council hereby withdraws the leave and permission then given. Passed.

Rathdrum—Road contract No. 705 in the District Register, 574 perches, was given to William Manley, Ballinabarney, Rathnew, at 1s. per perch per annum. Guarantors:—John Hall, Ballinabarney, Rathnew, and John Reid, Ballymerrigan, Rathnew.

Road contract No. 707 in the District Register, 669 perches, was given to James Cullen, Ballyhara, Wicklow, at 5d. per perch per annum. Guarantors:—Thomas Woodroffe, Ballyguile, Wicklow, and Patrick Murphy, Dunbur, Wicklow.

Road contract No. 723 in the District Register, 714 perches, was given to John Murphy, Kilpoole Hill, Wicklow, at 4½d. per perch per

annum. Guarantors:—John Wolohan, Dunbur, Wicklow, and Wm. Odem, Ballyguile, Wicklow.

Work No. 699 in the District Register was given to James Wolohan, Rathdrum, at £120 10s. Guarantors:—Denis Fox, Ballin-doyle, Rathdrum, and James Smullen, Tyclash, Rathdrum.

Road No. 718 in the District Register, 1,263 perches, and works Nos. 696 and 701 in the District Register, were given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Permission was granted John Merriman, Kilcoole, to build a little front wall at his house in Kilcoole.

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

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

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this quarterly meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Michael Fleming. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the rate collectors' warrants for the collection of the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909, be signed and sealed—the warrants not to be issued until the several collectors' bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a deputy or deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the books, etc., of the collectors of the poor rate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount £2,960 5s. 6d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount £800 11s. 8d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending 31st March, 1909. Passed.

The following resolution sent forward from Rathdrum Rural District Council was submitted:—"Resolved—That we call on the County Council to apply the Provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, to the Dispensary District of Newcastle." Order—Approved. This to come in force on the 1st October, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. Murphy. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle be appointed Auditor to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company to audit their accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1909. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the salary of the Court-keeper at Wicklow, Mr. Thomas V. Williams, be increased £5—this increase to date from 1st January, 1908. Carried unanimously.

7th April, 1908. From Secretary, Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Co., Ltd., Rathdrum—enclosing resolution passed by his Board of Directors condemning the action of the Department of Agriculture in dismissing Mr. Edward Ellison from their service at Avondale.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—After the full and deliberate consideration of all the facts connected with the appointment and threatened dismissal of Mr. Ellison by the Department, and after the advocacy of his case by the Very Rev. Canon Staples, P.P.; the Very Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P.; the Rev. Mr. Matthews, Presbyterian Minister of Wicklow; the Very Rev. W. Dunphy, P.P., Barndarrig; the Rathdrum District Council, the Rathdrum Poor Law Guardians, the Wicklow Urban Council, the Shillelagh District Council, the Arklow Town Commissioners, and the Representative Bodies of our County, we call on Mr. T. W. Russell, Vice-President of the Department, to receive a deputation of the County Council who will put before him all the facts connected with Mr. Ellison's case, after hearing which we are confident Mr. Russell will act in the bold and independent manner which characterised his action in relation to Sir Horace Plunkett and the I.A.O.S., and do full justice to Mr. Ellison. Copies of this resolution to be sent to Mr. T. W. Russell, Mr. James O'Connor, M.P., and Mr. John Muldoon, M.P., the members for the county. Passed.—A deputation consisting of the following to wait on Mr. Russell at an early date relative to above:—D. J. Cogan, Esq.; Wm. Byrne, Esq., J.P.; J. McCarroll, Esq.; Rev. W. Dunphy, P.P.; Rev. Mr. Matthews, M.A.; Rev. J. R. Willis, E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P.; Very Rev. Canon Staples, P.P., V.F.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council, 25th May, 1908. Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have had no reply from the War Department on the Council's resolution regarding the upkeep of the roads in connection with Glen Imaal Camp.

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction have made no payment whatever on account of the rates due on Avondale Estate for the past four years, nor have they seen fit even to reply to the County Council's letter.

I see among the proposals sent forward from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District an unusual one numbered 294. I think it right to state that in my opinion this does not come within the powers given to the County Council by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, and further I consider the Council would be undertaking a very serious responsibility in granting any such powers as those contained in the proposal, unless with sufficient legal advice. Your County Surveyor and I beg to submit the following dates for the Council's meetings for the next twelve months—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Order—The Secretary to write again to the War Office and to the Department of Agriculture.

21st and 22nd May, 1908. From P. J. Kinlen, contractor to the

New Reservoir, Roundwood—applying to the County Council for their permission to do several temporary works in connection with the road leading from Roundwood to Knockraheen in order to facilitate him in his contract, and enclosing a map showing his requirements. Order—Approved. Mr. Kinlen to satisfy the County Surveyor and indemnify the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals Committee, and of the County Council, for the year 1908-9, as submitted by the Secretary in his report:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1908.	Autumn Quarter 1908.	Winter Quarter 1909.	Spring Quarter 1909.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Ennis-kerry.	11-30	Mon. July 6	Mon. Oct. 5	Mon. Jan. 4	Mon. Apr. 5
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rath-drum.	12	Mon. ,, 13	Mon. Nov. 9	Mon. ,, 25	Mon. ,, 26
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Bal-tinglass.	11-30	Mon. ,, 20	Mon. Oct. 26	Mon. ,, 19	Mon. ,, 19
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Bles-sington	1-45	Tues. ,, 21	Tues. ,, 27	Tues. ,, 20	Tues. ,, 20
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shil-lelagh	1	Fri. ,, 17	Fri. Nov. 6	Fri. ,, 22	Fri. ,, 23
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wick-low.	11-30	Wed. Aug. 5	Wed. ,, 11	Wed. Feb. 3	Wed. May 5
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wick-low	11.30	Mon. ,, 24	Mon. ,, 30	Mon. ,, 22	Mon. ,, 24

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the Clerk of the Crown and Peace be asked, if it suits his business, to give the advertisements from his office alternate years in rotation to each of the different local papers having contracts with the County Council. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council. County Surveyor's report. Spring quarterly meeting, 25th May, 1908. Gentlemen,—An unusually large number of contracts come before you for approval. None of these are of an unusual character, but certain road contracts in Rural District of Baltinglass should be specially considered—viz., those contracts relating to roads subject to military traffic (a) to which the War Department offer a small sum to keep up to the full standard of military requirements, (b) those relating to roads subject to military traffic,

towards the upkeep of which no contribution is offered. Several roads (especially in Shillelagh R.D.) have been taken at improvident prices. A resolution will come before you from Rathdown No. 2 R.D. Council—(1) relating to the opening of streets, etc., in Greystones, for the purpose of laying electric light cables, etc.; and (2) asking you to assist the Electric Light Company to obtain the necessary authority to supply electricity for public lighting. I consider it necessary to remind you that it would be well to see and fully consider the terms of any Provisional Order or Licence before committing yourselves to any sanction or approval. The works at Roundwood new Reservoir have now begun, and there is very heavy traffic over the roads leading to the works. Considerable damage has been done to road surfaces, etc., by the heavy traction engines used for transport of materials, and some of the damage has been done by the carelessness and indifference of the men employed with the engines. The War Department still continue to use heavy engines on the roads in West Wicklow, and several gulleys are broken. These gulleys were good enough for ordinary traffic, and I wrote requesting the Military Authorities to repair them. Some three weeks passed before I got an acknowledgment to the effect that the matter was referred to Superior Authority, but up to this no repairs have been carried out. Of course I have placed a watchman on the site of the damaged works.—Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Adopted.

A memorial, dated 22nd May, 1908, was received from road contractors John Manley, Bernard Meath, Patrick Cullen, John Brady, and John Smith—pointing out the injustice they suffer from by their roads being torn up by the heavy traction engines and waggons belonging to Messrs. Thompson, Dublin, drawing stuff to the new Waterworks at Roundwood, and asking to be allowed extra compensation, or to have the contracts cancelled, as they could not possibly keep their roads to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor at their contract prices.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the County Surveyor apply to the owners of traction engines for payment of damages done to the county roads by traction engines, and that he use his discretion in selecting a case for prosecution in the event of payment being refused. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 27th February, 1908. 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, 1907.

Eighty-five articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—41; milk, 19; whiskey, 17; buttermilk, 3; cheese, 2; tea, 1; sugar, 1; condensed milk, 1; total, 85.

Certificate sent to Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 39 per cent. of added water, and one certificate for specimen of butter containing an excess of water—namely, 17.6 per cent.

Certificate sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11 per cent. of added water.

There were six specimens of butter and one of bread and butter received from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin. They were taken up in the County of Wicklow, and one of the specimens of butter contained an excess of water—namely, 17.6 per cent.

Six drugs analysed for the Guardians of Wicklow Union were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-five drugs, twelve specimens of milk, two of port wine, one of whiskey, one of butter, and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, syrup of ferrous iodide, was slightly low in iodine. Four of the specimens of milk were adulterated with at least 8.9, 11, 21 and 39 per cent. of added water, respectively. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 4.560; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.013; saline ammonia, 0.008; nitric acid, 0.790; chlorine, 1.192; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none. A somewhat inferior water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, compound powder of rhubarb, was slightly low in ash. Another—namely, belladonna plaster, was slightly low in alkaloids.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters	4.200	5.460	5.880
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.017	0.016	0.013
Saline ammonia	0.003	0.0045	0.005
Nitric acid	0.640	0.790	0.640
Chlorine	1.093	0.994	0.894
Sulphuric acid	trace	trace	1.4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	trace	trace	2.0000

All slightly inferior in quality.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	8.260	9.800	24.920	9.520
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.017	0.015	0.006	0.016
Saline ammonia	0.0035	0.003	0.0035	0.0035
Nitric acid	0.790	0.790	4.440	0.790
Chlorine	1.491	1.491	3.578	1.491
Sulphuric acid	1.4412	1.4412	5.7648	7.206
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.0000	2.0000	8.0000	10.000

No. 3 was a pure water. The others were slightly inferior ones.

There were five fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

Two specimens of feeding stuff were analysed for Mr. R. Evans, Greystones.

One specimen of milk analysed for T. W. Rolleston, Esq., Glencaly, was free from dangerous micro-organisms.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow,

twenty-six drugs and three specimens of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, compound mixture of senna, was high in crystallised magnesium sulphate. The specimens of water had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters	34.160	14.980	12.040
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.014	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.010	0.004
Nitric acid	1.070	1.500	0.930
Chlorine	1.689	0.994	0.795
Sulphuric acid	5.7648	2.1618	0.7206
Equal to calcium sulphate	8.0000	3.0000	1.0000

Nos. 1 and 3 were tolerably good waters; No. 2 a rather inferior one.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	33.880	24.640	10.500	30.800
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.016	0.015	0.011	0.014
Saline ammonia	0.003	0.0025	0.010	0.0055
Nitric acid	1.070	1.070	2.070	1.800
Chlorine	1.192	1.192	0.894	1.391
Sulphuric acid	7.206	4.3236	2.1618	8.6472
Equal to calcium sulphate	10.000	6.0000	3.0000	12.0000

	No. 5.	No. 6.	No. 7.
Total solid matters	44.660	33.600	42.280

	Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.010	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.004	0.002	0.0025
Nitric acid	2.420	1.800	3.780
Chlorine	2.485	1.491	6.262
Sulphuric acid	10.0884	7.206	10.0884
Equal to calcium sulphate	14.0000	10.000	14.0000

All tolerably good or good.

Total analyses, 200; adulterated and defective articles, 12.

In the adulterated milk case from Arklow, the vendor's chemist certified that the milk was pure, but on referring a sample of the milk to Somerset House, London, my certificate was confirmed, and the vendor was convicted and fined.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next County Council meeting to rescind the resolution passed on the 16th May, 1907, with regard to prosecutions by Veterinary Inspectors under the Sheep Scab Orders."

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the poor rate collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 11707/1908. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th March, 1908. Sealed Order fixing the limit of road expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District for the year ending 31st March, 1909, at £1,881.

No. 9667/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th April, 1908. Circular enclosing copy of a report on the preparation and Sale of Vinegar under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

No. 62M/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th April, 1908. Enclosing copy of a letter sent each Rural District Council respecting the arrangements made for the payment of the Exchequer contribution under the Labourers' Acts.

28th April, 1908. From the Local Government Board—Schedule showing particulars of the amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works by the Local Government Board out of the Exchequer contribution to be applied by them towards repayment of outstanding loans under the Labourers' Acts on the Five Rural Districts.

Correspondence from the Clerks of the Five Rural Districts re same, together with amended estimates and demands from:—Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, Rathdown No. 2 do., Rathdrum do., Shillelagh do.

No. 19133/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th April, 1908. Enclosing copies of letters received by the Board from Collector Joseph Keane—applying for an increase in his poundage fees—together with a copy of the Board's reply.

No. 20,310/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th April, 1908. Giving particulars of the amounts deducted from the Estate Duty Grant in respect of Land Purchase, amounting in all to £646 4s.

No. 19708/1908. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th April, 1908. Sealed Order fixing Baltinglass No. 1 Dispensary District as the area of charge for the sewer at Edward-street, Baltinglass West.

No. 20,048/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th April, 1908. Refusing to extend the time within which the Council might pay an account from Mr. William Toomey, Sub-Sheriff, for notifying jurors, a previous extension for a like account having been granted in March, 1907.

No. 7,016/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th March, 1908. Notifying that the following samples of butter had been taken up in the county under Food and Drugs Acts and found on analysis to be pure:—Arklow, 3 samples; Tinahely, 3 samples; Enniskerry, 3 samples.

No. 7654/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th March, 1908. Acknowledging the Council's letter re rates due in respect of the Avondale Estate.

(No. 93). 18th March, 1908. Order of the Department of Agriculture stating that in the "Foreign Hay and Straw (Ireland) Order of 1908" the expression "France" shall include Algeria and the Protectorate of Tunis.

No. 9758/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 27th March, 1908. Notifying a breach of the Provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, by Mrs. Margaret Murray, Main-street, Wicklow.

No. 10795/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th April,

1908. Notifying that two samples of butter had been taken up in Wicklow under the Food and Drugs Acts, which were found on analysis to be pure.

Memorandum from the Department of Agriculture, enclosing copies of the "Hay and Straw (Movement from Great Britain to Ireland) Order of 1908, Revocation Order"—which comes into force on 1st May, 1908.

No. 1716/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 22nd April, 1908. On the subject of arrangements for giving effect to the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907 in the present year. Order—Referred to Agricultural Committee.

No. 1331/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, April, 1908. Re same—and enclosing copies of Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1907, of Revised List of approved Sheep Dips, of posters showing requirements of Sheep Dipping Order, and of Circular No. 4507/1907; (V.B.). Order—Referred to Agricultural Committee.

No. 4644/. Dublin Castle, 4th March, 1908. Acknowledging the Council's resolution calling for a grant of One Million to rebuild Irish industries.

Dublin Castle, 31st March, 1908. Circular dealing with the Provisions of the Inebriates Act, 1898, for the information of the Council.

Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry, 18 Lower Baggot-street, Dublin, 28th February, 1908. Acknowledging receipt of the Council's two resolutions dealing with Irish Forestry.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W., 3rd March, 1908. Acknowledging the Council's resolution calling for a grant of One Million to rebuild Irish industries.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 5th May, 1908. Notifying particulars of a loan of £7,300 to the Joint Committee of Richmond District Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 5th May, 1908. Notifying particulars of a loan of £2,250 to the Joint Committee of Richmond Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

15th May, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee—suggesting the names of Mr. J. J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, to fill the vacancy on his Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. P. J. Kinlen. Order—To be placed on agenda for annual meeting.

29th February, 1908. From Mr. John Muldoon, M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution protesting against the decision of the Court of Appeal re fines under the Education Act.

3rd March, 1908. From James O'Connor, M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging same.

1st April, 1908. From the Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a resolution of his Committee passed after consideration of the two letters from the Department of Agriculture dealing with the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1907, which were referred to that Committee by the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That the recommendation of the County Committee of Agriculture be and is hereby adopted, and the County Com-

mittee is hereby appointed a Committee of this Council to do all necessary acts to carry out the Sheep Dipping Order, 1907, through their Secretary. Passed.

4th May, 1908. From same—enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Committee asking the Council to elect the Rev. Thomas Graham, C.C., Barndarrig, Kilbride, on the County Committee of Agriculture. Order—Referred to annual meeting.

From C. F. Brady, Carnew—asking to be refunded the fee paid by him for a license to drive a motor car, as, owing to the age limit under the Motor Car Act, the license he received only permitted him to drive a motor cycle.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby authorised to cancel the Motor Driver's License issued to young Mr. Brady, and to return him the fee he paid for same. Passed.

22nd April, 1908. From W. H. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely— notifying his intention to apply for compensation to the County Court Judge for the burning of 50 Irish acres of Ballyshonogue Hill.

Forms Nos. 2 and 5. Application for compensation for alleged malicious injury to a furze hedge the property of William Neill, Stratford Lodge, Baltinglass. Amount claimed, £10. Police report on same.

27th April, 1908. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Wicklow— notifying the County Court Judge's decisions in the following malicious injury claims:—Constable Thomas Fitzroy v. County Council.—Dismissed without costs. Thomas McIver v. County Council.—Also dismissed. John Ruskil v. County Council.—A decree given for £5 5s., and 15s. expenses awarded. To be levied off Rathdrum Rural District.

25th May, 1908. From same—to the Chairman, regretting that owing to illness he was unable to be present at the County Council's meeting.

20th May, 1908. From the Secretary, Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—suggesting the re-appointment of the Rev. J. Doyle, C.C., Donard, on his Committee, he having been disqualified through non-attendance. Order—To be placed on agenda for annual meeting.

17th April, 1908. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow— asking the Council to appoint Acting Sergeant T. Jones, Rathnew, and Acting Sergeant James E. Terrett, Kiltegan, as Food and Drug Inspectors. Order—Two inspectors appointed.

29th February, 1908. From Sergeant Patrick Carroll, Inspector under Food and Drugs Acts, Dunlavin—reporting the decision of the Petty Sessions Court in two cases of breaches of the Act in his district.

28th February, 1908. From John Pansing, Assistant County Surveyor, Wicklow—acknowledging the Council's Order re Assistant Surveyors' quarterly reports.

29th February, 1908. From Joseph Boyd, Assistant County Surveyor, Drummin, Ballinglen—acknowledging same.

From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, Dublin— enclosing a return of admissions of patients charged against the County Wicklow during the quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

23rd May, 1908. From same—relative to the maintenance of a patient admitted to the asylum from the town of Wicklow.

28th April, 1908. From Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners—enclosing printed abstract of the accounts of Wicklow Harbour for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

17th March, 1908. From Parnell Memorial Committee, Mansion House, Dublin—appealing to the Council for monetary support to commemorate the Irish Leader by the erection of a Monument in Dublin.

8th and 20th May, 1908. From McDougall Brothers, 66 Port-street, Manchester—drawing the Council's attention to the various appliances for Sheep Dipping obtainable from that firm.

From Alex. Thom and Co., Abbey-street, Dublin—circular asking the Council to become subscribers to the "Directory of the Manufacturers and Shippers of Ireland."

From Hon. General Secretary, Buxton Congress of Royal Institute of Public Health, Townhall, Buxton—asking the Council to appoint delegates to attend the Congress on July 18th to 24th.

7th May, 1908. From Hon. Secretary, International Congress on Tuberculosis, 20 Hanover-square, London, W.—asking the Council to appoint one delegate to the coming Congress at Washington, U.S.A., from 21st September to 12th October, 1908.

April, 1908. Register of Fellows, Associates and Students of the Institute of Chemistry of Great Britain and Ireland.

21st May, 1908. From Collector John Murphy, Mullinaveigue, Roundwood—applying to be paid poundage on his list of Irrecoverable Rates.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

21st February, 1908. From Duncal County Council—resolution stating that a tax should be put on Motor Cars, the funds resulting from same to be spent by local bodies in improving the leading roads in each county. Read.

24th February, 1908. From Londonderry County Council—resolution relative to the preparation of Register of Voters, etc.

10th April, 1908. From Waterford No. 1 Rural District Council—resolution stating that the proceeds of any tax on Motor Cars should be devoted to road maintenance. Read.

14th May, 1908. From Limerick County Council—calling on the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to go into the whole question of road maintenance. Referred to annual meeting.

22nd May, 1908. From Waterford County Council—dealing with the Irish Universities Bill, and suggesting certain modifications to meet the wants of the country.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH JUNE, 1908.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 15th June, 1908.

The following Councillors attended and signed their declarations accepting office before the Secretary:—Councillors Edward P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, Daniel Condren, J. J. Reilly, Morgan Travers, James Galvin, John Storey, J. Murphy, W. Osborne, J. J. Dowling, William Costello, B. McDonald, Patrick Kenny, Edward Byrne, James Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, J. W. Reigh, W. H. McFarland, D. J. Cogan, and E. J. Byrne.

The chair was taken by the outgoing chairman, Councillor Edw. 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.
- 9—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.

The new Finance Committee will adjourn to appoint a Chairman, and to order Payments from Subsidiary Account.

- 10—To receive the Finance Committee's report.
- 11—To appoint Representatives upon the following Joint Committees of Management:—

(a) Richmond District Lunatic Asylum	(4).
(b) Wicklow County Infirmary	(12).
(c) Wicklow Fever Hospital	(8).
(d) Arklow Fever Hospital	(6).
(e) Newtownmountkennedy do.	(8).
- 12—To appoint the County Council's Representatives on the new School Attendance Committee to be formed for the Dispensary District of Newcastle.
- 13—To fill the vacancy on Dunlavin School Attendance Committee caused by the disqualification of the Rev. J. Doyle, C.C., Donard.
- 14—To fill the vacancy on Rathdown No. 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. P. J. Kinlen, J.P., Montrose, Greystones.
- 15—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Michael Byrne:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next County Council Meeting to rescind the resolution passed on the 16th May, 1907, with regard to prosecutions by Veterinary Inspectors under the Sheep Scab Orders."
- 16—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 17—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.

18—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.

19—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Mr. William Byrne and Mr. Patk. Short be co-opted as members of this County Council. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That Councillor E. 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 D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P., be and is hereby elected Vice-chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed nem con.

The minutes of previous meetings were then confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the following nine Councillors be appointed, along with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of this Council, to form the Proposals and Finance Committee:—Patrick Short, E. C. Walsh, J. W. Reigh, J.P.; Wm. Byrne, J.P.; D. J. Cogan, Jas. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, J. J. Reilly. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be and are hereby appointed to the County Committee of Agriculture and Live Stock, with powers to administer the funds placed at the disposal of such Committee by the County Council and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction jointly, and to do all necessary things in relation thereto:—J. J. Dowling, Blessington; Patrick Short, Rathnew; Very Rev. Canon Staples, P.P., V.F., The Abbey, Wicklow; Daniel Condren, Lower Main street, Arklow; John Storey, Moneystown, Roundwood; William Osborne, J.P., Ballyknockan House, Blessington; William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Wicklow; James Byrne, Tinakilly Lower, Aghrim; E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely; Joseph McCarroll, Church street, Wicklow; M. Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; Joseph Dunne, Merginstown Glen, Dunlavin; Michael Byrne, J.P., Coolalugg House, Tinahely; E. C. Walsh, 1 Vale road, Arklow; James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum; Andrew Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood; Peter Kearns, Tigroney, Ovoca; Philip Bolard, Coan, Stratford-on-Slaney; Thomas Burke, Hollywood, Ballymore-Eustace; William Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington; Rev. J. R. Willis, B.D., Moyne Rectory, Rathdrum; Rev. Philip Doyle, C.C., Annacurra, Aghrim; Rev. Thomas Graham, C.C., Bardarrig, Kilbride; Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum; Rev. P. Early, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy; J. J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtownmountkennedy. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to form a Joint Technical Instruction Committee for County Wicklow:—Rev. John O'Donnell, P.P.; Rev. J. O'Carroll, P.P.; Rev. Peter Early, C.C.; Rev. P. Doyle, C.C.; Rev. T. Graham, C.C.; E. J. Byrne, E. P. O'Kelly, J.P.; W. Osborne, J.P.; E. J. Byrne, J.P.; D. Condren, M.C.C.; W. Byrne, J.P.; Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, C.C.; Rev. W. Duggan, P.P.; E. C. Walsh. Passed.

The Secretary submitted the sheets showing the Revisions required in the Valuation Lists. Order—Postponed to our next meeting.

Proposed by Councillor W. H. McFarland, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum:—Edward P. O'Kelly, J.P., St. Kevin's, Baltinglass; William Osborne, J.P., Ballyknockan House, Blessington; Joseph W. Reigh, J.P., Glencoe, Herbert road, Bray; John Murphy, Vive-Vale, Delgany. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary:—Rev. Canon Staples, P.P., V.F., The Abbey, Wicklow; E. M. Collins, Abbey street, Wicklow; William Costello, Ardinary, Tonelagee, Wicklow; James Gernon, Abbey street, Wicklow; Jos. McCarroll, Church street, Wicklow; Patrick Short, Rathnew; Sylvester Delahunt, J.P., Furzeditch, Wicklow; William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Wicklow; Rev. A. D. Moore, Killiskey Rectory; Rev. P. B. Johnson, Wicklow; James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. 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. Canon Staples, P.P., V.F., The Abbey, Wicklow; William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Wicklow; E. M. Collins, Abbey street, Wicklow; Rev. P. B. Johnson, Wicklow; Sylvester Delahunt, J.P., Furzeditch, Wicklow; Rev. L. Farrelly, P.P., Ashford; James Gernon, Abbey street, Wicklow. Appointed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. 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; Michael Waldron, Main street, Arklow; Charles Murray, Ferrybank, Arklow; Hugh Byrne, Lower Main street, Arklow. Appointed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council upon the Joint Committee of Management of Newtownmountkennedy Fever Hospital:—Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade, Kilpedder; Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole; William Corbett, Spring Farm, Delgany; Rev. P. Early, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy; Rev. Michael Butler, P.P., Roundwood; Andrew Halpin, Whiterock, Roundwood; J. J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtownmountkennedy; John Murphy, Vive-Vale, Delgany. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the following be the representatives of this Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Newcastle:—Rev. P. Early, C.C., Newtownmountkennedy; Thomas Short, do.; Thomas Byrne, Killadreenan, do.; Jos. Keane, Newtownmountkennedy; J. J. Reilly, Kilmullen, do. Appointed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Rev. J. Doyle, C.C., Donard, to fill the vacancy on Dunlavin School Attendance Committee

caused by his own disqualification through non-attendance. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Mr. J. J. Healy, of Ashby, Greystones, be appointed to fill the vacancy on Rathdrum No. 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. P. J. Kinlen. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby rescind the resolution passed on the 16th May, 1907, with regard to prosecutions by Veterinary Inspectors under the Sheep Scab Orders. Passed nem. con.

Dr. A. Archer, and Raymond F. Fry, solicitor, attended before the Council on behalf of the Greystones Electric Light and Powers Company, Limited, and asked the Council to facilitate the Company in carrying out the proposed scheme of electric light in Greystones and district. After a discussion the matter was referred to the quarterly meeting in August when the subject would again come before the Council as a proposal from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. No action was taken by the Council with regard to the resolution (referred from the May quarterly meeting) which was received from Limerick County Council, calling on the Government to appoint a Royal Commission to go into the whole question of road maintenance.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 1st June, 1908. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the Co. Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1908.

Eighty-six articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—45; milk, 17; whiskey, 15; buttermilk, 3; cheese, 2; tea, 1; brandy, 1; margarine, 1; rum, 1; total, 86.

Certificate sent to Sergeant Carroll, Dunlavin, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 16 per cent. of added water.

Certificate sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent. of added water.

Certificate sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 30 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

There were eighteen 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. One contained an excess of water—namely, 21.3 per cent.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union thirteen drugs, eight specimens of milk, and one of butter, were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of ferric chloride, slight excess of iron. Another—namely, aromatic spirits of ammonia, low in ammonit. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent. of added water.

One specimen of water analysed for Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following composition.—One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 18.760; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.014; saline ammonia, 0.0015; nitric acid, 5.100; chlorine, 2.982; sulphuric acid, 2.161; equal to calcium sulphate, 3.000. A fairly good water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs, two specimens of milk and one water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The milks were of rich quality. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 8.200; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.008; saline ammonia, 0.0025; nitric acid, 1.640; chlorine, 1.789; sulphuric acid, 0.7206; equal to calcium sulphate, 1.0000. A good water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union fifteen drugs, and a specimen of water were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, solution of hamamelis, low in solids and alcohol. Another—namely, solution of turpentine, low in gravity and solids and high in turpentine. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 11.340; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.009; nitric acid, 1.360; chlorine, 1.292; sulphuric acid, 1.4412; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.0000. A tolerably, but not decidedly, good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Baltinglass Rural District Council had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 17.220; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.008; saline ammonia, 0.002; nitric acid, 3.000; chlorine, 2.186; sulphuric acid, 2.882; equal to calcium sulphate, 4.000. A good water.

There were seven fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-five drugs, two specimens of milk and one of buttermilk were analysed. The following drugs were defective:—Aromatic spirits of ammonia deficient in ammonia, tincture of nux vomica high in alkalis, compound tincture of chloroform and morphine high in gravity, Easton's syrup high in phosphoric acid. The specimens of milk and buttermilk were of good quality.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Total solid matters	14.280	41.580	54.040	40.180
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.035	0.009	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.0045	0.060	0.004	0.002
Nitric acid	0.500	trace	10.950	3.560
Chlorine	0.894	1.590	7.355	2.087
Sulphuric acid	2.1618	7.206	8.6472	5.044
Equal to calcium sulphate	3.0000	10.000	12.0000	7.000

No. 2 was greatly polluted, and dangerous to use.

Total analyses, 195; adulterated and defective articles, 13.

C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. Osborne. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to have new report forms and measurement forms printed and bound in such manner as he may consider advisable for the better execution of his and his Assistant's work. Passed.

County Surveyor's Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, 15th June, 1908. To the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen—I should be glad if you would grant me four weeks' leave of absence, from and including 22nd July, and that you would authorise and direct the

assistants to attend to any urgent matters which may require attention in their respective districts during that time.—I remain your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER. Order—Leave granted.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of this Council that the salaries of Rate Collectors Joseph Keane and George Evans be increased by Ten Pounds (£10) a year.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE,

No. 30327/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd June, 1908, Stating that the Board do not appear to have any functions in reference to the increase of salary of the Court Keeper at Wicklow.

20th May, 1908. From C. D. Barry, B.L., Local Government Auditor relative to payments in respect of special works, the completion of which has exceeded by six months the time limit in the specification, and asking the County Council to pass a resolution dealing with same.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That, in the case of special works on Form 22, the Secretary of this Council be now directed that from next financial meeting no payments be made on any such works, the completion of which has exceeded by six months the time limit in County Surveyor's specification. Passed.

No. 31131/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd June, 1908; Acknowledging the Council's application for a fixed limit of speed for motor cars in certain specified places in the county.

No. 31131/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th June, 1908; Further letter dealing with limit of speed of motor cars, and stating that the Board's Inspector, Mr. E. A. Saunderson, would hold a local inquiry into the application of the Council in the Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 29th June, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That, so soon as the Local Government Board issue the Orders asked for under Section 9 of the Motor Car Act, 1903, we hereby authorise and direct the County Surveyor to have the necessary sign posts erected on the several roads to which the Regulations apply. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be asked for a regulation prohibiting all motor traffic through Church Lane, Greystones—No. 6 on the map forwarded on June 2nd, 1908—said lane not exceeding sixteen feet in width. Passed.

No. 16368/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 1st June, 1908. Stating that the Department were about to pay the full amount of the rates assessed and claimed in respect of Avondale Estate.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 1st June, 1908. From T. W. Russell—refusing to receive a deputation from the Council re Mr. Ellison's case, and referring the Council to his letter to Rathdrum District Council, to which he has nothing to add.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor

John Storey. Resolved—That in view of the unanimous opinion of the whole County of Wicklow, as publicly expressed, asking the Vice-President to receive a deputation with regard to Mr. Ellison's dismissal, we consider the reply of the Vice-President of the Department as not only unsatisfactory, but almost disrespectful to the Council, and must tend to weaken the confidence of the county in the impartial administration of the Department. Passed.

25th May, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—forwarding tenders for works received late for the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, they having been addressed to the offices of the Rural District Council. Order—Letter containing tenders received late and opened 15th June, 1908.

9th June, 1908. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. William Byrne, of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, was elected as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1908. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. James J. Dowling, Blessington, was elected as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

13th June, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. John Murphy, Vive-Vale, Delgany, was re-elected as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—notifying that Mr. Patrick J. Carey, Tomanierin, Aughrim, was re-elected Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

10th June, 1908. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that, as the re-elected Chairman of his Council, Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, Tinahely, is already a County Councillor, the District Council has nominated Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., of Muskeagh, Tinahely, to take his place as an additional member of the County Council.

5th June, 1908. From Simon J. Doyle, Returning Officer, 7 Leitrim place, Wicklow—enclosing formal notice showing the result of Election of County Councillors.

23rd May, 1908. From W. H. Hadden, Johnstown, Tinahely—giving notice of his intention to withdraw his claim for compensation for alleged malicious injury by fire to his hill at Ballyshonogue.

29th May, 1908. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Courthouse, Wicklow—enclosing the following resolution of his Committee:—"That a Sub-committee consisting of the Chairman (Mr. D. J. Cogan), John Storey, Michael Fleming, James Byrne, J. J. Reilly, with the Secretary (Mr. John Byrne) are hereby appointed to frame rules to direct officer to carry out the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1907—the expenses of same not to exceed the cost of £100, and that the sanction of the County Council be asked for this expenditure." Order—Not adopted.

1st June, 1908. From Same—enclosing particulars of a scheme for Veterinary Dispensaries in operation in County Wexford, with a recommendation from his Committee that the same be adopted and put in force.

15th June, 1908. From Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—enclosing copies of the Triennial Report of his Committee for the Council's information.

Correspondence received from the Managers of Artane Industrial School, St. Kevin's Reformatory, and St. Kyran's Industrial School—

protesting against the action of the Council in stopping certain amounts stated by the Council to be collectable from the parents from their quarterly accounts for the maintenance of boys in these institutions.

30th May, 1908. From John Muldoon, M.P., 7 Herbert place, Dublin—acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution re Mr. Ellison's case.

13th June, 1908. From the Honorary Secretary, Aughrim Workingmen's Association—enclosing copy of a resolution unanimously adopted at a meeting of his Association protesting against the action of the Department of Agriculture in dismissing Mr. Ellison from his position at Avondale.

27th May, 1908. From Kilkenny County Council—enclosing copy of a resolution dealing with the financial breakdown in connection with Land Purchase in Ireland.

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The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 24th August, 1908.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, William Byrne, Michael Kelly, E. C. Walsh, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Byrne, Patrick Kenny, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, Joseph Dunne, John J. Reilly, Morgan Travers, James Galvin, Patrick Short, John Murphy, William Costello.

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 Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates.
- 10—To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates on Avondale Estate.
- 11—To fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee, caused by the resignation of Captain Alfred Zeller.
- 12—To fill two vacancies on the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee, caused by the disqualification of Mr. E. Butterfield and Mr. John Ellis, J.P.
- 13—To fill the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture.
- 14—To fill the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee.
- 15—To make arrangements for the Election of Rural District Councillors for the Electoral Divisions of Arklow No. 2 and Ennereilly.
- 16—To consider the Lists of Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 17—To arrange for carrying out the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, and to appoint a Committee.
- 18—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting of the County Council that the salaries of Rate Collectors Joseph Keane and George Evans be increased by £10 a year."
- 19—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 20—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 21—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 22—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 12th August, 1908:—Councillor E. J. Byrne, and subsequently Councillor D. J. Cogan, in the chair; Councillors William Byrne, Patrick Short, 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—				4,899	14	0
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	607	2	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	70	8	4	677	11	0
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	286	5	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	549	10	8	835	16	5
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	381	16	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	50	16	3	432	12	11
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,518	14	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	313	6	3	1,832	0	8
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	387	15	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	3	6	444	19	4
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals	17	3	0	17	3	0
Bray Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals	0	17	8	0	17	8
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account				898	18	9
Payment out of Annalecka Loan Account				80	0	0

The Committee directed that the Paying Order for this last item of £80 be withheld until the first instalment of the loan is lodged to the credit of the County Council.

The Committee recommended payments of £10 10s. each to Mr. E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman of the County Council, and to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor, expenses for acting as a deputation to the War Office in connection with Glen Imaal Artillery roads—subject to vouchers being furnished in each case.

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District Demands submitted to them, and recommended the Council to make the following payment on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	986	10	0
Naas	258	10	0
Rathdown	1,050	10	0
Rathdrum	2,400	0	0
Shillelagh	893	10	0
Total	£5,589	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1... ..	246	18	4
Naas No. 2	116	3	0
Rathdown No. 2	921	1	9
Rathdrum	642	12	3
Shillelagh	269	18	9
Total	£2,196	14	1

The Committee checked the Subsidiary Account for the quarter ended 30th June, 1908, with the vouchers, and found same correct, and recommend a transfer of £898 18s. 9d. to credit of same.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman, Finance Committee.
14th August, 1908.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 24th August, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor E. J. Byrne (in the chair); Councillors E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee recommend the following additional proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee:—To E. P. O'Kelly, portion of expenses incurred by him acting on a Deputation from the Co. Council to the War Office, 17s. 8d.

An application was submitted from Mr. Frank McPhail, County Printer, to be allowed the amount by which his printing account for elections was reduced. The Committee adhered to their Order of the 12th inst.

E. J. BYRNE,
Chairman of Committee.

24th August, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's advice note 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 District Councils were passed as follows:—

County at Large.—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County at Large, amounting to £4,899 14s. 0d. (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. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £678 8s. 8d. (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. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £835 16s. 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 M. Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £432 12s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum.—Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the fore-

going proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,832 0s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh.—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £444 19s. 4d. (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 M. Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £17 3s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Bray Urban.—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Bray Urban District, amounting to £0 17s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Loan Account.—Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposal for payment out of Annalecka Bridge Loan, amounting to £80 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for contracts from the five Rural District Councils:—
Baltinglass No. 1.—Roads No. 181 in the District Register, 384p.; No. 182 in the District Register, 440p.; No. 183 in the District Register, 676 perches; and No. 189 in the District Register, 320 p., were all given in charge of the County Surveyor.

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

Naas No. 2.—Nil.

Rathdown No. 2.—On considering Proposal No. 304 in the District Register, dealing with the proposed Electric Lighting of Greystones and District, it was proposed by Councillor Edmond C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That the Draft Provisional Order for the Greystones Electric Lighting Company be submitted to our Solicitor and County Surveyor and Secretary to report to the Special Meeting of the County Council to be held within fourteen days; the Company to supply to the Solicitor and County Surveyor and Secretary the necessary documents and information for the purpose. The Secretary to inform the Company that formal application for the consent of the County Council to the Provisional Order be lodged in time for said Special Meeting. Proposal No. 304 in Rathdown No. 2 be not meanwhile approved. Passed. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum.—Work No. 735 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor. Provisional Proposal No. 736 in the District Register was referred to District Council. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Arklow, 21st August, 1908.

The Chairman, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—Having secured a lease of a vacant plot which has been long in my possession, opposite my house, I beg formally to ask permission of the Council to erect a house and wall in this plot up to inside of water table, and to raise present county wall to nine feet high.—
Yours faithfully,

E. C. WALSH.

Granted.

Shillelagh.—Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed. Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor James Galvin, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we now sign the certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the certificate for bounty in lieu of rates be now signed and sealed. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the certificate for bounty in lieu of rates on Avondale Estate be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. James McGrath, Cloughleagh, be appointed to fill the vacancy on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee caused by the resignation of Captain Alfred Zeller. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. E. Butterfield, Rathallagh, Dunlavin, and Mr. Thomas Grace, Uppertown, Dunlavin, be appointed to fill the vacancies on Dunlavin School Attendance Committee caused by the disqualification of Mr. E. Butterfield and Mr. John Ellis, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That John J. McGrath, Ballinacor, Kilbride, Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancy existing on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Edward Byrne, J.P., Muskeagh, Tinabely, and James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum, be appointed to fill the vacancies existing on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and that the duplicate name, "E. J. Byrne," be erased. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That an election be held by Mr. Simon J. Doyle, Returning Officer, for a Rural District Councillor for the Rural Electoral Division of Arklow No. 2, and for a Rural District Councillor for the Rural Electoral Division of Ennereilly, on Monday, the 12th day of October, 1908—payment to be according to scale. Passed.

The Revisions of Valuations required were submitted, and the following letter, No. 49,049, dated 11th July, 1908, from the Valuation Office, read:—

No. 49,049.

General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland,

6 Ely place, Dublin, 11th July, 1908.

Sir—I am directed by the Commissioners of Valuation to

acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant, and to state that the lists of cases requiring revision referred to therein have been duly received. If your Council require them for their meeting in August, the Commissioners will be glad to let you have them then, provided they are returned at your earliest convenience.

Regarding the change of name from Catherine Toole to Major Cunningham, I am to state that the Revising Valuer was informed by Mrs. Toole that the plot of land, No. 5 in the townland of Knockadreet, was not included in her holding when her rent was fixed, and that it was then in the hands of the landlord.—I am, sir, your obedient servant,

ALFD. BECKETT, Chief Clerk.

To the Secretary, Co. Council of Co. Wicklow, Wicklow.

The Secretary explained that the Revision Lists had been sent forward in consequence of an order received from the Valuation Office in the beginning of July.

Councillor J. J. Reilly read a reply Miss C. Toole received in 1906 from the Valuation Office, and complained that the Secretary had had her name removed from the lists and replaced by R. C. Guncinghame.

After a very lengthened discussion on the subject, the Chairman suggested—in order to settle the question raised and to close the matter once for all, so that it might not again take up the time of the Council, as it had done in the past—that if he were given the letter addressed to Catherine Toole, which Councillor Reilly had read, he would himself get from the Valuation Office copies of all correspondence connected with it, to lay before the next meeting, if that would satisfy the Council. Councillors J. McCarroll and J. J. Reilly said if he would add “and personal visits of the Secretary” as well as “correspondence,” it would satisfy all they required.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. P. O’Kelly. Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations in the Valuation Lists, as given in the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Valuation Office to have the Lists revised accordingly. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the County Council be appointed Pension Committee for County Wicklow for the purpose of carrying out the Old Age Pensions Act, and that Saturday, the 5th September, be appointed for first meeting of Committee at the hour of 1 o’clock. Passed.

St. Kevins, Baltinglass, 24th August, 1908.

Gentlemen—In accordance with your instructions I (attended by the County Surveyor) waited on the Secretary of State for War, in reference to the cost of the upkeep of the Glen Imaal roads. The interview took place on the 13th July, and was very difficult to arrange. The Secretary of State was attended by Mr. Acland and his Secretaries; your deputation was accompanied by Messrs. John and Wm. Redmond and P. O’Brien. After a long discussion it was agreed that the Secretary of State should nominate a competent person to inspect the roads in conjunction with the County Surveyor, and on the ground fix and agree to a fair price for the upkeep of these roads—in the event of failure on the part of these gentlemen to agree as to the price, the matter is to be referred to an arbitration.

EDWARD P. O’KELLY.

ANNUAL REPORT ON DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

County Surveyor’s Office, Courthouse, Wicklow,
24th day of August, 1908.

The County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen—On the 21st inst. I completed the annual inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway.

The line presents the usual grass and weed grown appearance. However, as much of the work of re-sleeping is in progress in the County Wicklow section, some of the weeds may be removed.

Large sections of the line near Crosschapel have been re-sleepered, and the old fastenings replaced by those of better and newer type. The new sleepers do not appear to have been in any way treated with preservatives, and as the old ballast, laden with vegetable matter, etc., is still retained, the life of these sleepers cannot be of long duration. The decay previously noted of many of the longer laid of these untreated timbers is now very marked.

The fastenings (except where on new-laid sleepers) are mostly loose, especially at the rail joints.

The drainage of the line is still defective, and near Blessington most of the sleepers at the joints appear to be, after wet weather, in pools of water.

On my visit to the depot at Templeogue I found the water tank leaking badly. However, I understand some alterations and improvements in the water supply are in contemplation, and possibly this tank may be no longer of use.

Engine No. 3 was undergoing complete repairs, and wagon No. 3 was in for re-construction. The rolling stock generally appears to be maintained in good working order.

Two new weighbridges have been erected, and I understand more accommodation for loading sheep is contemplated at Blessington, which would be an improvement.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Approved.

County Surveyor’s Office, Courthouse, Wicklow,
24th August, 1908.

Gentlemen.—During the past quarter, ending 30th June, 1908, the contractors for the various roads were fairly attentive to their works. Much trouble is caused by the road surface breaking up from the dry weather; some of the roads being in a very bad, loose state from this cause, although the contractors appear to be doing their best.

In accordance with your instructions I attended on the Chairman on his mission to London in the matter of the Glen Imaal roads.

I have received an application from Arklow Harbour Board for permission to excavate the side of the road at the Quays, for the purpose of extending and improving the car way to the river.

Application has also been made by the occupier of Ballyteige House, Rathdrum, for permission to alter the boundary fence at the roadside at Ballyteige and replace same by wall 9ft. high.

Many complaints have been made to me by contractors and others as to the damage done by motor cars in loosening the road surface. I fear that these complaints are well founded, but, unfortunately, owing

to the construction of the roads, even if tarred this damage would still continue to be done.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Paragraph 3. Permission granted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street,
Dublin, 31st July, 1908.

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, 1908.

112 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number—43; milk, 32; whiskey, 23; cheese, 9; sherry wine, 1; claret, 1; buttermilk, 1; oatmeal, 1; pepper, 1; total, 112. They were all pure.

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 Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union 19 drugs, 9 specimens of milk, 1 of butter, and 1 of whiskey, and 1 water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 78.540, including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.024; saline ammonia, 0.043; nitric acid, 6.050; chlorine, 17.394; sulphuric acid, 10.899; equal to calcium sulphate, 15.000. Polluted, and dangerous to use.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters	9.100	8.960	6.020
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.010	0.009
Saline ammonia	0.0025	0.002	0.003
Nitric acid	0.500	0.500	0.500
Chlorine	1.789	1.789	1.689
Sulphuric acid	0.7206	0.7206	0.7206
Equal to calcium sulphate ...	1.0000	1.0000	1.0000
	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Total solid matters	9.660	20.160	21.840
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.014	0.005	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.0025	0.002	0.002
Nitric acid	0.500	0.790	3.560
Chlorine	1.789	2.385	3.479
Sulphuric acid	0.7206	2.161	2.161
Equal to calcium sulphate ...	1.0000	3.000	3.000

All fairly good waters.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, two fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, 25 drugs, 6 specimens of milk, and 2 of whiskey were analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 60 per cent. of added water, and was also deprived of at least 23 per cent. of its fats.

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	16.520	42.140
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.036	0.014
Saline ammonia	0.0065	0.002
Nitric acid	Trace	1.210
Chlorine	1.093	2.584
Sulphuric acid	1.441	6.485
Equal to calcium sulphate ...	2.000	9.000

No. 1 a bad water; No. 2 a fairly good one.

C. A. CAMERON.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That the salaries of Rate Collectors Joseph Keane and George Evans be increased by (£10) Ten Pounds a year.

On a show of hands being taken, the Chairman declared the motion "rejected."

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors, and the state of their collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 33879/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th June, 1908—stating that the application to the Board to prohibit all motor traffic in Church lane, Greystones, would form portion of the Inquiry by their Inspector, on the 29th June, 1908, and enclosing copy of a notice issued regarding same.

No. 37882/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th July, 1908—stating that the Collectors should be called upon to proceed more energetically with their collections, and that the Collectors who had failed to attend for the checking of their accounts should be called on for explanations, to be subsequently submitted to the Board.

No. 43376/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th August, 1908—stating that the Collectors should be warned that if they fail to close their collections by the 30th proximo, they will not be entitled to any poundage fees for the half-year's collection.

No. 41289/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th August, 1908—enclosing copy of a letter received by the Board from Mr. Thomas Williams, Court Keeper, Wicklow, relative to his salary as Court Keeper of the Wicklow County Courthouse.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor

on my behalf, will move at next Meeting of the County Council that Mr. Thomas Williams be paid £5 per year as Caretaker of the Council's Offices, in addition to his present remuneration, and that this resolution shall take effect as from the first of January last, the Council's intentions in this respect having been vetoed by the Local Government Board on technical grounds on two occasions within the year."

No. 17994/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th June, 1908—stating that three samples of butter had been taken up in Baltinaglass under Food and Drugs Acts, and found on analysis to be pure.

No. 8200/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th June, 1908—suggesting that the Council supply a copy of the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907, to each of the Food and Drugs Inspectors.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd June, 1908. From T. W. Russell—acknowledging the Council's resolution relative to the case of Mr. Ellison.

No. 18087/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th June, 1908—notifying that a sum of £203 3s. 11d. had been lodged to the Council's credit, being in respect of rates due on Avondale Estate for the three years ending 31st March, 1908.

No. 2867/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, July, 1908—on the subject of Sheep Dipping, and enclosing copies of an Order made by the Department, entitled the Sheep (Movement from Ireland) Order.

First list issued by the Department of Agriculture of names which have been approved by that Department for use in connection with Margarine under Sections 8 and 14 (1) of the Butter and Margarine Act, 1907.

No. 49011. General Valuation Office, Dublin, 7th July, 1908—relative to the question of forwarding the Revision Sheets, and directing attention to Section 4 of 17 Vic., Cap. 8.

From Messrs. Bennett, Thompson, and McNeill, Solicitors, 3 Suffolk street, Dublin—Notice of intention to apply for a Provisional Order re proposed scheme of Electric Light for Greystones and district.

12th August, 1908. From Messrs. Bennett, Thompson, and McNeill, Solicitors, 3 Suffolk street, Dublin—in reference to the resolution of the Council passed on the 25th May, enclosing Indemnity and Map in connection with the proposed scheme of Electric Light for Greystones and district.

18th August, 1908. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by his Council granting the permission required by the Greystones Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., in reference to the scheme of Electric Light for Greystones and district.

4th August, 1908. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—See Resolution on Proposal No. 304. Rathdown No. 2 R.D.

stating that the relatives of Catherine and Patrick Cullen, of Ballinastockan, should contribute towards their maintenance in Richmond Asylum at the rate of £5 each per year.

16th June, 1908. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Wicklow—reporting that the County Court Judge dismissed the claim for compensation for alleged malicious injury lodged by William Neill.

19th June, 1908. From E. White, Hon. Secretary, the Irish Automobile Club, 34 Dawson street, Dublin—giving notice of his intention to oppose the Council's application for a regulation prescribing a maximum speed for motor cars on certain roads in the county.

20th June, 1908. From William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Wicklow—returning thanks to the Council for co-opting him again as one of their members.

9th July, 1908. From Canon E. H. Whelan, Kilbride Rectory, Bray—suggesting that a caution board should be placed at the sharp corner of the Herbert road, about 400 yards from Kilbride Church. Order—No funds.

27th July, 1908. From Secretary, Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland square, Dublin—enclosing copy of the Auditor's Reports on the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 30th June, 1908.

30th June, 1908. From P. Loftus, Secretary to the All-Ireland Industrial Conference, Galway—inviting the Council to nominate two Delegates to represent them at the Conference in the Town Hall, Galway, on 16th and 17th September next.

22nd June, 1908. From Secretary, Irish Land Purchase Association, 5 Waterloo place, London, S.W.—asking for any suggestions the Council may have that would assist in framing a scheme for dealing with the finance of the Land Purchase Acts, and enclosing copy of a speech made by Lord Kenmare on the subject.

30th June, 1908. From the Executive Committee of the National Council, 11 Lower O'Connell street, Dublin—forwarding printed copy of a proposed National Civil Service Scheme, and inviting suggestions re same.

1st June, 1908. From the Secretary, Society for the Preservation of the Irish Language, 6 Molesworth street, Dublin—enclosing copies of resolutions respecting the position of Irish in the proposed Universities.

25th July, 1908. From Henry Dixon, Hon. Secretary, Gaelic Library Committee, Public Library, Lower Kevin street, Dublin—enclosing printed statement issued by his Council respecting the Local Government Bill introduced by Mr. Birrell.

31st July, 1908. From Lady Aberdeen, President of the Women's National Health Association, Viceregal Lodge, Dublin—inviting the Council to appoint two Delegates to attend the Conference regarding Tuberculosis to be held in the Reception Room of Leinster House, Dublin, on 27th August.

8th August, 1908. From Resident Secretary, Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 3 Westmoreland street, Dublin—asking to be given the opportunity of placing before the Council their terms for Third Party Insurance.

23rd July, 1908. From Louth County Council—resolution calling on the Government to introduce legislation to compel vendors of seeds to give with all seeds sold by them a guarantee of purity and germination.

15th August, 1908. From General Secretary, Gaelic League, Dublin—enclosing copy of resolution regarding the status of the Irish Language in the New Universities, for the Council's consideration and adoption.

22nd August, 1908. From Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin—pointing out the grave disadvantage under which the residents of Dunlavin have been suffering for close on two years owing to the absence of a public weighing machine, and stating the urgency of this want in the district. Chairman's Note—Only received this morning.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 1.30 p.m. on Saturday, the 5th September, 1908.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, John J. Reilly, Morgan Travers, John Murphy, Wm. Byrne, Patrick Short, B. McDonald, E. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, James Galvin, Daniel Condren.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To receive a Report from your Solicitor, County Surveyor, and Secretary on the draft Provisional Order about to be applied for by the Greystones Electric Lighting Co., Ltd.
- 2—To consider and deal with an application from the Greystones Electric Lighting Company, Ltd., for the County Council's consent to their application for a Provisional Order for the purpose of carrying out Electric Lighting in the Greystones district, opening up roads, laying of power cables, etc.

Courthouse, Wicklow, 4th September, 1908.

"RE GREYSTONES ELECTRIC LIGHT COMPANY."

Gentlemen—I beg to report that this matter came before the County Council on the 15th June last, when they decided to take no action in the matter owing to the fact that the Maps and a Draft of the Provisional Order had not been lodged with the Secretary to the Council. Since that date the Maps have been lodged, but a Draft of the Provisional Order was not lodged up to the 4th of the present month, and on that day a draft of the Provisional Order was duly lodged, a copy of which is now placed before you. The notice of intention to apply for a Provisional Order sets out that the application will be made to the Board of Trade on or before the 21st December next, and that the usual notices will be published on or before the 30th November next, consequently the Company cannot take any decisive step until the times already mentioned. We consider that the question of consenting to the Provisional Order is one that involves some difficulty, and we deem it advisable that the opinion of Senior Counsel should be taken upon the whole question, and we also consider that a cash deposit is absolutely essential instead of a paper indemnity. The Council could not give a consent to the Provisional Order at their Meeting to be held on the 5th, inasmuch as there must be one month's notice of the Special Meeting and of the purposes thereof. The Greystones Electric Light Company will not be prejudiced in any manner by the fact of any delay being occasioned. It is right to add that your Secretary only received the formal application for the necessary consent on this date (the 4th inst.), and the said application is now placed before you. Although at your Meeting on the 15th June last

the attention of the representatives of the Company was called to this, and that the Council could not take any step until the said application and a Draft of the Provisional Order were before the Council.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

J. H. McCARROLL, Solicitor.

The Secretary's Report on the application of the Greystones Electric Light Company for consent to an application for a Provisional Order:—

Gentlemen—Although the County Council informed the above Company so long ago as the 15th June last that they could take no steps in connection with the matter of their application until the Company had lodged (1) a copy of the proposed Draft Provisional Order, and (2) a formal application for the consent of the County Council, I only received these two documents or either of them this day. I have, therefore, had no opportunity whatever of going through the provisions of the same with your County Surveyor.

I would, however, point out that the County Council have no legal power to deal with the application of the Company at to-morrow's meeting, as the Act requires one month's notice to be given of a Special Meeting to be held for that purpose.

Also, having in view the position of the County in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway, and with the Bray and Enniskerry Light Railway, I would strongly urge the necessity in the present case of having a proper deed executed defining the Council's requirements and completely safeguarding the ratepayers, and having a sufficient cash deposit made by the Company to ensure the compliance with said deed.—Yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

4th September, 1908.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, 5th September, 1908.
Chairman and Members, County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen—On the 4th inst. I received a copy of the Draft Provisional Order in the matter of the Greystones Electric Lighting Co., Ltd. I have also seen a Map showing the roads or streets in Greystones proposed to be opened in laying mains, etc.

As far as I have had time to look into the Provisional Order, and the Act therein referred to, I have done so, and I think Clauses should be inserted—

(1) To relieve the Councils against liability for any damage to the Company's property which might occur by reason of the works which may be at any time carried out by the Councils in or on the roads or streets mentioned in the second and third Schedules.

(2) That Special Clauses should be inserted to ensure the proper restoration of the surfaces to my satisfaction.—Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

3rd September, 1908. From Messrs. Bennett, Thompson, and McNeill, Solicitors, 3 Suffolk street, Dublin—enclosing the Draft Provisional Order which the Greystones Electric Light and Power Company are seeking to obtain from the Board of Trade, and also enclosing the formal application from the Company asking for the Council's consent to same.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary be hereby directed to summon a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held on the date of our next Quarterly Meeting, to consider the application of the Electric Lighting Company for Greystones for the consent of the Council to a Provisional Order to enable the Company to carry out the undertaking in the Greystones district. In the meantime, the County Solicitor, the County Surveyor, and the County Secretary to report on the Draft Order, and that their Reports be printed and circulated among the Members of this Council previous to said Special Meeting. Mr. McCarroll to be hereby empowered to obtain Senior Counsel's opinion on the question raised on the Order. Passed, nem con. Order—Mr. Clancy, K.C., to be asked to give an opinion.

No. 48446/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd September, 1908, Enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1908, as follows:—

(COPY.)

No. 48,446/1908. Wicklow County. August 30th, 1908.

Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of 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. I found that in the Separate Charge Account, No. X (Patrick Miley's criminal injury) the Urban Districts of Bray and Wicklow should have been debited with £4 7s. 0d. and 19s. (shillings), respectively, their proportion of the amount of compensation awarded, by a clerical book-keeping error these charges were omitted to be debited to the said Urban Districts, although the said amounts were duly received from the Urban Districts. This book-keeping omission will be rectified in the next half-year's accounts in the county ledger. The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a very satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any disallowance on my part.—I have the honour to be, Gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. Barry. The Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 47320/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th August, 1908—acknowledging the Council's letter notifying the appointment of the entire Council as the Local Pensions Committee under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908.

The Chairman stated that, in accordance with the request of the Council at its previous meeting, he had obtained from the Valuation Office copies of the entire correspondence in connection with the change of name on Holding No. 5 in the townland of Knockadreet from Catherine Toole to C. R. G.-Cuninghame, and read the letters as follows:—

(COPY.)

Baltinglass, 25th August, 1908.

Letter 41463. 6th July, 1906.

Dear Sir—A letter was sent on the 6th July, 1906, to Catherine Toole, in which it was stated that the change of rating from her name was made on the application of the Secretary of the County Council. The number of the letter is 41463. As friction has arisen between

some members of our County Council and our Secretary in consequence of this letter, I will thank you to let me have as soon as you can copies of the correspondence between your office and our Secretary in connection herewith, that we may have an end to this business. I will also thank you to let me know if there is a record of any personal visits made by our Secretary, Mr. E. N. Wynne, to your office, and if you have any record of same to let me have it. This letter is written by me at the request of our Secretary, and those members who consider he interfered unnecessarily in the matter. Thanking you in anticipation, I am, yours truly, Edward P. O'Kelly, Chairman Wicklow Co. Council. To the Secretary, General Valuation and Boundary Survey, Ireland Office, 6 Ely place, Dublin. P.S.—As we shall have a special meeting of our Council on the 5th proximo, I will thank you for an early reply.

General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely Place, 28th August, 1908. No. 49557. Sir,—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 26th instant, and, in accordance with your request, I enclose copies of the correspondence between the Wicklow County Secretary and this office respecting Catherine Toole's holding in the Townland of Knockadreeeth. Please note that names are changed in the Valuation Lists by this Department on the authority of the lists supplied by Secretaries of County Councils merely for the convenience of the rating authorities in making out their rate books, and that this forms no part of the duty of the Department, as defined by statute. The holdings are identified by the numbers on the maps. As to your inquiry, respecting Mr. Wynne's visits to this office, I believe he has been here on a few occasions on official business, but there is no record kept of such visits. I am, sir, your obedient servant, John G. Barton. The Commissioner of Valuation. To E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P., Baltinglass.

Knockadreeeth, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, July 14th, 1906. Rathdrum Rural District. Electoral Division of Newcastle Upper, Townland of Knockadreeeth, Barony of Newcastle. Rate No. 847. Commons. Area 6a. Or. 29p. To The Commissioner of Valuation, Valuation Office, Ely Place, Dublin. Dear Sir,—Would you please let me know by whose authority was my name taken off the rate book behind my back, and the following name put on the rate book instead of me for the above Rate No. and area? C. R. G. Cunningham. This latter name appears on the Demand Note which the Rate Collector is now issuing. Your obedient servant (Signed) Catherine Toole.

General Valuation Office, 16th July, 1906. No. 41463. Madam,—I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 14th instant, and to inform you that the change of name to which you refer was made at the request of the Secretary of the County Council of County Wicklow.—I am, Madam, your obedient servant, (Signed) W. M. Elliott (for Chief Clerk). To Mrs. Catherine Toole, Knockadreeeth, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow.

No. 41463. Knockadreeeth, Roundwood, Co. Wicklow, July 25th. To the Commissioners of Valuation. Dear Sir—Please insert my name in the Valuation List instead of C. R. G. Cunningham. The Secretary of the County Council had no right to have my name taken off the Rate Book.—Your obedient servant (Signed) Catherine Toole.

No. 41463. General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin, 1st August, 1906. Madam—With reference to your further letter dated 25th ultimo (received on the 30th ultimo),

I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to inform you that this Department has nothing to do with the names in the Rate Book. This Book is made up by the rating authorities (the County Council).—I am, Madam, your obedient servant (Signed) W. M. Elliott (for Chief Clerk). To Mrs. Catherine Toole, Knockadreeeth, Roundwood, County Wicklow.

Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council, Courthouse, Wicklow. The Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office, Ely place, Dublin, 15th August, 1907. Sir—In the Valuation Lists received from your office on the 1st March, 1906, the name of Catherine Toole, No. 5, O.S. 18, in Knockadreeeth Townland, Electoral Division of Upper Newcastle, appeared changed to that of R. C. Gun-Cunninghame. On the lists received on the 1st March, 1907, the same holding appears in the name of Catherine Toole again. Since then a Sheet of Alterations on Appeal was received in April last, in which the name of Catherine Toole again appears changed for that of R. C. Gun-Cunninghame. Would you kindly let me know the grounds on which each of these three changes were made, and whether Catherine Toole received any intimation before the changes were made? Thanking you in anticipation.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (Signed) E. N. Wynne.

No. 45824. General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin, 16th August, 1907. Sir—With reference to your letter of the 15th instant, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to reply as follows:—

(1) On the 28th June, 1905, one of the usual name change lists bearing your signature was received, requesting that the name Catherine Toole should be replaced by Major Gun-Cunninghame's in respect of lot No. 5, Knockadreeeth. Attached to this list was a letter from Major Gun-Cunninghame's Agent, a copy of which is sent herewith.

The name change was duly carried out on the representation made in the list referred to, and appeared in the revised Valuation Lists issued to you on the 1st March, 1906.

(2) On the 28th June, 1906, another name change list, signed by you and counter-signed "Joseph Keane, Rate Collector," was received. It represented that Catherine Toole was the occupier vice C. R. G. Cunningham, and this further change was made on the authority of the list referred to and issued on the 1st March, 1907.

(3) Your letter of the 29th March last forwarding the usual appeals against entries in the revised Valuation Lists issued on 1st idem was accompanied by letters of the 11th and 13th March from Mr. C. L. Townshend, representing that Catherine Toole had been erroneously entered as occupier of the plot referred to.

As a consequence of these letters of appeal, the name "C. R. G. Cunningham" was restored, the Commissioner of Valuation issuing his decision on the 20th April, 1907, after consideration of the report made to him by the Revising Valuer who visited the holdings. No intimation other than the public notices issued by you is given to persons affected by changes in the Valuation Lists.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (Signed) W. M. Elliott (for Chief Clerk). To the Secretary, Co. Council of Co. Wicklow, Wicklow.

(COPY.)

15 Molesworth street, Dublin, 15th June, 1905. Estate of Major Gun-Cunninghame. Townland—Knockadreeeth. Parish—Killiskey. No. 5. Catherine Toole—Immediate Lessor. C. R. G. Cunningham.

name. Description:—Area Statute: Common, 6a. Or. 29p. P.L. Valuation: Land, 10s.; house, nil; total, 10s.

Dear Sir—Above we give a copy of the Poor Law Valuation. The land in question is bog, and is in the owner's hands. Please, therefore, get the Reviser to put Major Gun-Cuninghame's name in place of Catherine Toole's, and oblige.—Yours truly (Signed) Townshends. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. The Chief Clerk, General Valuation Office of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin. 19th August, 1907. Sir—I beg to thank you for your reply to my letter of the 15th inst., re change of name in the Valuation Lists. Would it be too much to ask if you would kindly inform me whether Catherine Toole was present and had an opportunity of expressing her views to the Revising Valuer who visited the holding as you state? I ask this to complete the information desired by the County Council.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (Signed) E. N. Wynne.

No. 45854. General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin, 20th August, 1907. Sir—With reference to your further letter of the 19th instant as to the insertion of the name "C. R. G.-Cuninghame" as occupier of lot No. 5, Knockadreeeth, I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to inform you that the Revising Valuer interviewed Catherine Toole in April last and elicited the necessary information from her before reporting to him on the matter.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (Signed) W. M. Elliott (for Chief Clerk). To the Secretary, County Council of County Wicklow, Wicklow.

Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow. The Commissioner of Valuation, Ely place, Dublin. 8th July, 1908. Sir—In reply to your letter of yesterday, I am sending by this post under separate cover the Lists of Revisions received from the rate collectors and from ratepayers. The same have been dealt with by me in the same way as on every previous year, they have lain open in my office for inspection in accordance with the Statute, and I brought them before the Council for their consideration and recommendations; but on the question of why the name of Catherine Toole was changed to that of Major Cuninghame on appeal, the Council postponed the consideration of the lists till the whole question had been inquired into at the August Meeting. I have more than once recommended that the lists be sent forward, as otherwise they would be late, but was directed not to do so till after the August Meeting. I am now forwarding them in accordance with Act, but have no recommendation of the Council to send with them.—Yours faithfully (Signed) E. N. Wynne.

No. 49049. General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin, 11th July, 1908. Sir—I am directed by the Commissioner of Valuation to acknowledge receipt of your letter of 8th instant, and to state that the lists of cases requiring revision referred to therein have been duly received. If your Council require them for their meeting in August, the Commissioner will be glad to let you have them then, provided that they are returned at your earliest convenience. Regarding the change of name from Catherine Toole to Major Cuninghame, I am to state that the Revising Valuer was informed by Mrs. Toole that the plot of land No. 5 in the townland

of Knockadreet was not included in the holding when her rent was fixed, and that it was then in the hands of the landlord.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant (Signed) Alfred Beckett, Chief Clerk. To the Secretary, County Council of County Wicklow, Wicklow.

No. 49557. General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland, 6 Ely place, Dublin. Sir—I beg to acknowledge receipt of your further letter of the 29th instant. As to the statement in my letter of the 16th July, 1906, that the change of name from "Catherine Toole" to "C. R. G.-Cuninghame" was made at the request of the Secretary of the County Council, I have to inform you that this "request" was not, as your Council assume, made by letter. The Secretary of your Council forwarded in the ordinary course to this Office a list of Name Changes, copy of which is attached. This was received here on the 28th June, 1905. As you will observe, the last entry relates to Mrs. Toole's case and constitutes the "request" to which reference is made.—I am, Sir, your obedient servant, John G. Barton. The Commissioner of Valuation. To E. P. Kelly, Esq., J.P., St. Kevins, Baltinglass. Please note: The County Council, under Sec. 6 of 23 Vic., Cap. 4, have power to change names in the Valuation Lists when making their rate, if such are necessary, to enable them to make a valid rating, but all such changes must be forthwith reported to me.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we consider the correspondence from the Commissioners of Valuation settles the matter finally concerning the change of the rating from the name of Catherine Toole to C. R. G.-Cuninghame, it having been made in the usual course.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly—That the further consideration of this subject be at present postponed till our next meeting, and that Miss Catherine Toole be requested to attend.

A show of hands being taken, the Chairman declared the amendment lost by 7 votes to 6. The resolution was then carried by 9 votes to 6.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON OCTOBER 14TH, 1908.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 14th October, 1908, at 1 o'clock, p.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne (in the chair); Councillors Patrick Kenny, E. Byrne, W. Byrne, Patrick Short, John J. Reilly, Joseph McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, John Murphy, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and James Byrne.

A telegram was received from the Chairman, Mr. E. P. O'Kelly, regretting that, owing to an accident, he was unable to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To consider what steps are necessary to be taken in connection with the Petition from Local Government Electors in Arklow to the Local Government Board, asking for a Provisional Order constituting that Town an Urban Sanitary District.
- 2—To make arrangements for the appointment of a Rate Collector for the Rate Collecting District rendered vacant through the death of Mr. Philip Doyle.
- 3—To consider application from Newcastle School Attendance Committee for the approval of the Council to a salary of £20 to the School Attendance Officer, and £10 to the Secretary under that Committee.
- 4—To consider decision of the Local Government Board with regard to the limit of speed of Motor Cars in County Wicklow.
- 5—To consider letter from the War Office regarding Glen Imaal Military Roads.

No. 44,603/1908; Rathdrum Rural District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th October, 1908, stating, for the information of the County Council, that the Board have received a Petition from certain Local Government Electors of the Town of Arklow, praying for a Provisional Order under Section 7 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, to constitute the Town an Urban Sanitary District, and further stating that the Board's Inspector, Mr. E. A. Saunderson, would hold a Local Inquiry in the Court House, Arklow, in the matter of the Petition, on Wednesday, the 21st instant, at 10 o'clock, a.m.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the County Council of Wicklow be represented at Inquiry in Arklow to consider Petition to constitute Arklow an Urban Sanitary Authority; to safeguard, if necessary, the interest of County at Large, and to see that in the allocation of the Financial Relations between the two Councils, the County at Large shall not be placed in a less favourable position than it is at present in the case of Wicklow Urban Council. The following to represent

the County Council:—Mr. S. G. Gallagher, The Secretary, Mr. S. J. Doyle, Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor. Passed.

29th September, 1908. From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that Mr. Philip Doyle, Toberpatrick, Tinahely, Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, died on the 27th September, and asking if he should take over the books from his son after examination of same.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to advertise once for a Rate Collector for the Collecting District now rendered vacant by the death of the late Philip Doyle, at a remuneration of sixpence (6.) in the pound—applications to be lodged before our next Quarterly Meeting. Passed.

8th October, 1908. From Rev. Wm. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade, Kilpedder—Chairman of Newcastle School Attendance Committee—stating that the Committee that day appointed Mr. John Conroy to fill the joint positions of Attendance Officer and Secretary, at a salary of £20 0s. 0d. per annum as Attendance Officer, and £10 per annum as Secretary, subject to the approval of the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll—That this application be granted, and the salaries be confirmed. As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor Wm Byrne. Resolved—That the sum of £15 be allocated as Attendance Officer, £5 be allocated as Secretary for Newcastle Dispensary District School Attendance Committee. Passed.

No. 41636/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd September, 1908—stating that the Board have given directions for the issue of an Order restricting the Speed of Motor Vehicles to twelve miles an hour in the following places specified in Schedules A. and B.:

SCHEDULE A.

GLENDALOUGH.

1. The road between Laragh Bridge and the Upper Lake at Glendalough.

NEWTOWNMOUNTKENNEDY.

2. So much of the road from Bray leading through Newtownmountkennedy village to Ashford as extends between the point where the said road meets the boundary between the Townlands of Kilmacullagh and Mountkennedy Demesne and the point where the said road meets the boundary between the Townlands of Kilmacullagh and Killadreenan.

RATHNEW.

3. So much of the road from Newrath Bridge leading through Rathnew village to Wicklow as extends from the entrance to Clermont House to the junction of the said road with the road from Tinakelly.

4. The road from Rathnew Railway Station to Rathnew.

GREYSTONES.

5. So much of the road from Delgany to Greystones as extends from the junction of the said road with the St. Vincent road, to the Greystones Railway Station.

SCHEDULE B.

GREYSTONES.

So much of Church lane, Greystones, as extends between the point where the Western boundary of St. Patrick's Church enclosure meets Church lane and the point where Church lane joins the Delgany and Windgate road.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—This Council desires respectfully to point out to the Local Government Board that the Regulations made by them limiting the speed of Motor Cars to twelve miles an hour in certain districts in this county is ultra vires—see Section 9 Motor Car Act, 1903—which limits the maximum speed to ten miles an hour where the Local Government Board makes regulations dealing with speed limits. We therefore must decline, under such circumstances, to do anything towards putting the regulations into operation, as we believe they are useless, in fact they would be more dangerous than if no regulations whatever were made. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. Short. Resolved—That we again apply to the Local Government Board for an Order limiting the speed of Motors between Kilafeen Gate and Glendalough Upper Lake to six miles per hour. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That County Surveyor be directed not to erect Motor Notice Boards pending a reply from Local Government

Board to resolutions passed to-day. Passed.

No. 52467/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th October, 1908, Enclosing, for the use and information of the County Council, copy of a circular letter which has been addressed to local authorities in England by the Local Government Board, Whitehall, in reference to the driving of Motor Cars.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That the existing Motor Car Acts do not sufficiently safeguard the public against disorderly and unscrupulous motorists who are liable to prosecution only when they commit offences in the county in which they reside, or in an adjoining county, as has been decided in the case of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company v. Leyden, and that we invite co-operation in bringing pressure on the Government to have the law so amended as to afford ordinary protection to the travelling public; and that copies of

this resolution be sent to each County Council in Ireland, to Mr. J. E. Redmond, M.P.; our Members of Parliament, and to the Attorney-General for Ireland, and the Local Government Board. Passed.

Irish 8/446 (L.B.) War Office, London, S.W., 21st September, 1908—stating that the Army Council had made arrangements with the Office of Public Works, Dublin, for the appointment of a Surveyor of standing to make full local inquiries on behalf of the War Office in connection with the upkeep of roads in the neighbourhood of Glen Imaal, with a view to negotiating the terms of a settlement equitable to all parties, and that the gentleman selected for this purpose is Mr. J. H. Moore, President of the Institute of Civil Engineers, Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we call on the Dublin and South Eastern Railway to restore the 3 o'clock train from Harcourt street, and the 6 o'clock from Wexford, and we do this in the interests of the general public, and in the interests of the shareholders themselves. Passed.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 30TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 30th November, at 11.30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Daniel Condren, William Osborne, Michael Byrne, Patrick Short, John J. Reilly, J. J. Dowling, B. McDonald, Joseph Dunne, James Galvin, Michael Kelly, William Byrne, P. J. Carey, J. W. Reigh, Edward Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, Morgan Travers, John Murphy, William Costello, W. Byrne (Coolbeg); John Storey, and W. H. McFarland.

A telegram was read by the Chairman from Councillor E. C. Walsh, regretting his inability to attend the meeting.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands, from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To appoint a Rate Collector for No. 17 (Tinahely) Collecting District.
- 4—To sign and seal the Warrants for the new Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District.
- 5—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 6—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 7—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 8—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 9—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 10—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 11—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at next meeting of the County Council that Mr. Thomas Williams be paid £5 a year as Caretaker of the Council's Offices, in addition to his present remuneration, and that this resolution shall take effect as from the 1st of January last, the Council's intentions in this respect having been vetoed by the Local Government Board on technical grounds on two occasions within the year."
- 13—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 14—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 15—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 16—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 11th November, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne (in the chair); Councillors John J. Reilly, W. 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				4,167	11	0
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	435	5	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	44	13	0	479	18	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	280	18	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	23	4	10	304	3	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	187	19	1			
Proposals Committee's proposals	175	11	2	363	10	3
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,421	7	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,065	9	0	2,486	16	6
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	383	9	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	286	15	5	670	4	11
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				56	8	0
Payment out of Annaleeka Loan				100	0	0
Transfer to the Subsidiary Account				331	12	10
	(Included in the total for the County-at-Large).					

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	952	10	0
Naas	243	10	0
Rathdown	972	10	0
Rathdrum	2,300	0	0
Shillelagh	881	10	0
Total	£5,350	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	99	0	0
Naas No. 2	45	0	0
Rathdown No. 2	196	0	0
Rathdrum	376	0	0
Shillelagh	12	10	0
Total	£728	10	0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several rate collectors, paying orders in respect of same not to issue until the several amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	Refund.
	£ s. d.
1—Joseph Doyle	15 14 6
2—Richard Geoghegan	4 8 0
3—Thomas Tutty	5 6 10
4—Bryan Dunne	2 6 3
5—Michael Kelly	0 10 5
6—Michael McGrath	8 10 0
7—Charles S. Sutton	58 9 6
9—Joseph Keane	3 10 0
10—John Murphy	7 2 4
11—John Kelly	2 5 0
13—George Evans	2 14 6
14—James Byrne	17 1 0
15—John Brennan	6 19 7
16—P. J. Carey, junior	11 1 4
19—Terence Byrne	0 13 9

We recommend that the sum of £1 11s. 10d., being amount of rates paid by the Rev. H. F. Baker, Ballard, Rathdrum, in respect of Sheeana School House, be refunded. The previous refund has already been approved by the Council.

We also recommend the refund of £4 4s. 10d. to the Department of Agriculture, being rates overpaid by that Department on "Casino," Avondale.

The attention of the Guardians of Baltingless Union should be drawn to the remarks of the Auditor on the accounts of that Union for the half-year ending 31st March, 1908.

We recommend that the consent of the Local Government Board be obtained for this Council to prepare next year's Rate Demand Notes and Receipts in the form at present in force in the County Dublin, as this form would considerably simplify the labour of the Rate Collector, and the Deputy Checker, and reduce the costs of the Council.

Collector George Evans applied to be paid for collecting rates by a poundage fee instead of by a salary.

Your Committee refer to their four previous Reports and recommendations in the matter, to which they have nothing to add.

(Signed),

M. BYRNE, CHAIRMAN.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 30th November, 1908, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors J. McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, J.P.; P. Short.

The Committee, having examined the following additional Proposals for payment, recommended them for payment by the County Council:—

County-at-Large	£	s.	d.
To the Local Government Board, audit fees	60	0	0
To Frank McPhail, Extra Printing in Surveyors' Reports	5	10	0

We recommend, subject to the approval of the Council and of the Department of Agriculture, a salary of £30 per annum to Mr. John Byrne, for duties under the Sheep-Dipping Act. An account received from the Local Government Board for £21 11s. 0d., costs of the inquiry in connection with the application to fix a speed limit for motor cars upon certain roads, was postponed, pending a reply to the County Council's Resolution on the matter, dated 14th October, 1908.

D. J. COGAN, CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed, nem. con.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor William Costello:—I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting of this Council, that Collector George Evans be paid poundage at rate of 6d. in the £, instead of salary of £25, as at present."

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting of this Council that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a poundage at 6d. in the £, instead of fixed salary as at present."

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow Press," and "Wicklow News-Letter" for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Tinahely) Collecting District, and eight replies received from:—

- Mr. William Goslin, Drummin, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. Charles Byrne, The Height, Ballinglen, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. John Lynch, Ballymanuz, Aghrim, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. Thomas Boland, Mucklow, Tinahely, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. Edward J. Wclohan, Knocknabeley, Hacketstown, Co. Carlow.
- Mr. George O'Neill, Mucklagh, Tinahely, Aghrim, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. Patrick Doyle, Moneyteigue, Aghrim, Co. Wicklow.
- Mr. Aiden Doyle, Tubberpatrick, Tinahely, do.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Court House, Wicklow, on the 30th November, 1908, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballinglen, Ballybeg, Coolballintaggart, Killballyowen, Kilpipe, Tinahely (No. 17 Collecting District), at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector.

Written applications to be lodged in my Office not later than 10.30 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,000, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a Bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500. Applicants should attend before the Council on same date. By order, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the Council.

On a poll being taken, the Council voted as follows:—

- FOR BYRNE—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, and Edward Byrne—4.
- FOR WOLOHAN—Councillors D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—3.
- FOR LYNCH—Councillors Wm. Osborne, W. H. McFarland, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, William Byrne (Kilmurry), and J. J. Dowling—8.
- FOR BOLAND—Councillors Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, John Murphy, and Patrick Short—4.
- FOR O'NEILL—Councillors Morgan Travers and P. J. Carey—2.
- FOR PATRICK DOYLE—Councillors D. J. Cogan, John Storey, and Joseph McCarroll—3.

The Candidates, Goslin, O'Neill, and A. Doyle, having dropped out, the Councillors voted in the second round, as follows:—

- FOR BYRNE—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and Edward Byrne—6.
- FOR WOLOHAN—Councillors D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, and Wm. Byrne—3.
- FOR LYNCH—Councillors Wm. Osborne, Morgan Travers, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, William Byrne (Kilmurry), and J. J. Dowling—8.
- FOR BOLAND—Councillors Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, John Murphy, and Patrick Short—4.
- FOR PATRICK DOYLE—Councillors D. J. Cogan, John Storey, and Joseph McCarroll—3.

A poll was then taken between the two lowest candidates:—

- FOR WOLOHAN—Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, William Osborne, W. H. McFarland, J. W. Reigh, Michael Byrne, Morgan Travers, Joseph Dunne, Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, E. J. Byrne, William Byrne

(Kilmurry), J. J. Dowling, John Murphy, Edward Byrne, Patrick Short, and William Byrne (Coolbeg)—19.

FOR PATRICK DOYLE—Councillors D. J. Cogan, B. McDonald, John Storey, Joseph McCarroll, and P. J. Carey—5

Patrick Doyle having dropped out, there voted in the next round:—

FOR BYRNE—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and Edward Byrne—7.

FOR WOLOHAN—Councillors D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, John Storey, Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne (Coolbeg)—5.

FOR LYNCH—Councillors Wm. Osborne, Morgan Travers, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, William Byrne (Kilmurry), and J. J. Dowling—8.

FOR BOLAND—Councillors Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, John Murphy, and Patrick Short—4.

Boland having dropped out, there voted in the semi-final round:—

FOR BYRNE—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, Wm. Costello, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and Edward Byrne—8.

FOR WOLOHAN—Councillors D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, John Storey, Joseph McCarroll, John Murphy, Patrick Short, and William Byrne (Coolbeg)—7.

FOR LYNCH—Councillors Wm. Osborne, Morgan Travers, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, William Byrne (Kilmurry), and J. J. Dowling—8.

Wolohan having dropped out, the following was the final round:—

FOR BYRNE—Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, J. W. Reigh, Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, William Costello, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, John Murphy, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, and William Byrne (Coolbeg)—13.

FOR LYNCH—Councillors Wm. Osborne, Morgan Travers, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, Michael Kelly, James Galvin, William Byrne (Kilmurry), J. J. Dowling, and Patrick Short—11.

The Chairman then declared Mr. Charles Byrne selected by 13 votes to 11.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. Charles Byrne, The Height, Ballinglen, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 (Tinahely) Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Collector Philip Doyle, deceased, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Six (6d.) Pence in the £1. **Passed.**

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District, the same not to be issued until his appointment has been approved by the Local Government Board, and his Bond completed. **Passed.**

Proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—
County-at-Large:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor

J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,233 1s. 0d. (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 Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £479 18s. 4d. (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 J. J. Dowling. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, amounting to £304 3s. 9d. (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 J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £363 10s. 3d. (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 Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,486 16s. 6d. (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 E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £670 4s. 11d. (and 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 B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals of payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 8s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. **Passed.**

Payment out of Loan Account:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Dowling. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, out of Loan Account, amounting to £100 0s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. **Passed.**

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. **Passed.**

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils:—

Baltinglass No. 1:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

An application from P. Heyden, Baltinglass, for permission to

erect a paling in front of his house in Mill street, Baltinglass, was rejected.

Naas No. 2:

Nil.

Rathdown No. 2:

Nil.

Rathdrum:

The following resolution was sent forward by the Rural District Council:—That Myles King be allowed to amend Tenders for Works Nos. 5 and 8, by adding his signature at foot, as required, and that Peter Kelly be allowed to amend his Tender in like manner. Rejected as contrary to Procedure of Council's Order.

The Contracts entered into in respect of the following three works were therefore rejected by the Council:—Dist. Reg. No. 741. Build Retaining Wall. Myles King. Dist. Reg. No. 744. Curb Footpath and Pave Channel. Myles King. Dist. Reg. No. 736. Make New Road diversion. Peter Kelly. Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

The following resolution was submitted:—That the Rathdrum Rural District Council recommend the County Council of Wicklow to permit Mr. George Walpole to build a wall at Mount Usher, near Ashford. Rejected.

An application was submitted from John Keegan, Knockfodda, Roundwood, for permission to erect a porch in front of his dwelling house at Knockfodda. Rejected.

A letter from Bernard Meath, Coolharbour, Roundwood, asking to be relieved of his road contract for 774 perches, owing to the enormous traffic on it to the new Reservoir at Roundwood, was submitted.

The following resolution from the Rathdrum District Council was also submitted. Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to favourably consider the grievances under which certain road contractors in this district labour on account of the great increase of traffic occasioned by Dublin Corporation works at Roundwood.

A letter, dated 11th November, 1908, was read from Henry Rochford, Raheen, Roundwood, asking to be paid for a contract carried out by him, but which owing to illness, was not completed within the required time.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That Henry Rochford, contractor for repair of road, Annamore to Blindwood, in the Rathdrum Rural District, not having completed his contract in time, owing to serious illness, but having since carried out the work to the entire satisfaction of the County Surveyor, we ask permission to pay him the money struck off his payment, owing to his delay in carrying out his contract, as it was entered as a quarterly payment in error. Passed.

Shillelagh:

Nil.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the contract No. 49 in Shillelagh Rural District be cancelled and given in charge to the County Surveyor, the contractor, John Quail, having gone to America and his brother being willing to carry out the contract. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been

approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we now sign the application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Williams be paid £5 a year as Caretaker of the Council's Offices in addition to his present remuneration, and that this resolution shall take effect as from the first of January last, the Council's intentions in this respect having been vetoed by the Local Government Board on technical grounds on two occasions within the year. In consequence of this increase the Courtkeeper to keep the Court House in a creditable manner. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Wicklow County Council.

Quarterly Meeting, 30th November, 1908.

Gentlemen,—I beg to call your attention to a Bill which the Alliance and Dublin Gas Company intend to apply for in the Parliamentary Session, 1909. In this Bill the Gas Co. seek to obtain powers to extend the limits of supply to "Delgany in the Barony of Rathdown, and Kilcoole in the Barony of Newcastle, and County of Wicklow"; it is most necessary you should take the precaution to see that satisfactory clauses are included to make certain that the roads will be left in thorough repair, and that you will be relieved from any liability for breakage or injury to the gas mains.

The works at the New Reservoir at Roundwood are causing heavy traffic on the roads leading to the works, and as some of these roads are at best but suited to light local traffic, the result of this heavy work is causing these weak roads to get greatly cut up. Some of the road contractors appear to have done their best to keep the roads at least safe, and, in doing so, have undergone much hardship. Others, especially those whose roads get least of the extra traffic, make it an excuse not only to abandon the parts of the roads so cut up, but also to neglect all their other contracts. If the Railway Clauses Act has been embodied in the Dublin Corporation Waterworks Provisional Order, 1904-5, it will be possible to cause Dublin Corporation to repair or contribute to the repair of these roads.

I regret to report that the contractors for the following roads are persistently neglecting their contracts:—

Baltinglass No. 1.

Road No. 3. 770 per., Crossnoccole to Highpark road. John Foley.

Road No. 59. 447 per., Woodfield 3 roads to Talbotstown Lower 3 roads. Thomas Byrne.

Rathdrum.

Road No. 8. 2,011 per., Laragh to Mountain Lodge. Michael Doyle.

Road No. 12. 1,152 per., Ballinaslaught to Waters' bridge. John Brady.

Road No. 15. 875 per., Five-mile-Point road to Leabeg bridge. John Duffy.

Road No. 40. 771 per., Ballydowling to Glenwood (Ballinacor N. bounds). Laurence Byrne.

Road No. 53. 1,452 per., Rathnew to Five-Mile-Point. G. Byrne.

NOTE.—Nos. 40 and 53 are subject to some timber traffic, but sufficient attention is not paid to these roads by the contractors.

Road No. 82. 664 per., Springfaam to Kilquade Fingerpost. John Brady.

Road No. 84. 960 per., Ashford to Miltown road. Loughlin Cullen.

Road No. 106. 238 per., Miltown cross-roads to Ballybeg cross-roads. M. Connor.

Road No. 116. 1,284 per., Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy to Vartry bridge. John Brady.

Road No. 152. 470 per., "Kilmullen Lane." John Brady.

Road No. 48a. 504 per., Drumdangan Railway bridge to Barnbawn three roads. Patrick Brangan.

This road is subject to heavy timber traffic, but is let at an enhanced price (5s. per perch), yet the contractor does not appear to pay a reasonable amount of attention to the Contract.

Rathdown No. 2.

738 per., Deacon's Lane. John Lamb. Index 17.

796 per., Calary to Agour Gate. Wm. Gaskin. Index 18.

In Shillelagh R. D. the contractor for road 47, 790 perches, has not been attending to his contract, and has, I understand, left the County; however, a brother of his is (to avoid getting the sureties into difficulties) doing the work. Of course this man cannot be paid on the work he is doing, which is a hardship. In general, the contractors have been very dilatory in carrying out their contracts, and the metal supply is most unsatisfactory, both as to quantity and quality.—Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street, Dublin, 2nd November, 1908. 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 September, 1908.

Fifty-eight articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number 27; whiskey, 13; milk, 12; buttermilk, 4; cheese, 2; total, 58.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow. One was for specimen of milk deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats, and the other for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 13 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nineteen drugs, fifteen specimens of milk, five of port wine, two of butter, and one of whiskey were analysed. Three drugs were defective. The other articles were free from adulteration.

One specimen of water analysed for Rathdrum District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 44.800, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.014; saline ammonia, 0.004; nitric acid, 7.190; chlorine, 6.958; sulphuric acid, 1.4412; equal to calcium sulphate, 2,0000. A tolerably good water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union fifteen drugs were analysed; one was defective.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed; one was defective.

Six specimens of water and one of milk were analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council. The milk was free from dangerous micro-organisms. The specimens of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total solid matters,	12.880	13.720	11.760
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.013	0.012	0.012
Saline ammonia	0.005	0.006	0.005
Nitric acid	trace.	trace.	trace.
Chlorine	1.689	1.789	1.689
Sulphuric acid	trace.	none.	trace.
Equal to calcium sulphate	trace.	none.	trace.
	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Total solid matters,	41.440	25.200	27.160
Including—			
Albuminoid ammonia	0.010	0.021	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.009	0.014	0.006
Nitric acid	7.770	2.650	2.770
Chlorine	5.964	2.087	3.976
Sulphuric acid	2.8824	3.603	4.3236
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.0000	5.000	6.0000

Except No. 5 a fairly good collection of waters.

For the Mother Priories, Dominican Convent, Wicklow, three specimens of butter were analysed, and were pure.

For the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum five specimens of butter, three of milk, three of cocoa, two of whitelead, and six of soap were analysed, and were pure.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, eighteen drugs, four specimens of milk, and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs was defective. The milks were of poor quality. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matters, 5.600, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.013; saline ammonia, 0.021; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.695; sulphuric acid, trace; equal to calcium sulphate, trace. A very inferior water far below the standard of purity.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the following gentlemen act as a Committee for the appointment of the Temporary Clerical Staff for 1908 and 1909—Mr. Michael Byrne, Mr. Patrick Short, Mr. John J. Reilly. Passed.

10th November, 1908. From Collector Thomas Ebbs, Umrigar, Carnew, tendering the Council his resignation of the Office of Rate Collector for No. 18 Collecting District, owing to ill-health, and enclosing Medical Certificate, and asking for a retiring allowance after 20 years' service. Order—Accepted.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That a Special Meeting be held at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1909, to appoint a Rate Collector in place of Thomas Ebbs, resigned, and also to fix the amount of pension, if any, to be allowed to him, and that the Secretary meanwhile

issue the usual advertisements for candidates for the post. Meeting of Finance Committee same date at 12.30. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll—I beg to give notice that all the Insurances of the County Council be given to the Hibernian Insurance Co. as they fall due for renewal.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. W. Reigh:—I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council, that the Close Season for Hares be from the 1st April to 12th August, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—I give notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the special facilities and advantages of Wicklow County for Manufacturing and Industrial Purposes be set out in Pamphlet form, as in the case of Dublin, Cork, and Galway, for the purpose of inducing Manufacturers to Start Industries in our County, and that Mr. Wynne be directed to compile the Pamphlet.

The Reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors and the state of their Collections, were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 41289/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th August, 1908; Enclosing Copy of a letter received from Mr. Thomas Williams, relative to his salary as Court House Keeper at Wicklow.

No. 46117/1908. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th August, 1908. Sealed Order fixing Dunlavin Dispensary District as the area of charge for the Sewerage of Hollymount.

No. 119 M/1908; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th September, 1908; Enclosing Copy of the Local Government Board's Annual Report for the year 1907-8.

No. 51300/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th September, 1908; enclosing Copy of the Grand Jury (Ireland) Act, 1836, Amendment Act, 1908.

No. 57317/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th October, 1908; Acknowledging the Council's two resolutions dealing with the Regulations governing the Speed of Motor Cars.

No. 57888/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th October, 1908. Further acknowledgment of same.

No. 64827/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th November, 1908; Acknowledging letter enquiring as to the Board's decision on the Council's resolutions, re Motor Cars.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 16th October, 1908. From Mr. E. A. Saunderson, notifying the Secretary and County Surveyor that their evidence would be required at the Inquiry to be held in Arklow on the 21st October.

No. 54464/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th October, 1908; Enclosing query form, in duplicate, to be filled in by the newly-appointed Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District.

No. 37897/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board,

Dublin, 23rd October, 1908; Pointing out that the Board had not been notified of the resignation of Coroner T. B. Doyle, and asking for full particulars regarding the appointment of his successor, Dr. D. P. Kenna.

No. 59901/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th November, 1908; acknowledging the Secretary's letter of explanation, dated 26th October, 1908, and approving of the appointment of Dr. D. P. Kenna as Coroner for West Wicklow, at a salary of £50 per annum.

No. 55731/1908. Local Government Board Dublin, 26th October, 1908; Fixing Arklow Dispensary District as the area of charge for supply of water at Arklow.

No. 154 M/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th November, 1908; Stating that, by the Expiring Laws Continuance Act, 1908, the Motor Car Act, 1903, was continued until 31st December, 1909.

No. 62333/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th November, 1908; Stating that the Board will raise no objection to Rate Collectors being paid for two attendances at Revision Courts at Bray, where Day and Evening Sittings of the Court occur.

No. 61676/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th November, 1908; Directing that Collectors J. Doyle, R. Geoghegan, J. Tutty, B. Dunne, M. McGrath, M. Kelly, J. F. Evans, and J. Brennan be called on for explanations as to their failure to attend during the month of October to have their accounts checked by the Deputy Checker.

No. 64876/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th November, 1908; Returning the Lists of Rates claimed as Irrecoverable for the half-year ended 30th September, 1908, by the Rate Collectors, with the ruling of the Board stamped thereon.

No. 64472/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th November, 1908; Enclosing Copy of a letter received by the Board from Collector Joseph Keane, asking if he, as a Rate Collector, is eligible to retain his seat on a School Attendance Committee, and as a member of a Credit Society (I.A.O.S.) together with copy of the Board's reply thereto.

No. 64772/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th November, 1908; Stating that the Board have assented to the payment to the Reps. Philip Doyle of Poundage Fees on the rates Collected by him, or by his son after his death, and lodged in respect of his collection.

No. 64827/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th November, 1908. Sir,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 14th ultimo, transmitting a copy of a resolution recently adopted by the County Council of Wicklow, requesting the Board to make regulations limiting the speed of Motor Cars between Killafeen Gate and Glendalough Upper Lake, to six miles an hour; and, in reply, I am to state that the Board do not think that on a country road such as the road in question, they can properly restrict the speed of motor cars to a lower rate than that at which the ordinary hack cars usually travel over the flat. The Board have tested the trotting speed of an average hackney car, and they find that these cars can cover a mile in about five minutes without difficulty. The Board believe that at this rate a motor car is under such complete control that any danger to the public on a country road

is out of the question.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, J. E. Devlin, Assistant Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—We again respectfully beg to point out to the Local Government Board that they have exceeded their powers in fixing a greater limit of speed than that fixed by Section 9 (1) of the Motor Car Act, 1903, viz.—ten miles an hour, and notwithstanding the ridiculous test applied in their letter of the 27th inst., we again desire to repeat that a limit considerably under the maximum prescribed by the Act is absolutely necessary for the public safety between Killafeen Gate and Glendalough, and we hereby request the Local Government Board to vary their Regulations accordingly. Passed.

No. 149 M/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th November, 1908; Enclosing Revised Copies of the Old Age Pensions Regulations, 1908. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, Age Pensions Regulations, 1908.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W., 17th November, 1908; Transmitting Forms of Account to be used by Pension Committees and Sub-Committees in connection with the working of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908.

No. 18087/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th September, 1908; Enclosing £6 6s. 4d. in respect of Rates on Casino House, Avondale, for one and a half years, ending 31st March, 1909.

No. 25132/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th September, 1908; Enclosing £71 2s. 5d., being the Department's contribution towards rates on Avondale Forestry Station for the year ending 31st March, 1909.

No. 25629/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 16th September, 1908; Transmitting Copy of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, which will come into operation on the 1st January, 1909, and asking the Council's consent generally to provisions of Section 6. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That this Council of the County of Wicklow desire to tender to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland their cordial thanks for sending their Bee Expert to this county during the season just passed, his instructions having been highly appreciated in the several districts which he visited, and respectfully ask that the same Expert be allowed to visit this county for at least the first portion of the Season of 1909, which is the express desire of the Beekeepers of the County. Passed nem. con.

No. 33649/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th November, 1908; Further letter in reference to the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

No. 32943/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 19th October, 1908; Stating that the four samples of Butter taken up in the Town of Wicklow under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts were found on analysis to be pure.

Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the year 1907, from the Department of Agriculture.

Report on the Trade in Imports and Exports at Irish Ports during the year ended 31st December, 1906, from Department of Agriculture.

Forty-Sixth Report of the Inspectors appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland, being for the year ended 31st December, 1907.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 28th September, 1908; Forwarding List of Names, showing the full Committee for Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee for the three years commencing 1st October, 1908.

Recruiting Office, Marine Barracks, Wicklow, 12th November, 1908; Calling attention to the Special Reserve as a means of mitigating the want of employment in the coming winter.

27th November, 1908. From Rev. George H. Christie, Calary Rectory, Kilpedder, pointing out the necessity for a School Attendance Inspector for the Calary District in his parish.

2nd October, 1908. From Secretary, County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture; Enclosing a resolution from his Committee recommending the Council to grant him a salary of £30 per annum for carrying out the Sheep Dipping Order, and enclosing an account of expenses incurred in carrying out the Order.

10th October, 1908. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Lunatic Asylum; Enclosing return of patients admitted from the County during quarter ended 30th September, 1908.

7th November, 1908. From Viscount Monck, Charleville, Enniskerry; Enclosing a letter received by him from the Irish Automobile Club, relating to the erection of finger posts in the County Wicklow.

21st October, 1908. From Mr. P. Conroy, Secretary to the Newcastle School Attendance Committee; Enclosing a Report from his Committee requesting the Council to reconsider their decision to reduce the salary of their Secretary and School Attendance Officer from £30 to £20.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly—I beg to give notice that I will move at the next Meeting of the Council that resolution passed at last meeting, fixing salary of £15 as Attendance Officer and £5 as Secretary of Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee, be rescinded, and that salary of £20 as Attendance Officer and £10 as Secretary be fixed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll—I give notice that the application of the Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee for the granting of the sum applied for be considered and agreed to at the next meeting of the County Council.

Form No. 2. Malicious Injury Application from Richard Jones, Kelshamore, Baltinglass. Amount claimed £50, for Labourer's Cottage burnt down. Police Report on same.

Form No. 2. Malicious Injury Application from Edward J. Twamley, Newry, Clonegal. Amount claimed £10 5s. 4d., for injury to Wire Fence. Police Report on same (in duplicate).

Forms 2 and 5. Malicious Injury Application from James Doyle, Killaveney, Tinahely. Amount claimed £218, for Hay Shed, Hay, etc., burnt.

13th November, 1908. From County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow; Reporting damages to Discs of Sub-Standard Measures to the extent of 12s., the articles referred to being Gallon, Quart, and Half-Gill Measures. Adjourned.

7th October, 1908. From Secretary, Irish County Councils'

General Council, 10 Leinster street, Dublin; Asking for any matters requested to be discussed at his Annual Meeting on Tuesday, 8th December, 1908.

8th October, 1908. From Hon. Secretary, Delgany and Greystones Bee-Keepers' Association; Asking the Council, on behalf of his Association, to appoint a Bee Expert for the County under the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

24th October, 1908. From Secretary, Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Co., Westland Row, Dublin; Stating, in answer to the Council's resolution, that his Directors had decided that no change could be made in the existing train service.

19th October, 1908. From Secretary, Irish Industrial Development Association, 13 Marlboro' street, Cork; Submitting correspondence dealing with the prospect of furthering the interests of Ireland in connection with the Patents and Designs Act, 1907.

14th October, 1908. From Hon. Secretary, Drogheda Development Association, Ltd.; Enclosing copy of "Freeman's Journal" in which is embodied an article dealing with Mineral Rights and Concentration of effort towards Industrial Development.

Report, in Booklet Form, of the Meeting of Irish Landlords and Tenants held in Monaghan on 19th October, 1908, in relation to the Land Purchase deadlock.

25th November, 1908. From James Byrne, Cloghlea, Manor-Kilbride, with reference to certain money due on his road contract to his father, now dead. Order—Secretary to refer to Naas No. 2 R.D.C.

28th November, 1908. From Collector Joseph Keane, resigning his position as a member of Newcastle School Attendance Committee.

Acknowledgements were submitted from the following in connection with the Council's resolution, re Working of the Motor Car Act—12th October, 1908, from Attorney-General for Ireland; 17th October, 1908, John Muldoon, M.P.; 19th October, 1908, James O'Connor, M.P.; 17th October, 1908, Kildare County Council; 17th October, 1908, Dublin County Council; 17th October, 1908, Antrim County Council; 19th October, 1908, Cork County Council; 5th November, 1908, Westmeath County Council; 23rd November, 1908, Tipperary (N.R.) County Council.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

4th September, 1908. From Kilkenny County Council; Resolution calling for an amending Bill to allow persons in receipt of Outdoor Relief to obtain an Old Age Pension.

10th September, 1908. From Londonderry No. 1 Rural District Council; Enclosing Summary of conclusions on the Report from the Select Committee on Home Work in connection with the Sweating Industrial Bill, together with a resolution dealing with its bearing on Irish Industries.

11th September, 1908. From Cork County Council; Resolution on the working of the Old Age Pensions Act, and the importance of Irishmen being Pension Officers.

4th November, 1908. From same; resolution dealing with the deplorable neglect by the Government of Irish Forestry. Adopted.

10th October, 1908. From County Dublin Farmers' Association; Resolution stating that steps should be taken to have the im-

portation of all potatoes from Great Britain and Ireland prohibited by the Department of Agriculture.

15th October, 1908. From the Central Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation; Resolution dealing with the present inadequate provision of Sanitation in Irish National Schools.

13th November, 1908. From the National Council of Sinn Fein; Relative to proposed Scheme of National Civil Service, as submitted by Sinn Fein, and also enclosing resolutions demanding for the new University (1) a Faculty of Irish Studies, with Degree; (2) a Faculty of Economics and Commerce, with Degree; (3) a Faculty of Agriculture, with Degree.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON MONDAY, 30TH NOVEMBER, 1908.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 30th November, 1908.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Daniel Condren, William Osborne, Michael Byrne, Patrick Short, John J. Reilly, J. J. Dowling, B. McDonald, Joseph Dunne, James Galvin, Michael Kelly, William Byrne, P. J. Carey, J. W. Reigh, Edward Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, Morgan Travers, John Murphy, William Costello, W. Byrne (Coolbeg), John Storey, and W. H. McFarland.

BUSINESS.

To consider and deal with an application from the Greystones Electric Lighting Company, Ltd., for the County Council's consent to their application for a Provisional Order, for the purpose of carrying out Electric Lighting in the Greystones district, opening up roads, laying of power cables, etc.

Letters, dated 19th October, and 24th November, 1908, were submitted from Messrs. Bennett, Thompson and McNeill, solicitors, 5 Suffolk street, Dublin, lodging the necessary Plans and Documents, etc., on behalf of the Electric Lighting Co.

19th November, 1908. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church street, Wicklow; Enclosing printed copy of Mr. J. J. Clancy's Opinion, re Greystones Electric Lighting application.

GREYSTONES ELECTRIC LIGHT.

PROPOSED PROVISIONAL ORDER,

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,—As in my former report to you in this matter, I recommended that a proper deed be drawn up and executed, defining the County Council's requirements and powers and safeguarding the ratepayers. That a sufficient cash deposit of £500 be required from the Company to ensure compliance with said deed, and, in the event of the Company becoming bankrupt or failing to complete or carry out the scheme, to cover the entire cost of removing all obstructions, erections, underground cables, etc., which the Company may leave behind it (as in the case of the Enniskerry Railway), and of restoring all roads, works, etc., to the condition they were in before the Company interfered with them. Of course, the Company would receive all interest

accruing from time to time upon such deposit. A personal security I would consider perfectly worthless in the case. In paragraph (7) and in Schedule 4 of the proposed Provisional Order, I observe it provides that the price per unit shall be 8d. I consider this an excessive price. In Bray, where we hear complaints of the price, they only charge 6d. per unit, and I understand elsewhere it is considerably less. The County Council should insist on the maximum price being fixed at least as low as the charge in Bray.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully
E. N. Wynne.

The Council having inserted a sum of £500 as the cash deposit required in paragraph 2, the report was adopted.

GREYSTONES ELECTRIC LIGHT.
PROPOSED PROVISIONAL ORDER.
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

In accordance with your instructions I have examined the proposed Provisional Order sought by the Greystones Electric Light and Power Company, Ltd.

In the proposed Order it is intended to incorporate the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, and in the latter Act are incorporated certain Clauses of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, and of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1871.

It is proposed to except Clauses 83 and 84 of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899; the effect of excluding clause 84, which contains modifications as to the application of the Schedule to Ireland, had best be dealt with by your Solicitor.

I recommend you to consider the advisability of causing modifying Clauses to be introduced into the Provisional Order in reference to the following:—

- 1—That where a notice is to be sent by post by either party, such notice be sent by registered letter, addressed to the Secretary to either party at registered offices, and such notice shall be deemed as fully served.
- 2—That Clause 9 of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 1847, be so modified as to give the County Council absolute and sole authority in the matters therein concerned.
- 3—That Clause 10 of the same Act be so modified as to cause the Undertakers, at their own cost, to continuously maintain and repair any portion of any County road, street, or other County work disturbed or interfered with by the Undertakers, until the County Surveyor certifies in writing that such work has been fully restored and made good to his complete satisfaction, and that the Undertakers, within 36 hours after receiving notice in writing from the County Surveyor so to do, shall carry out any such repairs to such work in the manner and with such materials as the County Surveyor may specify in said notice.
- 4—Clauses 19 and 20 of the same Act to be so modified as to exclude any damage or interference caused by the Co. Council, its Officers, Contractors, or Servants in the discharge of their duties in carrying out works; also that Clause 38 of the Gasworks Clauses Act, 71, be similarly modified.

- 5—That wherever a notice is to be served on the Co. Council by the Undertakers, "one month" before commencing any operation, etc., that such period be altered to, say, 14 days before any quarterly, annual, or other fixed meeting of the Co. Council, and that where such meeting through any cause falls through, notice to be forthwith sent to the Undertakers to that effect and the original notice be deemed not to have effect until, say, 14 days before the next meeting of the Co. Council, and in any case the Undertakers are not to commence any operation, etc., until 7 days after the meeting of the Co. Council at which any such notice is considered.
- 6—That Clause 14, sec. 1. sub-sec. c. of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, be so modified as to make the decision of the Co. Council final.
- 7—For the purposes of this Order, wherever the term "sewer" is used it shall be understood for the purposes of this Order that where the "sewer" carries road water or is used for draining the road that the sewer be dealt with as a County work.
- 8—That Clauses 16, 17, 18, of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting Clauses Act, 1899, be so modified as to ensure that if at any time on any road, street, etc., or work, which is at that time being repaired or maintained by the Co. Council, the Co. Council resolve to execute any work, the Undertakers, on receiving, say, 30 days' notice from the Co. Council, shall, at their own cost, and within, say, 30 days after receiving such notice from the Co. Council, remove, alter, or change any pipes, wires, drains, sewers, box, pillar, post, or other work, to such position as they may find convenient, and which must be approved of by the Co. Council, and that the Undertakers shall, at their own cost, make such temporary provision as may be necessary to carry on their operations, etc., until the said permanent alterations of their pipes, wires, etc., are complete. Also that wherever in any of their operations at any time they interfere with any County work they shall, at their own cost, make such temporary arrangements to carry on the duty of such County work, as may be approved of by the Co. Council.
- 9—That Clauses be introduced relieving the Co. Council, Rural District Council, their officers, contractors, or servants from all liability for any damage or injury, however occasioned, to any of the property of the Undertakers, and indemnifying the County Council, Rural District Council, etc., from any damage or injury caused in any way to person or property by the action or property of the Undertakers.
- 10—That a map and sections similar to that set out in sec. 60 of the Schedule to the Electric Lighting (Clauses) Act, 1899, be forthwith supplied to the County Council by the Undertakers after commencing to supply energy, and shall be kept up to date in the manner set forth in sec. 60. That if the Board of Trade, or the Postmaster-General, fail to specify the scales of such map and sections the scale of the map shall be 1 inch to 88 feet and of the section a horizontal of 1 inch to 88 feet, and a vertical scale of 1 inch to 10 feet.

S. G. GALLAGHER,
Co. Surveyor.

20-10-'08.

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That, having read counsel's opinion in the matter of the proposed Provisional Order for the Lighting of Greystones District by Electricity, we hereby approve of same, subject to the insertion of clauses advised by counsel and the County Surveyor. The same counsel is to draft those clauses in consultation with the County Surveyor, and the promoters are hereby requested to embody them in their Order, otherwise the Council will oppose the granting of the Order. The cash deposit to be made to secure the proper treatment of the roads, etc., is to be £500. That the same instructions are to be given, and similar clauses to be inserted in the Dublin Alliance and Consumers Gas Company's Bill, which that Company is also promoting. Passed.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON WEDNESDAY, 13TH JANUARY, 1909.

Special meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at one o'clock on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1909.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors E. C. Walsh, Daniel Condren, James Byrne, Michael Byrne, John J. Reilly, John Murphy, Joseph Dunne, John Storey, Patrick Short, William Byrne (Coolbeg), J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, Patrick Kenny, Joseph McCarroll, and E. J. Byrne.

BUSINESS.

- 1.—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 18 (Shillelagh) Collecting District.
- 2.—To Sign and Seal the Warrants for the new Rate Collector for No. 18 Collecting District.
- 3.—To consider an application from Thomas Ebbs, late Rate Collector in the Shillelagh Rural District, to grant him a superannuation allowance, and, if approved of, fix the amount of the allowance, he having resigned his post after a service of over 20 years.
- 4.—To consider proposals from the War Office, relative to the repair and upkeep of certain roads in the neighbourhood of Glen Imaal Artillery Range, as given in their letter of the 9th December, 1908.

To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
 To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
 To receive and consider General Correspondence.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1909, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors James Byrne, J. McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, Patrick Short, J. W. Reigh.

Having considered the application of late Collector Thomas Ebbs for a retiring allowance after 20 years' service, the Committee recommends that he be granted a retiring allowance of £30 per annum. Adopted nem. con.

D. J. COGAN, CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor Patrick Kenny, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—We recommend that late Poor Rate Collector Thomas Ebbs be granted a Superannuation allowance of Thirty Pounds (£30) per annum, subject to the same being confirmed by the Local Government Board, he having resigned after twenty years of faithful and satisfactory service as Poor Rate Collector in the County. Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow Press," and "Wicklow News-Letter" for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 18 Collecting District, and three replies received from:—Richard Kenny, Kilcavan, Carnew; Denis Doyle, Tomacork, Carnew; Thomas Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Court House, Wicklow, on Wednesday, the 13th January, 1909, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballingate, Carnew, Coolboy, Coolattin, Shillelagh (No. 18 Collecting District), at a remuneration of Six Pence in the £1, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable Rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector.

Written applications to be lodged in my Office not later than 10.30 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint Bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,000, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a Bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500. Applicants should attend before the Council on same date. By order, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the Council.

On a poll being taken the Council voted as follows:—

FOR FLEMING—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, J. W. Reigh, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne (Coolbeg), John Murphy, Patrick Short—11.

FOR KENNY—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, Patrick Kenny, Edward Byrne—6.

The Chairman then declared Mr. Thomas Fleming elected by eleven votes to six.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Fleming of Ballynulta, Shillelagh, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 18 (Carnew) Collecting District on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Collector Thomas Ebbs, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of Six Pence (6d.) in the £1, and that we approve of Mr. Peter Furlong, of Ballard, Shillelagh, and Mr. Joseph Deegan, of Ballyknocker, Shillelagh, as his sureties in a sum of £1,000. Passed, nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the warrants for the

newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 18 Collecting District, the same not to be issued until his appointment has been approved by the Local Government Board, and his bond completed. Passed, nem. con.

Irish 8/504 (L.B.) War Office, London, S.W., 9th December, 1908. Letter outlining the Army Council's proposals, relative to the repair and upkeep of certain roads in the neighbourhood of Glen Imaal Artillery Range, and enclosing map (marked) for reference.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the War Office letter be referred to the District Council for consideration, and that meantime our Secretary and County Surveyor reply to the War Office letter pointing out the annual loss which the adoption of their suggestion would entail, and that the Secretary and County Surveyor send in a report on the offer from the War Office to Baltinglass No. 1 Council. Passed.

The following notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly—I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that we co-opt a member for Newcastle School Attendance Committee, in room of Mr. Joseph Keane who has resigned.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, the appointing Council under the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, desire, in accordance with Paragraph 4 of the Treasury circular to Clerks of appointing Councils, dated 17th November, 1908, that the accounts of the Committee and Sub-Committees for this County for the quarter ended 31st December last should be rendered under the new procedure. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 69393/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th December, 1908; Stating that the Board are unable to concur with the opinion expressed in the resolution of the County Council in reference to the speed of Motor Cars regulations.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Patrick Short. Resolved—That a Committee of the whole Council be summoned to meet after the Proposals Committee meeting next February, to consider the whole question of speed limits for motor cars on the Wicklow roads and the Local Government Board correspondence, and report to the Quarterly Meeting. Passed.

No. 70757/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th December, 1908; Stating, in reply to the resolution of the County Council cancelling contract No. 49 in Shillelagh Rural District, and giving the work in charge of the County Surveyor, that the Board have no power to authorise payment being made to any person other than the contractors as long as the contract remains in force, and that the proper course is to terminate the contract and obtain a fresh contractor.

No. 79340/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th January, 1909; Enclosing copy of a letter received from the Commissioners of Public Works, relative to the payment of the half-yearly instalments on foot of loans, together with a copy of the Board's reply.

15th December, 1908. From John White, Beech Hill, Dunlavin; Notifying his intention to make a claim for compensation for

injury to his trap, caused, as alleged, through the defective state of the road at Tournant, on the night of the 14th December, 1908.

12th December, 1908. From Sergeant Patrick Carroll, R.I.C., Williamstown, County Galway; Stating that he is anxious for an inquiry into the circumstances relating to the breaking of the discs of certain articles in the Dunlavin Sub-Standard Measures, viz—Gallon, Quart, and Half Gill. Adjourned.

1st January, 1909. From Joseph Devlin, M.P., General Secretary to the United Irish League, 39 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin, Enclosing cards for the use of six members of the Council to be appointed to attend the National Convention to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on the 9th and 10th February, 1909. The following Councillors were appointed as Delegates, and were handed their cards by the Chairman—E. C. Walsh, E. P. O'Kelly, D. J. Cogan, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne (Coolbeg) and D. Condren.

11th January, 1909. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church street, Wicklow; Relative to the draft Provisional Order lodged by the Dublin and Consumers Gas Company, and the clauses which the Council desire drafted by J. J. Clancy, K.C., to be embodied therein, and the necessity of putting into operation the Borough Funds Act in case of non-agreement. Approved.

11th January, 1909. From same, giving notice of the withdrawal of the Provisional Order lodged in Parliament by the Greystones Electric Light Supply Co.

12th January, 1909. From same, relative to the matter of the Roundwood Roads placed in his charge.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 22ND FEBRUARY, 1909.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m., on Monday, the 22nd February, 1909.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Michael Byrne, Daniel Condren, John Murphy, John Storey, William Costello, William Byrne (Coolbeg); Patrick Short, J. W. Reigh, W. H. McFarland, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, Patrick Kenny, and John J. Reilly.

BUSINESS:

- 1—To consider reports 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 Treasurers' Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts, and the Proposal Committee.
- 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 certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 10—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1910.
- 11—To appoint two Members to serve on the Council of Agriculture.
- 12—To deal with the question of the Speed of Motor Cars generally within this County.
- 13—To consider the following Notices of Motion:—
 - By Councillor John J. Reilly—"I hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of this Council, move that we co-opt a Member for Newcastle School Attendance Committee in the room of Mr. Joseph Keane, who has resigned."
 - By Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"I give notice that the application of the Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee for the granting of the sum applied for be considered and agreed to at the next meeting of the County Council."
 - By Councillor John J. Reilly—"I beg to give notice that I will move, at the next meeting of the Council, that resolution passed at last meeting fixing salary of £15 as Attendance Officer and £5 as Secretary of the Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee, be rescinded, and that salary of £20 as Attendance Officer and £10 as Secretary be fixed."
 - By Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"I give notice that, at the next meeting of the County Council, I shall move that the special facilities and advantages of Wicklow County for manufacturing and industrial purposes be set out in pamphlet form, as in the case of Dublin, Cork, and Galway, for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to start industries in our county, and that Mr. Wynne be directed to compile the pamphlet."

By Councillor Joseph W. Reigh—"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that the Close Season for Hares be from the 1st April to 12th August, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded."

By Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"I beg to give notice that all the Insurances of the County Council be given to the Hibernian Insurance Company as they fall due for renewal."

By Councillor Morgan Travers—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting of this Council that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a poundage at 6d. in the £1, instead of fixed salary as at present."

By Councillor William Costello—"I beg to give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at next meeting of this Council that Collector George Evans be paid poundage at rate of 6d. in the £1 instead of salary of £25 as at present."

14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

15—To consider Reports from County Officers.

16—To consider Official Correspondence.

17—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 3rd February, 1909, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors Patrick Short, Michael Byrne, John J. Reilly, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

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				5,114	17	10
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	652	16	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	29	2	3	682	8	11
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	325	15	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	245	12	8	571	8	7
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	393	16	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	36	14	6	430	10	9
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,505	6	8			
Proposals Committee's proposals	306	3	2	1,811	9	10
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	406	3	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	1	0	463	4	5
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				17	12	9

Payment out of Annaleeka Loan 77 0 0
 Transfer to credit Subsidiary Account
 (included in total for county-at-large) 1,038 13 11
 The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	929	10	0
Naas	260	10	0
Rathdown	1,015	15	0
Rathdrum	2,422	0	0
Shillelagh	876	0	0
Total	£5,503	15	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	373	0	0
Naas No. 2	115	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	855	0	0
Rathdrum	634	0	0
Shillelagh	292	10	0
Total	£2,269	15	0

The Secretary's Estimates of the amounts required to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council for the ensuing financial year, 1909-10, were approved and adopted.

The Committee checked the Subsidiary Account for the quarter ended 31st December, 1908, with vouchers and found same correct, and recommend a transfer of £1,038 13s. 1d. to credit of same.

The attention of the Committee was drawn by Mr. Frank McPhail to a rule which he stated has been made by the Wicklow Fever Hospital Committee, fixing a charge of two guineas per week for each patient in the hospital whom it is considered is not entitled to free treatment.

The Committee recommend that the Council's representatives on the Hospital Committee should consider this matter carefully and report to the Council at their earliest convenience.

The Committee recommend that the following paying orders which have not been presented for payment be cancelled, the payments not having been passed by the Local Government Board:—

May, 1907. No. 84. J. M. Walsh £3 13 16
 February, 1908. No. 698. The Sub-Sheriff 1 1 0

D. J. COGAN, CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural Districts be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee and from the Five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—

COUNTY - AT - LARGE:—

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,223 1s. 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 John Murphy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £681 18s. 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 P. Short, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £571 8s. 7d. (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 J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £430 10s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:—

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,811 9s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £463 4s. 5d. (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 P. Short. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £17 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

PAYMENT OUT OF LOAN:—

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor W. Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the

foregoing Proposals for Payment out of Loan Account, amounting to £77 0s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural Districts:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:—

Road Contract No. 205 in the District Register, 576 perches, was given to Thomas Kearney, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown, at 8½d. p.p. Guarantors—Michael Reilly, Knockanna, Hacketstown, and Thomas Kearney, Rathduffmore, Hacketstown.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

An application was submitted from Thomas Fisher, Dunlavin, for permission to erect a small hoarding in the street of Dunlavin to protect the weighing lever of his weighbridge, and enclosing a plan to show the site of the proposed structure. Application not considered.

A letter was also submitted from Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, pointing out the disadvantages the residents of Dunlavin have suffered for close on two years through the absence of a weighbridge in the town.

NAAS NO. 2:—

Road No. 68 in the District Register, 856 perches, was given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN NO. 2:—

Contracts as submitted were approved and confirmed.

In the case of the Permissive Proposal to build the Wall of a Shed at Mrs. Cuthbert's Farmyard Gate, on the road from the Scalp to Killegar, No. 316 in the District Register, the Council directed that the person erecting the shed pay the costs of a Deed of Indemnity in accordance with instruction of County Surveyor.

An application, supported by a resolution from the District Council of Rathdown No. 2, was submitted from W. H. Odlum, Ardmore, Bray, for permission to bring forward one of the piers at the new entrance he is making to his house in Bray, on to the footpath, and to leave the path the same width by including portion of the road, and enclosing a sketch map of the proposed change. Order—Mr. Odlum to indemnify the Council and pay the Council's costs of the Deed of Indemnity.

RATHDRUM:—

Road Contract No. 747 in the District Register, 1,152 perches, was given to Michael Redmond, Ballycappel, Kilbride, Wicklow, at 8d. per perch. Guarantors—Cornelius O'Brien, Ballinameesda, Kilbride, and Edward Cullen, Knockrath, Rathdrum.

Road Contract No. 756 in the District Register, 1,152 perches, was given to John Brady, Newtownmountkennedy, at 8d. per perch. Guarantors—Daniel Brady, Glendarragh, Newtown, and John Keogh, Cooladay, Newtown.

Road Contract No. 758 in the District Register, 740 perches, was given to the same Contractor at 11d. per perch. Guarantors—The same.

Road Contract No. 760 in the District Register, 777 perches, was given to James Toner, Kilcool, at 11d. per perch. Guarantors—Morgan Cooling, Kilcool, and Edward Cleary, Kilcool.

Road Contract No. 765 in the District Register, 950 perches, was given Myles King, Barniskey, Ovoca, at 2s. 3d. per perch. Guarantors—Charles King, Barniskey, Ovoca, and Daniel McDonald, Barniskey, Ovoca.

Road No. 767 in the District Register, 200 perches, was given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:—

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the application for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—“That we now sign the application for refund of expenses under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Orders. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Meeting—22nd February, 1909.

Gentlemen.—As you will have at this meeting to strike the rates for the coming financial year, my estimates for the expenditure and the income for that period, which have already been approved by your Finance Committee, will be submitted for your consideration, as a copy has been sent to each councillor already. I need do no more now than to give the net results so far as the rate on each Rural District is concerned, first mentioning that so far as the County Council's portion comes in we have kept the items as low as we can, so that in spite of an increase of £513 in the Lunatic Asylum's Demand, the County-at-Large Rate remains at the same figure as before. This Lunatic Asylum demand is increasing by jumps of £500 year after year, and while on the subject I would draw attention to the statements of the Chairman of the Asylum Committee, Mr. Jones, which appeared in the public Press, to the effect that the Dublin Corporation took pains to ascertain and inform the Committee whether the patients from its district could be made to contribute to their support, but that the other contributing authorities comprising the Asylum District, gave no assistance in this matter. To this statement, so far as it may refer to this County Council and its officials, I wish to give a most emphatic and unqualified contradiction. Every single case in the list received from that Committee each quarter, receives most careful consideration, and enquiries are set on foot through the Urban and Rural District Councils and their officials, who give me every assistance, and every case where a contribution can be expected is at once reported to the Asy-

lum Committee, and I had recently a letter of thanks from their Clerk for information I myself sent him in a case (which had not been reported from the Committee) that had enabled them to obtain 15s. a week for a patient's maintenance.

The gross Rural District rates show a reduction all round this year as follows:—

Baltingless Rural District	3s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. or 2 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. below last year.
Naas No. 2 do.	3s. 11 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. or 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ d. do.
Rathdown No 2 do.	3s. 5 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. or 3d. do.
Rathdrum do.	3s. 3 $\frac{3}{4}$ d. or 2d. do.
Shillelagh do.	3s 8 $\frac{1}{4}$ d. or 6d. do.

There is a greater reduction in the rate on Shillelagh than in any of the other districts in consequence of the increase requisite last year to wipe out their debit balance.

These rates this year correspond very closely with the rates struck in February, 1907.

But I regret to say I cannot promise these rates for 1910, as I have already been notified by the Local Government Board of a deduction which is about to be made from the Government Grants which we are expecting, of no less than £1,943, on account of arrears of Land Purchase instalments; I thought we understood that such deductions would not be repeated.

There is a considerable rise in the rate to meet the Blessington Tramway Guarantee, because of the very heavy demand made on the Rural District last year, namely, £930, against £505 the previous year, and £662 the year before. Had I observed it at the time I would not have paid more than I had estimated for, until this coming year's rate came in, for I had to overdraw the rates from other sources to the amount of £247 to meet this heavy demand.

Your Auditors and others have drawn your attention from time to time to this Company's method of always making up their accounts so as to show a fat and lean half-year alternately.

I think you should clearly understand that this works a serious loss to the guaranteeing ratepayers by depriving them of a considerable portion of the Treasury refund to which they are rightfully entitled. This loss thus worked, amounted to £90 on last year's payments.

The Local Government Board has confirmed the appointment of each of the newly-elected Rate Collectors, and one has already made a good advance with his collection, and the other who has only just been put in a position to commence, asks the Council to ask for an extension of time to the 30th April next to close his collection. This is only reasonable, and of course the Council will comply with his request. The Local Government Board has issued an order granting late Collector Ebbs the pension of £30 voted to him by the Council.

I am, Gentlemen, Yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. 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:—

Name of Rural District.	Rates on Land		Rates on Other Hereditaments.	
	s.	d.	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	1	8½	3	3¾
Naas No. 2	2	4½	3	11½
Rathdown No. 2	2	4	3	5¾
Rathdrum	1	11	3	3¾
Shillelagh	2	2½	3	8½

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Baltinglass Public Health Charge	d.
Dunlavin Sewerage	1¼
Baltinglass Criminal Injury	3
Naas Public Health Charge	1¼
Rathdown Public Health Charge	1¼
Greystones Sewerage	11½
Greystones Water Supply and Delgany Sewerage	3
Enniskerry Sewerage	3¾
Greystones Lighting	1¼
Greystones Pier	1¼
Rathdrum Public Health Charge	1¼
Rathdrum Criminal Injury	1¼
Kilpedder Sewerage and Newcastle and Stylebawn Water Supplies	2½
Shillelagh Public Health Charge and Criminal Injury Compulsory	1
Education { Hollywood and Dunlavin E. Division } Education { Newcastle Dispensary District }	½
Arklow Harbour	2¼
Wicklow Harbour	3¾
Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway	10¾

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. 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 Urban District	General Charges		Separate Charges		Total.	
	£	s. d.	£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Bray	2,734	14 0	—	—	2,734	14 0
Wicklow	722	5 10	148	6 8	870	12 6

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That, in accordance with the Department's circular letter, dated 10th December, 1908, No. 36,151/1908, we hereby appoint the following Councillors as Members of the new Council of Agriculture, to hold office for the three years ending 31st March, 1912, under Sections 8 and 27 (1) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899:—James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum; D. J. Cogan, 115 Thomas street, Dublin. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr. R. W. Condell, of Newtownmountkennedy, to fill the vacancy on the Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee caused by the resignation of Mr. Joseph Keane. Passed.

Councillor McCarroll having withdrawn his Notice of Motion on the same subject, it was proposed by Councillor John J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the resolution passed at last meeting fixing salary of £15 as Attendance Officer and £5 as Secretary of the Newcastle Dispensary School Attendance Committee be rescinded, and that salary of £20 as Attendance Officer and £10 as Secretary be fixed. Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll—That the special facilities and advantages of Wicklow County for manufacturing and industrial purposes be set out in pamphlet form, as in the case of Dublin, Cork, and Galway, for the purpose of inducing manufacturers to start industries in our county, and that Mr. Wynne be directed to compile the pamphlet. The motion, not being seconded, was not passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren—That the Close Season for Hares be from the 1st April to 12th August, and that all resolutions to the contrary be rescinded. At the request of the Council the resolution was withdrawn.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. Murphy. Resolved—That all the Insurances of the County Council be given to the Hibernian Insurance Company as they fall due for renewal. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Collector Joseph Keane's salary be increased by Ten Pounds (£10) per annum. Granted by ten votes to six.

Proposed by Councillor William Costello, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Collector George Evans be paid poundage at rate of Sixpence (6d.) in the £1, instead of salary of £25 as at present. Carried by eleven votes to five.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office, 22nd February, 1909.

Chairman and Members County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen,—The roads in your County have been generally somewhat better attended to this past quarter.

The Contractor for road No. 169, 446 perches, Rathdrum R. D., has died, and as far as I can ascertain has not left any representatives; the road is now derelict, and I recommend that the contract be cancelled and given in my charge.

A decree at Quarter Sessions having been obtained against the Contractor for Road No. 53, 1,452 perches, Rathdrum R. D., I recommend that this contract be cancelled as from 1st April next and given in my charge.

I have to call attention to a technical breach of the law as to erecting buildings nearer than 30 feet from the centre of the road. The building is a forge on the road from Wicklow to Brittas, and is built

20 feet from the centre of the road. The Council not having objected to similar buildings elsewhere I request instructions in this case.

None of the Contracts coming before you to-day are for works other than (in my opinion) you can lawfully carry out.

Court House Repairs—As the sum of £100 passed in February of last year is now nearly exhausted, I request that it be renewed.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Adopted.

Order—Paragraph 4—County Surveyor not to interfere.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street, Dublin, 15th February, 1909.
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, 1908.

One hundred and nine articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter 40; milk, 32; whiskey, 28; buttermilk, 5; cheese, 2; mustard, 1; margarine, 1; total, 109.

One certificate sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 66 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

For Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Nine drugs analysed for the Guardians of Baltingless Union were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union nineteen drugs, fifteen specimens of milk, two of port wine, one of whiskey, one of butter, and one of water were analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 13,160, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.017; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, 2.530; chlorine, 1.590; sulphuric acid, 2.000; equal to calcium sulphate, 2.800. A rather inferior water.

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

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4.
Total solid matters,	10.920	10.220	10.080	10.640
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.016	0.015	0.016	0.015
Saline ammonia	0.004	0.003	0.0035	0.003
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.491	1.491	1.491	1.491
Sulphuric acid	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	1.4000	1.4000	1.4000	1.400

All tolerably good soft waters.

There were four fertilisers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

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 Wicklow, and were pure.

One specimen of milk was analysed for Dr. Wilkinson, Jubilee Hall, Bray.

One specimen of water analysed for Dr. Halpin, Wicklow, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 43.120, including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.175; saline ammonia, 0.005; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.391. More like sewage than potable water.

One specimen of water analysed for A Hood, Esq., Eastate Agent, Wicklow, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 53.200, including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.070; saline ammonia, 0.031; nitric acid, 3.110; chlorine, 49.70; sulphuric acid, 5.700; equal to calcium sulphate, 8.000. Highly polluted and dangerous to use.

There were analysed for the Richmond Asylum one specimen each of milk, butter and cocoa, and were pure.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, nineteen drugs, four specimens of milk and one of buttermilk were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 11 per cent. of added water.

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

	No. 1	No. 2
Total solid matters,	53.060	47.600
including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.023	0.007
Saline ammonia	0.014	0.0035
Nitric acid	trace	5.000
Chlorine	9.940	5.964
Sulphuric acid	2.000	3.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.800	4.200

No. 1 was a bad water, and No. 2 a good one.

Total analyses, 207. Adulterated and defective articles, 6.

C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That this Council desires to call the attention of the Irish Government to the ruinous condition of the Harbour Works at Greystones, and to point out that their predecessors, the Grand Jury, refused, on the advice of their County Surveyor (who was a highly competent gentleman) to take it over from the Board of Works owing to the numerous defects in the works, and when a second examination was made by the same Engineer a few months later he found them "in a state of partial ruin and positively dangerous." The Grand Jury in March, 1897, again passed a resolution declining any responsibility for the Harbour Works, and refusing to appoint a Harbour Master. Again, when the County Council came into office two years later, they found the whole works in such a state of collapse, the Council declined to have anything to do with, or to take any responsibility for them until the Government, through the Board of Works, would put them into a proper state of repair. Although the County

Council has now paid off the loan originally raised for the construction of the works, nothing has yet been done, and the large sum of £21,000 might just as well have been thrown into the sea. The Council now, at the eleventh hour, calls upon the Government to do its duty to the ratepayers of this important district by putting the work into a safe and proper state of repair, and thus enable the fifty-three fishermen who reside in the district to prosecute their calling. *Passed.*

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. *Resolved*—That the following be appointed a Committee to draft a scheme for a Scholarship in the National University from County Wicklow, in which Irish language shall be made an essential subject:—Councillors D. J. Cogan, E. P. O'Kelly, E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, Patrick Short, J. W. Reigh, John Murphy, Joseph McCarroll, J. J. Reilly, and William Byrne. *Passed.*

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan:—This Council strongly approves of the recommendations of the General Council of County Councils affecting the financial provisions of the Land Bill, and we desire to urge the Irish Party to insist upon the Government embodying them in the Bill, as they will give immediate relief to the ratepayers of Ireland, while the burden now imposed upon them is, by the Act of 1903, an impossible and intolerable one, which cannot continue to be borne without bringing to an absolute standstill local administration of any kind.

We are also of opinion that, in addition to the amendments adopted by the National Convention, the Land Bill requires amendment in the following particulars, viz:—

Clause 5 (1) b.—That the full amount of the bonus according to scale should be paid to the vendor.

Clause 12 (1).—That the words "resides on the holding" should be struck out, and the words "cultivate at least 20 per cent. of the holding" should be inserted therefor.

Clause 13.—Should make it clear that any tenancy which may have been created by reason of the re-instatement of a tenant evicted since January 1st, 1908, should not be excluded from the operations of the Land Purchase Act.

Clause 28 (1)—A purchasing tenant should be allowed to acquire lands up to the value of £7,000 under the Bill, as under the Act of 1903.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors and the state of their collections were submitted.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Special meeting of the County Council, under the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 22nd February, 1909, at 12 o'clock, noon.

The following members attended:—Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Michael Byrne, Daniel Condren, John Murphy, John Storey, William Costello, William Byrne (Coolbeg); Patrick Short, J. W. Reigh, W. H. McFarland, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, Patrick Kenny, and John J. Reilly.

BUSINESS:

- To consider, and if approved, to adopt the following resolution:—
- (1)—That a Petition be presented to Parliament against that portion of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Act, 1909, which incorporates provisions for the breaking up and restoration of roads, as being insufficient for the protection of the interests of the Council, and for the addition to those provisions of other provisions sufficient for such protection.
 - (2)—That a Committee be appointed with all the powers of the Council, to take such steps as may be necessary to safeguard the interests of the Council in connection with the opposition to the Act which this Council has now decided to oppose.

THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF THE COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

NOTICE BY ADVERTISEMENT, PURSUANT TO THE BOROUGH FUNDS (IRELAND) ACT, 1888.

Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, that a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Wicklow will be held in the Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock noon, on Monday, the 22nd day of February, 1909, to confirm and approve of the propriety of opposing in the present or next Session of Parliament the Alliance and Dublin Gas Act, 1909, and also to consider, and, if approved, adopt a resolution or resolutions in reference to opposing, and the expense of opposing the said Alliance and Dublin Gas Act, 1909.

Dated this 9th day of February, 1909.

E. N. WYNNE,

Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow.

Court House, Wicklow.

9th day of February, 1909.

THE SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Meeting—22nd February, 1909.

Gentlemen,

The Dublin Alliance and Consumers having refused to put the clauses prepared on behalf of this Council into their Bill, which comes before the present Parliament, the required notice has been published and the Statutory Summons for the Special Meeting given to allow the question of putting in force the Borough Funds Act to come up for consideration to-day, so as to enable you, if you decide that it is proper to do so, to incur expense in opposing said Bill.

As it appears the 19th of this month was the latest date on which the necessary notification of the intention to oppose could be lodged with the Examiners, your Solicitor requested me to affix the Seal of the Council before your meeting, to a Petition against the Bill to be lodged on the date, Parliamentary Agents to be employed for the purpose.

I saw the seriousness and urgency of the situation, but had not the slightest hesitation in saying I could not comply with the request, as I had no power either by Statute or Resolution to do so.

I at once telegraphed the position of matters to your Chairman, who replied that he was forwarding his key to a local Councillor to be available in case the Solicitor and I were satisfied might legally be used, but that if it was ultra vires it must not be done; being clearly ultra vires I did not allow its use.

I wrote explaining matters to your Solicitor, and I requested him to see that no expenses in connection with opposition to the Bill were incurred until the Council gave further orders, and sent your Chairman copies of the letters.

The possession by me of the key of your Seal imposes a trust and involves a responsibility. I will neither betray that trust nor shirk that responsibility.

I have the whole correspondence here should the Council desire particulars.

I am, Gentlemen, yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey—It is hereby resolved that this Council oppose the Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Bill, and that the costs and expenses thereof—not to exceed £250—be paid out of the County Funds or Rates, and that the Petition be now Sealed.

On a poll being taken there voted:—

For—Councillors D. Condren, W. H. McFarland, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, Wm. Costello, J. J. Reilly, John Storey, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, John Murphy, Patrick Short, and Wm. Byrne—12.

Against—Councillors Michael Byrne, Patrick Kenny, and Edward Byrne—3.

Passed by 12 votes to 3.

The Secretary pointed out that the meeting being held under the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, the resolution, being one for incurring expense, had fallen through as the requisite majority of votes had not been obtained; Section 5 of that Act provided that every such resolution must be passed by an actual majority of the whole number of the Council, viz.—14, whereas, the majority now obtained was only 9.

The Solicitor explained that it was not necessary to proceed under the Borough Funds Act.

It was finally agreed that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Councillor Reigh, the Secretary and the Solicitor should call on the Local Government Board the following morning to explain how matters stood, and ascertain whether, under the circumstances, the Borough Funds Act could be dispensed with, etc.

Several Councillors having left,

Mr. McCarroll, the Solicitor, asked that the Petition be signed and Sealed provisionally before the Councillors separated, so that it could be forwarded when the Local Government Board gave its decision.

The Secretary stated he saw a difficulty, as the matter stood, to his taking part in sealing the Petition, for, as they knew, he held the resolution had not been carried, but if they now passed a separate resolution solely as a direction to him personally to affix the Seal for the

purpose of the document being retained by the Chairman till the Local Government Board had been consulted, and not for the purpose of incurring expenditure, he would act on it.

It was, therefore, proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor J. Murphy. Resolved—That the Petition against the Dublin Alliance and Consumers Gas Bill be now signed and sealed, and that the Secretary be hereby directed to have the Seal affixed thereto, and that the Petition be left in the Custody of the Chairman. Passed.

The Petition was thereupon sealed and handed to the Chairman.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 24TH MAY, 1909.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 24th May, 1909.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Byrne, Daniel Condren, William Osborne, J. J. Dowling, John Storey, William Costello, William Byrne (Coolbeg); Patrick Short, James Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

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 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 make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1910, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 10—To authorise the Secretary of the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books of the Collectors of the Poor Rate.
- 11—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow.
- 12—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 13—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor D. J. Cogan:—“This Council strongly approves of the recommendations of the General Council of County Councils affecting the financial provisions of the Land Bill, and we desire to urge the Irish Party to insist upon the Government embodying them in the Bill, as they will give immediate relief to the Ratepayers of Ireland, while the burden now imposed upon them is, by the Act of 1903, an impossible and intolerable one, which cannot continue to be borne without bringing to an absolute standstill local administration of any kind. We are also of opinion that, in addition to the amendments adopted by the National Convention, the Land Bill requires amendment in the following particulars, viz:—
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Clause 13. Should make it clear that any tenancy which may have been created by reason of the reinstatement of a tenant evicted since January 1st, 1908, should not be excluded from the operations of the Land Purchase Act.

Clause 28 (1). A purchasing tenant should be allowed to acquire lands up to the value of £7,000 under the Bill, as under the Act of 1903."

15—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.

16—To consider Reports from County Officers.

17—To consider Official Correspondence.

18—To consider General ditto.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 24th May, 1909, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors James Byrne, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, 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—				3,466	15	0
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	675	8	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	48	18	8	724	7	5
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	290	18	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	16	19	6	307	17	6
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	464	14	10			
Proposals Committee's proposals	200	18	6	665	13	4
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1,903	15	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,086	15	11	2,990	11	2
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	488	17	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	309	13	4	798	10	4
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				56	8	0
Payment out of Annalecka Loan				45	9	3
Transfer to credit Subsidiary Account (included in total for county-at-large)				357	13	8

The Committee examined the Union and Rural District demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFER TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	895	10	0
Naas	246	0	0
Rathdown	930	15	3
Rathdrum	2,322	0	0
Shillelagh	864	0	0
Total	£5,258	5	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltingless No. 1	27	0	0
Naas No. 2	26	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	105	0	0
Rathdrum	300	0	0
Shillelagh	7	10	0
Total	466	5	0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several rate collectors, paying orders in respect of same not to issue until the several amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board.

	£	s.	d.
1—Joseph Doyle	14	13	2
2—Richard Geoghegan	3	9	8
3—Thomas Tutty	7	10	10
4—Bryan Dunne	2	4	4
5—Michael Kelly	0	10	2
6—Michael McGrath	6	16	9
7—Charles S. Sutton	61	8	6
8—Patrick Toole	6	7	11
9—Joseph Keane	3	18	2
10—John Murphy	10	7	4
11—John Kelly	2	6	9
12—John F. Evans	6	17	10
13—George Evans	2	15	6
14—James Byrne	16	10	11
15—John Brennan	28	19	10
16—P. J. Carey, Junior	7	12	5
17—Charles Byrne	12	17	1
18—Thomas Fleming	0	3	2
19—Terence Byrne	0	11	1

The Committee desire to direct the special attention of the Council to the large sum of irrecoverable arrears occurring each half-year in No. 7 Collecting District; Collector C. S. Sutton.

The Committee direct the Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for permission to pay Collector Bryan Dunne his poundage fees in respect of his collection; he not having closed the same within the half-year.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

May 20th, 1909.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor

Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be hereby adopted. Passed.

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

Proposals for Payment from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—

COUNTY - AT - LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £3,466 15s. 0d. (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 Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £724 7s. 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 W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Dowling. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £307 17s. 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 J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £665 13s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,990 11s. 2d. (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 Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £798 10s. 4d. (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 (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 8s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ANNALECKA BRIDGE LOAN ACCOUNT:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Dowling, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment out of the Loan Account, amounting to £45 9s. 3d., and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Permissive work, No. 789 in the District Register, was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Letters having been submitted from Mr. Edward Cullen, Knockrath, Rathdrum, and from Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, New Road, Gorey, permissive Contract No. 788 was rejected, a question of title being involved.

Remaining contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Work No. 45 in the District Register was given in charge to County Surveyor.

Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1910. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' warrants for the collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1910, be signed and sealed, the warrants not to be issued until the several collectors' bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the books, etc., of the Collectors of the Poor Rate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £2,734 14s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1910. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jas. Dowling. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow for the amount

of £870 12s. 6d., determined to be demanded for the financial year ending the 31st March, 1910. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we now sign the two certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Dowling. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, 7 Leitrim place, Wicklow, be appointed Auditor to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to audit their accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1910. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—This Council strongly approves of the recommendations of the General Council of County Councils affecting the financial provisions of the Land Bill, and we desire to urge the Irish Party to insist upon the Government embodying them in the Bill, as they will give immediate relief to the Ratepayers of Ireland, while the burden now imposed upon them is, by the Act of 1903, an impossible and intolerable one, which cannot continue to be borne without bringing to an absolute standstill local administration of every kind. We also are of opinion that, in addition to the amendments adopted by the National Convention, the Land Bill requires amendment in the following particulars, viz.:—Clause 5 (1) B. That the full amount of the bonus, according to scale, should be paid to the vendor. Clause 15 (1). That the words "Residence on the holding" should be struck out, and the words "Cultivate at least 20 per cent. of the holding" should be inserted therefor. Clause 16. Should make it clear that any tenancy which may have been created by reason of the reinstatement of a tenant evicted since January 1st, 1908, should not be excluded from the operations of the Land Purchase Act Clause 34 (1) A purchasing tenant should be allowed to acquire lands up to the value of £7,000 under the Bill, as under the Act of 1903. That copies be sent to the Prime Minister, Chancellor of the Exchequer, the Chief Secretary, and Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we ask Mr. Muldoon and Mr. O'Connor to bring in a small Bill to obviate the difficulties under which the county is at present labouring, through the Blessington Tram Company, and that a Sub-Committee of the Chairman, Wm. Osborne, J. J. Dowling, J. McCarroll, and D. J. Cogan be empowered to deal with the subject. Passed nem. con.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 31st March, 1909—Transmitting copies of regulations made by the Lord Lieutenant in Council, in pursuance of the Provisions of Section 2 of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

The Secretary, having explained the regulations referred to, submitted the applications received for licences to store and sell certain poisonous substances under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, for agricultural and horticultural purposes.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That Mr. James J. Dowling, of Blessington, be granted his licence. Passed; the Chairman dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That Mr. J. P. Hopkins, Main street, Wicklow, and Mr. S. V. Delahunt, Abbey Hill, Wicklow, be granted licences. Passed; Councillors M. Byrne, E. J. Byrne, E.

Byrne, and E. P. O'Kelly dissenting in the case of Mr. Delahunt.

The applications for licences received from the following were also granted:—Thomas Miller, Blessington; Agricultural Supply Stores, Wicklow (W. E. Hanan, Manager); F. Jacob, 4 Main street, Bray; Thos. Ellison, Shillelagh; W. Hammond, Paulbeg Nurseries, Shillelagh; Patrick Murphy, Shillelagh; J. G. Pasley, Tinahely; Samuel Weir, Tinahely; G. N. Wilson, Moynock, Ballinglen; T. G. Garland, Carnew; Joseph F. Turtle, for reps. Herbert Webb, Baltinglass; Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood; Pennick and Co., Delgany Nurseries.

The following were refused licences under the Act:—Mrs. M. J. Freeman, Blessington; J. O'Byrne, Moneystown; P. Kenny, Railway Hotel, Shillelagh; Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan; James Healy, Rathdangan; Michael Tutty, Hollywood; Andrew Toomey, Hollywood; James Bradshaw, Kiltegan

Mr. Edward P. O'Kelly, of Baltinglass, withdrew his application for a licence.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the licence fees for Poison Act be five shillings in each case. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Wynne be allowed one shilling (1s.) per licence and certificate issued under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals Committee, and of the County Council for the year 1909-10, as submitted by the Secretary in his report:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1909.	Autumn Quarter 1909.	Winter Quarter 1910.	Spring Quarter 1910.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Mon. July 5	Mon Oct. 18	Mon. Jan. 3	Mon. Apl. 4
RATHDRUM ... Court house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. ,, 12	Mon. Nov. 8	Mon. ,, 31	Mon. ,, 25
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. ,, 19	Mon. Oct. 25	Mon. ,, 24	Mon. ,, 18
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. ,, 20	Tues. ,, 26	Tues. ,, 25	Tues. ,, 19
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. ,, 16	Fri. Nov. 5	Fri. ,, 21	Fri. ,, 22
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Wed. Aug. 4	Wed. ,, 3	Wed. Feb. 2	Wed. ,, 27
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow	11.30	Mon. ,, 23	Mon. ,, 22	Mon. ,, 21	Mon. May 16

Adopted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

24th May, 1909.

Gentlemen—Where not used by timber, motor or traction engine traffic, the roads in your county are in much the usual condition and are in reasonably fair order considering their construction and location.

The contracts coming before you to-day are of the usual character and do generally not call for particular report. However, in Rathdown No. 2 R. D., contracts amounting to £90 14s 0d have been entered into. This will cause the limit of expenditure to be exceeded; but, as the R. D. Council have applied for an increase of the limit, I expect that you will be able to sanction these contracts. In Rathdrum there is a permissive contract to build a fence near Clara bridge; there appears to be a dispute as to the ownership of the land to be fenced.

Up to this I have not been able to get a local contractor to undertake the work at Aughavannagh bridge. However, I am in treaty with the Hennebique Ferro-concrete Company, and hope to get a tender.—Your obedt. servt.,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Court House, Wicklow,
24th May, 1909.

To Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,—I should be glad if you would grant me leave of absence from the county from Friday, 28th inst. to Friday 4th June.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Granted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle Street,

Dublin, 10th May, 1909.

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, 1909.

50 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Butter, 23; milk, 11; whiskey, 11; cheese, 3; lard, 2—Total, 50.

Two certificates sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for two specimens of butter containing excess of water, namely 18 and 19 per cent respectively, and one certificate for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 13 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 20 per cent of its fats.

There were fifteen 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 Rathdrum Union, fifteen drugs, seventeen specimens of milk, one of butter, and one of whiskey were analysed. One of the drugs was defective. Three of the milks were adulterated with at least 6.25, 11 and 13 per cent of added water, respectively.

One specimen of water analysed for Dr. Hamilton, Arklow Dispensary, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 76.140; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.024; saline ammonia, 0.008; nitric acid, 24.203; chlorine, 13.916;

sulphuric acid, 7.000; equal to calcium sulphate, 9.700. A slightly polluted water.

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

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for Baltinglass Rural District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 6.440; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.038; saline ammonia, 0.0015; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.894; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none. A polluted water.

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

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Total solid matters	6.720	9.240	9.240	11.060
Including—				
Albuminoid ammonia	0.008	0.008	0.009	0.010
Saline ammonia	0.002	0.0025	0.0025	0.004
Nitric acid	0.500	Trace	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.689	1.689	1.789	1.689
Sulphuric acid	1.000	1.000	1.000	1.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	1.400	1.400	1.400	1.400

All of fairly good quality.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, two fertilizers were analysed.

One specimen of feeding stuff was analysed for Mr. T. Evans, Greystones.

For the Richmond Asylum four specimens of soap, two of milk, two of soap, and one of cocoa were analysed, and were pure.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, thirty drugs, two specimens of milk, and one of whiskey were analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect.

Total analyses—165. Adulterated and defective articles—9.

C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. Resolved—That the seal of the County Council having been attached to a second Petition against the Alliance and Consumers Gas Company's Bill now before Parliament, it is hereby reaffirmed that the entire expenditure under all heads of opposition by this Council against the Gas Company's Bill be limited to the sum of Two Hundred and Fifty Pounds (£250) mentioned in the resolution of the County Council of the 22nd February, 1909. Passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Michael Byrne:—"I hereby give notice of motion that I will move, at the forthcoming annual meeting of the County Council, that the area of charge for all expenditure, under every head, incurred in the opposition to the Dublin and Consumers' Gas Bill, at present before Parliament, be the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, and that portion of the Rural District of Rathdrum affected by the Bill."

A further application from the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee for an additional sum of £125 per annum

for the purpose of building a Technical School in Arklow and for providing and developing a Technical School in Baltinglass, was submitted.

Having heard Very Rev. Canon Staples, P.P., V.F., and Mr. Richard Wake, Principal of Technical Schools, in support of the application,

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the application of the County Technical Instruction Committee for an annual grant of £125 towards the erection and equipment of a Technical School in Arklow, and another in Baltinglass, be granted, subject to the Department giving a Free Grant of £300 towards building, but not otherwise. Carried; Councillor E. J. Byrne dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That, in view of the monstrous over-taxation of Ireland by England, and her huge indebtedness of 300 millions to the Irish Nation, we protest in the strongest manner against the Budget, which seeks to still further impose an additional impossible burthen of taxation on this country. Passed.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

69756/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th December, 1908, Approving of the appointment of Mr. Charles Byrne as Poor Rate Collector for No. 17 Collecting District.

14788/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd January, 1909, Stating that the Bond submitted by Mr. Charles Byrne, Poor Rate Collector, is in satisfactory form.

No. 69307/1908; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th December, 1908, Pointing out, in reference to the case of Henry Rochford that where the County Surveyor has given his certificate "striking off" money for a road contract, he has no power to alter it, even at the instance of the County Council, except in the case of admitted error of fault.

No. 67246/1908; Wicklow County *serd dodo dadrara h' dowl*

No. 67246/1908; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th December, 1908, Bringing under the Council's notice a Circular issued by the Carnegie Hero Fund Trust, instituted for the benefit of persons who may have been disabled as the result of voluntary effort to save human life, or who, in the event of death, may have left dependents in needy circumstances. Approved.

No. 5/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th January, 1909, Stating that an examination will be held on 17th and 18th February, 1909, of candidates for qualification as Assistant Surveyors, at the Custom House, Dublin, under the direction of the Board.

No. 3M/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th January, 1909, Transmitting, for the Council's information, Copy of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, which comes into force on 1st July next.

No. 13190/1909; Rathdrum R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st January, 1909, Enclosing copy of a letter received by the Board from Mrs. C. Stamper, relative to the repair of a Wall in Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, and asking to be furnished with a Report from the County Surveyor on the subject.

No. 26625/1909; Rathdrum R. D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th February, 1909, Re same, and enclosing copy of the Board's reply to Mrs. C. Stamper on the subject.

No. 14811/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th January, 1909, Asking for the Council's observations on an application from Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, to extend the limit of expenditure on roads in that Rural District. Order—Increase approved.

No. 18771/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th February, 1909, Stating that the sums to be deducted from the Grants payable to the Council during the current financial year will be £1,531 19s. 6d. in respect of Land Purchase (under Sec. 29 of the Land Act of 1903), and £411 1s. 2d. in respect of arrears in Purchase Annuities.

No. 21899/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th February, 1909, Enclosing Copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1908, as follows:—"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 September last, and I forward, herewith, certified abstract thereof, in pursuance of your order. The accounts were prepared and submitted for audit in a most satisfactory manner.—I have the honour to be gentlemen, your obedient servant, C. D. Barry, Auditor."

No. 26663/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th February, 1909, Enclosing Sealed Order consenting to the Annual Allowance of £30 per annum granted to Thomas Ebbs on his resignation of the Office of Poor Rate Collector.

No. 27051/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th February, 1909, Stating that the Order constituting Arklow an Urban District has not yet been made, and that after it has been made three months must elapse before it can take effect, and that therefore, the proposed constitution of the new Urban District need not be taken into account in the estimates of rates for this year.

No. 15510/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th January, 1909, Stating that the Board would raise no objection to the payment of an increase of £5 per annum to Mr. Thomas Williams, Courtkeeper at Wicklow, as Caretaker of the Council's Offices.

No. 30821/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd February, 1909, Stating that £2,647 16s. 7d. would be deducted from the Estate Duty Grant to the County Fund in March, 1909, under the Land Purchase Acts.

No. 45947/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th March, 1909, Stating that the Death Duty Grant amounting to £2,237 1s. 4d., had been withdrawn from the County Fund, and a further sum of £410 15s. 3d. from the Agricultural Grant under the Land Purchase Acts.

No. 64785/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th May, 1909, Transmitting Schedule showing the share of each Union and Road Authority in the County in the £2,237 1s. 4d. Estate Duty Grant withheld in respect of Land Purchase liability in the County.

No. 21719/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th March, 1909, Enclosing an Order prescribing amended

regulations as to the procedure in respect to Declarations by County Councils concerning Main Roads under Section 8 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

No. 40178/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th March, 1909, Assenting to an extension to 30th April of the time within which Collectors Charles Byrne and Thomas Fleming must complete their respective collections.

No. 26033/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th March, 1909, Sealed Order fixing the Rural District of Shillelagh as the area of charge for supply of water at Newry.

No. 39240/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th March, 1909, Sealed Order fixing Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 as the area of charge for supply of water at Rathdangan.

No. 43348/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st March, 1909, Transmitting copy of the Children Act, 1908, and drawing attention to the terms of Section 133 (19) and (20) and of part IV. of the Act.

No. 56303/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th April, 1909 Requesting that Collector Bryan Dunne be informed that in the event of his failing to comply strictly with the terms of his appointment in future, it will become necessary to dismiss him from office.

15th April, 1909, From J. R. Dagg, Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council, Relative to the backward state of Collector Bryan Dunne's collection.

13th April, 1909, From Councillor Joseph Dunne, Merginstown Glen, Dunlavin, re same.

13th April, 1909, from John P. Nolan, Marshalstown, Castledermot (one of Collector Dunne's sureties), re same.

13th April 1909, From Chairman County Council, re same.

Application from Patrick J. O'Toole, Munroe, Donard, Applying for the Rate Collectorship at present held by Collector Bryan Dunne.

No. 55638/1909. Local Government Board Dublin, 29th April 1909, Enclosing Provisional Order constituting the Town of Arklow an Urban Sanitary District.

No. 51229/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th April, 1909 Sealed Order fixing Dunlavin Dispensary District as the area of charge for sewer at Donard.

No. 5468/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th December, 1908, Approving of the payment of a salary of £30 per annum to Mr. J. Byrne, Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, for his services in regard to Sheep Dipping.

No. 36544/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 6th January, 1909, Stating that the Department will endeavour to make arrangements to permit of Mr. O'Bryen visiting County Wicklow for a short period during the forthcoming season.

No. 1303/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 23rd January, 1909, Stating that three samples of Butter taken up in Arklow and three samples taken up in Rathdrum, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 2640/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th February, 1909, Stating that samples of butter taken up in Bray under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 25629/1908. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 16th

September, 1908, Transmitting copy of the Bee-Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act 1908, and suggesting that the Council adopt a resolution dealing generally with every case to which Section 6 applies.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, consent to and approve of the provisions of Section 6 of the Bee-Pest Prevention Act being in force generally within this county. Passed.

No. 5502/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 11th March, 1909, Acknowledging the Council's letter notifying the appointment of Councillors James Galvin and D. J. Cogan on the Council of Agriculture for the ensuing three years.

No. 5712/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th March, 1909, Stating that three samples of butter taken up in Greystones under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 7667/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th April, 1909, Stating that three samples of butter taken up in Blessington under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 11355/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st May, 1909, Stating that three samples of butter had been taken up in Baltinglass and three in Wicklow, which were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 21047/1908. Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W., 19th December, 1908, Transmitting copy of a Circular addressed to Clerks of Pensions Committees with regard to the method of dealing with the expenses of the committees as from the 1st prox., as the result of which appointing Councils cease to be responsible from that date.

Irish 8/632 (L.B.); War Office, London, S.W., 6th February, 1909, Acknowledging the Council's letter of the 4th inst., on the subject of the upkeep of Glen Imeal Roads.

Secretary's Office, Bank of Ireland, Dublin, 5th December, 1909, Returning Paying Orders value £104 8s. 6d., received on behalf of the Commissioners of Public Works, and stating that they must now be forwarded to the Board of Works with the receivable order to have interest marked.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 15th January, 1909, Stating that the Board will be glad to receive a remittance of 16s. in respect of interest which has accrued on the instalment of £104 8s. 6d., since the date it fell due, viz.—1st November, 1908.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 27th April, 1909, Notifying particulars of a loan of £700 to the Guardians of Rathdrum Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

No. 211281/1908. General Post Office, London, 7th May, 1909. From Secretary, Asking for the Council's views on the proposed modification of the present hours of attendance at Post Offices on Sundays. Approved.

14th April, 1909, From Secretary School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, Asking for the Council's sanction to the proposal of his committee to increase the salaries of School Attendance Officers Patrick Clarke and Patrick Woods from £20 to £26 per annum.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor

John Storey—That the increase be given to Mr. Clarke and Mr. Woods.

As an amendment it was proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That the consideration of the application to increase the School Attendance Inspector's salaries in Rathdown No. 2 be postponed till next Quarterly Meeting. Passed.

14th May, 1909, From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Enclosing resolution asking to be informed how the proposed Electrical undertaking for Greystones and the Gas Bill at present stand.

30th January, 1909, From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council, Transmitting an account received from Mr. George Newsom, V.S., for inspecting cows at Ballykeane, to be submitted to the County Council.

Order—Referred back to the District Council as the proper party to pay the account.

12th February, 1909, From same, Enclosing copy of a resolution asking the Council to protect their interests which may be affected by the Dublin and Consumers Gas Bill.

No. 52191/ General Valuation Office Dublin, 12th May, 1909, Forwarding for the approval of the County Council a report in detail of the alterations in County Boundaries between the County of Wicklow and the Counties of Carlow, Dublin and Kildare, proposed to be made in the revised Ordnance Survey plans, together with maps to correspond.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Storey (17 Vic., cap. 17; 20 and 21 Vic. cap. 45; 22 and 23 Vic., cap. 8; 61 and 62 Vic., cap. 37) (Enactments Order). Resolved—We approve certain alterations in Ordnance Sheets Nos. 1, 2, 3, 5, 9, 14, 15, 26, 32, 33, 37, 38, 42 and 46 of County of Wicklow in the boundaries between said County and the Counties of Carlow, Dublin and Kildare, as set forth in a report and accompanying maps submitted to us by Sir John G. Barton, C.B., Chief Boundary Surveyor, under the Acts recited above. Passed.

Application from Collector Thomas Fleming for an extension of time to close his collection for the half-year ended 31st March to the 30th April, 1909.

Correspondence with Sergeant P. Carroll, R.I.C., Williams-town, County Galway, relative to the damage sustained by certain discs in the Dunlavin Sub-Standard Measures.

Order—County Inspector, R.I.C., to be asked to have the proper packing of these discs inquired into.

20th January, 1909, From S. J. Doyle, 7 Leitrim Place, Wicklow, Reporting on his audit of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1908.

27th January, 1909, From H. O. Tisdall, Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company, Asking for the Council's sanction to erect increased shed accommodation for rolling stock on his line out of revenue at a probable cost of £90.

Order—Referred to committee appointed to-day.

Notice of Appeal to the Judge of Assizes against the County Court Judge's decision refusing to grant compensation in the criminal injury application of James Doyle, Killaveney, Tinahely.

11th January, 1909, From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Enclosing return of patients admitted during the quarter ended 31st December, 1908.

28th January, 1909, From same, Enclosing estimate and demand for ensuing financial year.

1st February, 1909, From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow, Reporting that the County Court Judge refused compensation in the James Doyle Malicious Injury claim.

1st February, 1909, From same, Reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £23 in the Richard Jones malicious injury claim.

1st February, 1909, From same, Reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £5 0s. 3d. in the E. J. Twamley malicious injury claim.

3rd February, 1909, From same, Reporting that the County Court Judge gave a decree for £26 in the Council's case against Garrett Byrne, with a stay of execution for 20 days, pending the completion of the work.

9th February, 1909, From same, Stating that the solicitors for the promoters of the Alliance and Dublin Gas Act, 1909, declined to insert in the Bill the clauses prepared by counsel for the protection of the County Council.

10th February, 1909, From Superintending Engineer, Post Office Telegraphs, Dublin, Asking the Council's permission to the placing of an overground telegraph line from the corner of Bridge street to Prestige's corner in Arklow. Granted.

10th December, 1908, From the National Telephone Company, Dublin, Giving quotations for erecting an Exchange telephone line to the Council's offices. Declined.

December, 1908, From the Secretary, County Councils' Association, Tothill street, Westminster, London, S.W., Inviting the Council to send delegates to a road conference to be held in London early in May.

18th May, 1909, From Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital, in answer to the Council's recommendation, relative to Paying Patients.

30th April, 1909, From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Resolution requesting the Council to seek powers to tax Motor Cars and Traction Engines, the money so raised to go towards upkeep of the county roads.

3rd March, 1909, From John Muldoon, M.P., 7 Herbert Place, Dublin, Acknowledging the Council's resolution on the subject of Greystones Harbour.

12th March 1909, From Secretary, Wicklow Harbour Commissioners, Enclosing Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Commissioners for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

May, 1909, From the Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council, Circular letter requesting the Council to increase their affiliation fee on this occasion to £10.

19th May, 1909, From County Inspector R.I.C., Wicklow, Giving the names of three Sergeants in the County for appointment as Food and Drugs' Inspectors.

Appointments approved and to be issued.

Forms 2 and 5 were submitted in the following malicious injury claims, together with the Police Reports on same:— Daniel Miley,

Lugglass, Hollywood, amount, £20; John Goodison, Moyacomb, Shillelagh, amount £46; Major W. H. O. Kemmis, Ballinacor, amount £50

February, 1909, From Secretary, Parnell Monument Committee, Mansion House, Dublin, Asking the members of the Council to inaugurate collections for the purpose of assisting the committee.

3rd April, 1909, From Denis Kilbride, M.P., House of Commons, Asking the Council to co-operate with him in the promotion of a Bill to prevent the fraudulent Sale of Margarine as Butter. Approved.

7th April, 1909, From Kevin J. Kenny, 58 Middle Abbey street, Dublin, Bringing under the Council's notice "The Irish Manufacturers' Directory and Year Book."

February, 1909, From the Lord Mayor of Leeds, In connection with the Public Health Congress to be held in Leeds from the 17th to the 24th July, 1909.

25th February, 1909, From Hon. Secretary, The Drogheda Development Association, Ltd., Circular letter enclosing proposals for a Co-operative Auxiliary Transit System for Ireland.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

November, 1908, From Tottenham Urban District Council, Calling on the Government to deal with the question of the Unemployed on a National Basis.

4th December, 1908, From Waterford County Council, Suggesting a method of raising revenue and recouping the State for the loss involved by financing the Land Act of 1903.

9th January, 1909, From the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, Calling on County Councils to require their County Surveyors and also their Assistant Surveyors to devote their entire time to the duties of their official position. Rejected.

27th January, 1909, From Hon. Secretary, Barrow Drainage Committee, Calling on the Government to insert a clause in the Land Bill dealing with Arterial Drainage.

28th January, 1909, From North Dublin Board of Guardians, Pointing out to the Government the necessity of giving effect to the recommendations of the Royal Commission by making adequate provision for the education and industrial training of the Blind and Deaf and Dumb.

31st January, 1909, From the Irish National Foresters Benefit Society, Arklow, Demanding that the Irish Language be made an essential subject for Matriculation in the New University.

11th February, 1909, From the Central Secretary, Executive Committee of the Irish National Teachers' Organisation the following resolution, which was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—"That we request the parents of children attending the National Schools of this country to demand through their representatives that the Irish Government shall introduce, during the next Session of Parliament, an Irish Education Bill to provide funds for the Commissioners of National Education for the heating and cleaning of the National Schools, for the free supply of books and school requisites to the children attending them, and for the establishment of free Secondary Schools whereby the clever child of the poor man, if he so desires, can pass from the

National School to the University, and so grant the same educational facilities to the children of Ireland as have long since been conceded to those of England and Scotland." Passed.

3rd March, 1909, From Longford Board of Guardians, Calling on the Liberal Government to adopt Home Rule for Ireland as a vital issue in their programme at the next General Election.

9th March, 1909, From Mayo County Council, Resolution calling on the Irish Party to insist on a clause being introduced into the Birrell Land Bill to recoup County Councils the deficits withheld from them in respect of Land Purchase. Passed.

19th March, 1909, From Drogheda Urban Council, Resolution dealing with the Irish Transit Question.

From Galway Men's S. and B. Association, 341 West 47th street, New York, Circular calling on the Irish people to insist upon Irish being made compulsory in the New University.

6th May, 1909, From Killarney Board of Guardians, Resolution dealing with Estates purchased by landlords since the passing of the Ashbourne Act.

MINUTES OF MEETING ON 23RD AUGUST, 1909.

The Adjourned Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 23rd August, 1909, at 11.30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Edward Byrne, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, Michael Kelly, William Byrne (Kilmurry); Daniel Condren, J. W. Reigh, W. H. McFarland, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg).

Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), signed his declaration accepting office, and took his seat on the Council.

BUSINESS:

1—The chair will be taken by the outgoing Chairman.

2—To elect a Chairman.

3—To elect a Vice-Chairman.

4—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Michael Byrne:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I will move, at the forthcoming Annual Meeting of the County Council, that the area of charge for all expenditure, under every head, incurred in the opposition to the Dublin and Consumers' Gas Bill, at present before Parliament, be the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 and that portion of the Rural District of Rathdrum affected by the Bill."

The chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly, and the minutes of previous meeting were read and signed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor Edward P. O'Kelly be, and is hereby re-elected Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

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

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the area of charge for all expenditure under every head incurred in the opposition to the Dublin and Consumers Gas Bill, at present before Parliament, be the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 and the Rural District of Rathdrum.

Dublin Gas Consumers Gas Bill, and Committee recommended payment of this amount.

PATRICK SHORT.

4th August, 1909.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 23rd August, 1909, when the following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (in the chair); Councillors James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee recommended that Councillor Cogan be asked to make a Report on the subject referred to in the printed Reports submitted by the Chief Clerk of Richmond District Asylum when forwarding his Estimates for the financial year 1909-1910.

The Committee authorised the County Surveyor to get Report Books printed, similar to those authorised last year.

(Signed),

EDWARD P. O'KELLY, CHAIRMAN.

23rd August, 1909.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands for the several Unions and Rural Districts be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils were passed as follows:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,888 6s. 0d. (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 Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £670 15s. 8d. (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 Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £593 14s. 4d. (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 Byrne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District,

amounting to £501 12s. 6d. (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 James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,866 13s. 9d. (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 £515 6s. 7d. (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 E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 18s 10d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ANNALECKA BRIDGE LOAN ACCOUNT:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment out of the Loan Account, amounting to £35 0s 0d, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

PRINTING.—A.

Printing, binding, etc., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 10s. per page (as per specification) annually, on the number of pages in one copy each of samples 1 to 8, inclusive, for the three years ending 30th September, 1912.

The Council accepted the tender of George William Tully, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, at 1s. 5d. per page. Guarantors:—Jasper Tully, Boyle, Co. Roscommon, and Owen McGovern, Mullingar, Co. Westmeath.

ADVERTISING.—B.

Executing the Advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d. per line (the line to be taken as measuring 15 ems pica type), for the three years ending 30th September, 1912.

The Council accepted the following three tenders, at Twopence per line:—

Frank McPhail ("Wicklow News-Letter"), Main Street,

Wicklow. Guarantors—Francis W. MacPhail, Bayview House, Wicklow; and Miss Elizabeth F. McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

John Lambert ("Wicklow People"), 31 William Street, Wexford. Guarantors—Edward M. Collins, Abbey Street, Wicklow; and Henry J. Dillon, Bridge Street, Wicklow.

Thomas Doyle ("Wicklow Press"), 59 South Main Street, Wexford. Guarantors—The Law, Car and General Insurance Corporation, 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 223 in the District Register, 430 perches, was put in charge of the County Surveyor.

Two contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Nil.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Work No. 798 in the District Register—to repair a railway level crossing—was given to the Rathnew Brick Co., Ltd., Rathnew, at 1s. Guarantors—Henry A. Roberts, Wicklow, and James Merrigan, Rathnew.

Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

18th August, 1909. Application from Patrick Conway, Kilpool Hill, Wicklow, for permission to put an extension to his forge at Kilpool Hill. Granted.

18th August, 1909. Application from the Acting Postmaster, Wicklow, for permission to erect a Pillar Letter Box at Brittas Bridge on a pole to be inserted in the roadside for the purpose. Granted.

SHILLELAGH:

Work No. 51 in the District Register was given in charge of the County Surveyor.

Remaining contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the two Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That the Certificate for bounty in lieu of rates on Avondale Estate be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarrroll, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the Certificate for bounty in lieu of rates be now signed and sealed. Passed.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the "Wicklow People," "Wicklow Press," "Wicklow News-Letter," and "Leinster Leader" for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, and two replies received from:—

William Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, and
John Hayden, Cowpasture, Dunlavin.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting, to be held in the Court House, Wicklow, on the 23rd August, 1909, proceed to appoint a duly-qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Dunlavin, Rathallagh, and Tober, at a remuneration of 6d. in the £, collected and lodged within each financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the Warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable rates approved by the Local Government Board will be refunded the Collector.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 10.30 o'clock on the morning of the meeting, giving the name and address of the applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £800, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a Bond for the same purpose in a sum of £400.

(By Order),

EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council.

On a poll being taken the Council voted as follows:—

For Burke—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, J. W. Reigh, Morgan Travers, Michael Kelly, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarrroll, Wm Byrne (Kilmurry); John Murphy, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, Patrick Short—12.

For Hayden—Councillors D. Condren, Michael Byrne, Joseph Dunne, Wm. Costello, B. McDonald, James Byrne, Myles Healy, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—8.

The Chairman thereupon declared William Burke elected by twelve votes to eight.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That Mr. William Burke, of Merginstown, Dunlavin, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District, on the terms of the advertisement, in room of Collector Bryan Dunne, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a poundage fee of sixpence (6d) in the £1, and that we approve of Mr. Michael Burke, of Tinoran, Baltinglass, and Mr. Thomas Doyle, of Grange Con, as his sureties, in a sum of £800. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Warrants for the newly-appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 Collecting District, the same not to be issued until his appointment has been approved by the Local Government Board, and his Bond completed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor M. Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons as members of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2, for the three years commencing 1st October, 1909:—Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarra, Enniskerry; Patrick J. Kinlen, J.P., Montrose, Greystones; John Murphy, Vivevale, Delgany; Peter Tyrrell, Delgany; John J. Healy, Killincarrick. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. Short, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Rev. Mr. Craig, of Newtownmountkennedy, to fill the vacancy on the Newcastle Dispensary District School Attendance Committee in the room of the Rev. Canon Drought, deceased. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

23rd August, 1909.

Gentlemen,—You may recollect that at our last Quarterly Meeting in May, a number of applications under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, were considered.

Immediately after that meeting a letter was received from the Privy Council, explaining and emphasising certain points in the Regulations issued under that Act, and as this letter materially affected the decisions come to by the County Council at that meeting, I sent a copy of it to your Chairman and Vice-Chairman, and, in reply, was directed to issue no licence under that Act until that letter was submitted to the next meeting of the Council.

Since then a new set of Regulations with regard to the granting of licences has been issued. This provides:—

- (1) 1st—That a licence shall not be granted unless the Council is satisfied that the person is fit to be entrusted with the sale of poisonous substances, and has made suitable provision for their separate storage in a distinct and separate part of the shop or building.
- (2) 2nd—In granting licences for horticultural purposes preference shall be given to nurserymen, florists and others connected with horticultural business.
- (3) 3rd—No licence shall be granted to a person who is illiterate or under 21 years of age.
- (4) 4th—A licence shall authorise the sale of poisonous substances on those premises ONLY which are specified in the licence.
- (5) 5th—A licence granted to the holder of a licence for sale of intoxicating liquors shall not authorise him to sell or keep open shop for sale of poisonous substances, except in a shop or building which is distinct and separate from the shop or building where the intoxicating liquors are either sold or consumed.
- (6) 6th—Applications for licences or renewals shall be on the prescribed forms, and must be lodged in the County Council's Office fifteen clear days before the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.
- (7) 7th—Before sending an application for a licence to the County Council the applicant shall send notice by registered post to the police authority of the district where the proposed shop or building is situate, of his intention to make the application. The notice must be on the prescribed form. Forms A and B may be obtained from Messrs Hely, Ltd., Dollard, or Brown and Nolan, or will be posted from this office on receipt of 3d.

(8) 8th—A licence shall not be granted until after expiration of at least 14 days from the receipt of the application by the County Council, and, before granting a licence, the Council must take into consideration whether in the neighbourhood where the applicant intends to carry on the business, the reasonable requirements of the public with respect to the purchase of poisonous substances are satisfied, and also any objections received from the police.

9, 10, 11, 12, 13 deal with licences already granted.

(14) 14th—A licensee shall personally manage and conduct the sale of the poisonous substances.

15 to 22 inclusive, affect the licensee and the sale of the poisonous substances.

Prior to the issue of these revised Regulations I had had a set of blank licence forms, etc., printed in conformity with the first regulations. These must now be replaced, as the prescribed form has been entirely altered.

As none of the applications received up to the present, so far as I can see, comply with the new set of Regulations, I do not think licences can be granted on them at this meeting; but as the dipping period is, I believe, over for this year, no inconvenience will be caused thereby.

THE CHILDREN'S ACT, 1908.

The duties and obligations of the County Council under the above Act are contained in Sections 74, 81, and 133 of the Act.

Section 74:—

- Sub-Section (1) provides where youthful offenders sent to a Reformatory School, it shall be the duty of the County Council to provide for his reception in a suitable certified Reformatory.
- Ditto (2) Where a child is sent to a certified Industrial School, it shall be the duty of Council to provide for his reception and maintenance in a certified Industrial School suitable to the case.
- Ditto (6) An order for detention in an Industrial School shall not be made by a Petty Sessions Court unless the County Council have been given an opportunity of being heard.
- Ditto (7) Where County Council aggrieved by decision of a court as to place of residence of a youthful offender, they may within three months from making of detention order, apply to a Petty Sessions in and for the place for which the court which made the order acted, said Petty Sessions on proof to its satisfaction that youthful offender or child was resident in area of another Local Authority, may transfer liability to maintain same to that other authority, and order the latter to repay the first-mentioned authority any expenses incurred under the detention order, an appeal shall lie from this court to a Court of Quarter Sessions.
- Ditto (9) A County Council may contribute towards ultimate disposal of child for whose maintenance it is under this Section responsible or has voluntarily contributed.

- Ditto (10) The County Council responsible for the maintenance of youthful offender in a Reformatory shall continue responsible in the event of his being transferred to another or Certified Industrial School. Provided that before he is so transferred notice shall be given to Co. Council responsible to enable it to make representations to Secretary of State.
- Ditto (12) Land may be acquired by County Council to build a Reformatory, same as for purposes of Public Health Acts.
- Ditto (13) Expenses of County Council under this part of Act shall be defrayed as County-at-Large Charge out of Poor Rate.
- Ditto (14) County Council may borrow for purpose of building, altering, etc., Reformatory in accordance with Local Government Act, 1888, provided that maximum period of Repayments shall be 60 years.
- Ditto (17) Provides for cases where County Council has prior to this Act established an Industrial School, etc.
- Section 81. County Council shall have same powers in relation to certified day Industrial School as they have in relation to certified Industrial School, save as to obligation to provide for reception and maintenance in day Industrial School.
- Section 133 (19) Expenses incurred by County Council in respect of Reformatory and Industrial Schools shall be defrayed as a County-at-Large Charge.
- Ditto (20) A Court of Summary Jurisdiction may, on complaint of a School Attendance Committee under Section 4 of Irish Education Act, 1892, send a child to a day Industrial School, or if there is no such school, to a certified Industrial School, and monies received and expenses incurred under this Act shall be defrayed and applied in like manner as under the Irish Education Act, 1892.

Yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE, SECRETARY.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Summer Quarterly Meeting, 23rd August, 1909.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow,
23rd August, 1909.

Gentlemen,—The general condition of the roads in your county is, on the whole, satisfactory, as compared with previous years. On some roads in various places throughout the county heavy timber traffic continues, and in consequence these roads are in very poor condition. None of the contracts coming before you for confirmation appear to be works other than such as can be lawfully carried out by you. I beg to submit to you the tenders I have received from the representatives of the Hennebique Ferro-Concrete Company for the reconstruction of Aughavannagh bridge. However, as the season is so far advanced, if the work were to be undertaken immediately it would cause the road across the river to be closed during September and October. It has been represented to me that this would be very inconvenient. The only alternatives are (1) to delay the work until

next spring; (2) to construct a temporary bridge. The latter would necessitate a fresh notice of motion, and would cause a great increase in the cost of the work. As to repair suggested to old bridge, I would not undertake any responsibility in endeavouring to repair this work as it is so shattered and deformed. Repairs might be a great success but just as likely they would be utterly useless. I may add that eight years ago the late County Surveyor asked for £220 to repair the bridge, and the new bridge proposed would only cost £298.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Read.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be directed to accept the tender of the Ferro-Concrete Company, provided—(1) That the work be carried out during April and May, 1910, and the road opened for traffic by 1st June, 1910; and (2) that the contractor give a satisfactory guarantee that he will maintain and be responsible for the bridge for two years from 1st June, 1910. Passed.

REPORT ON THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

SUMMER, 1909.

TO THE WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,—On the 17th August I completed the inspection of the way and works of the above Company in your County. Most of the permanent way presents the usual untidy and weed-grown appearance. However, in some places it is a little improved. Many of the sleepers (especially near Blessington) are greatly worn and decayed and should be renewed at the earliest possible moment. The re-sleepering has been now a long time in progress, and it would appear that it was suddenly suspended, as in a few places I notice that the ballast has been partly removed, and lies in weed-grown heaps by the wayside. The ballast in most places is very bad and should be renewed, as it holds water and hinders the drainage, thus tending to cause decay to the new sleepers, which, as I have frequently pointed out, are not treated with any preservative material. The fastenings and connections are somewhat improved where re-sleepering has been carried out, but not much improvement can be noted where this work has not been done at a comparatively recent date. The older station buildings at Blessington should get a thorough overhauling, and all the buildings would be the better of a few coats of paint. The rolling stock seems to be well maintained—I note that a wagon has been fitted with specially prepared wheels to enable goods and cattle to be carried through over the Dublin Tramways line. The materials for a special mail wagon are being prepared, and the wagon will be constructed at the works. Engine No. 3 has been thoroughly overhauled and is now ready for the road. Engine No. 5 has been cut of running for nearly a year, and lies in the yard—it appears to be hardly worth repairing, and it might be well if it were disposed of at as early a date as possible. Three-power lathes have been acquired at a very low

cost. These machines will effect a great saving in the repairs' department. I understand that one small lathe has already more than paid for itself. A great improvement has been carried out by the erection of a ram, which will pump a copious supply of clean water to the works. This will in time reduce the expenses of the locomotive and wagon repairs.—I remain, your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor.

Courthouse, Wicklow, 18th August, 1909.

Order—Approved.

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow, 23rd August, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I should be glad if you would permit me to reside out of the County Wicklow during the month of September. I will arrange to carry on my duties during that period.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Permission granted.

Church Hill, Wicklow, 15th June, 1909.

To the Chairman and County Council of Wicklow.

Gentlemen,—I shall feel obliged by your granting me three weeks' leave of absence, to take place at such time as the County Surveyor may approve of.—Your obedient servant,

JOHN PANSING, Assistant Co. Surveyor.

Order—Granted.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street, Dublin, 31st July, 1909.
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, 1909.

One hundred articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—butter, number 37; milk, 31; whiskey, 15; cheese, 7; buttermilk, 3; margarine, 2; lard, 2; rum, 1; claret, 1; pepper 1; total, 100.

One certificate sent to Sergeant O'Leary, Wicklow, for specimen of milk deprived of at least 36 per cent. of its fats.

There were six 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 seven drugs were analysed. They were correct.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs and one specimen of butter were analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect. The specimen of butter contained an excess of water, namely, 22.3 per cent.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union sixteen drugs, eighteen specimens of milk, one of butter and one of water were analysed. One of the drugs was incorrect. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent. of added water, and two were deprived of at least 16 and 20 per cent. of their fats respectively. The

specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matters,	73.500
Including—	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.019
Saline ammonia	0.015
Nitric acid	13.750
Chlorine	11.330
Sulphuric acid	3.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	4.200

A slightly polluted water.

One specimen of water analysed for Aubrey Le Blond, Esq., Greystones, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:

Total solid matters,	30.800
Including—	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.005
Saline ammonia	0.005
Nitric acid	1.640
Chlorine	2.485
Sulphuric acid	2.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	2.800

A good water.

One specimen of water analysed for Miss Sandes, Knockanaragan, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total solid matters,	29.400
Including—	
Albuminoid ammonia	0.0085
Saline ammonia	0.0035
Nitric acid	2.420
Chlorine	2.982
Sulphuric acid	1.000
Equal to calcium sulphate	1.400

A good water.

There were three specimens of feeding stuff analysed for the County Committee of Agriculture.

There was one fertiliser analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-three drugs and six specimens of milk were analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 21 per cent. of added water.

For the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum five specimens of butter, three of cocoa, two of milk and one of white lead were analysed, and were pure.

Total analyses, 195; adulterated and defective articles, 10.

C. A. CAMERON.

17th August, 1909. From John H. Sutton, The Bridge, Kiltarnan, notifying the serious illness of his brother, Collector Charles S. Sutton, also enclosing a doctor's certificate re same, and asking the

Council to grant him, under the circumstances, an extension of time within which to close his half-year's collection.

Order—Extended to 31st October, 1909.

20th and 21st August, 1909. From Collector John F. Evans, 1 Upper Main street, Arklow, notifying the Council that he had suffered a second accident by dislocating his right ankle, also enclosing a doctor's certificate re same, and asking the Council to grant him an extension of time to 31st October, within which to close his collection, and to give him some authority that would allow of his son helping him with his collection.

Order—Extended to 31st October, 1909.

20th August, 1909. From Raymond F. Fry, Secretary to the Greystones Electric Light and Power Company, Limited, Annville, Greystones, enclosing copy of resolution passed by Rathdown No. 2 District Council, and asking the Council to grant his Company permission to lay electric light cables under the roads in Greystones, vested in the County Council, on the same terms as in the Burnaby and La Touche Estates—extracts from the agreement of which he enclosed.

Order—Approved, with the authorised permission of the County Surveyor, and subject to his approval.

7th August, 1909. From John Byrne, Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow, enclosing printed copy of a resolution and recommendations relative to carrying out with the assistance of eight Inspectors the Sheep-Dipping (Ireland) Autumn Order, 1907, in County Wicklow, which were adopted by his Committee at a Special Meeting held on 4th August, 1909, and ordered to be submitted to the next meeting of the County Council.

The Secretary having read an extensively-signed petition, addressed to the Chairman of the Council, protesting against the appointment of any further officials in connection with sheep-dipping, it was proposed by Councillor Patrick Short, seconded by Councillor W. H. McFarland—That recommendation of County Committee of Agriculture regarding the necessity of Inspectors to superintend the dipping of sheep be adopted.

A poll being taken, there voted:—

For—Councillors J. McCarroll, and P. Short.—2

Against—Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, W. H. McFarland, J. W. Reigh, Michael Byrne, Morgan Travers, J. Dunne, Wm. Costello, B. McDonald, James Byrne, M. Kelly, P. Kenny, E. J. Byrne, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry); Myles Healy, John Murphy, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, William Byrne (Coolbeg)—19.

The Chairman thereupon declared the recommendations of the County Committee of Agriculture rejected by nineteen votes to two.

Proposed by Councillor J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Members of Parliament for County Wicklow, Messrs. John Muldoon and James O'Connor, be asked to question the Secretary to the Treasury and press him to allow the police half the fines in cases of prosecution for sheep scab in County Wicklow.

Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That, in view of the undying hate of the British Treasury to Ireland, and its apparent power to defy the Go-

vernment where Irish interests are concerned, we call on Mr. William Field to publish a fourth edition of his "Treasury Tactics," and lay fully bare the Treasury's unscrupulous devices and covert schemes by which Ireland has, and is still being plundered. Passed.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors and the state of their collections were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 60556/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th May, 1909; Sealed Order directing the Rural District Council of Balminglass, No. 1, at their meeting held after the 31st May, 1909, to appoint a Member of the Joint Committee to direct the working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

No. 72382/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th June, 1909; Assenting to an extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District to £1,882, for the year ending 31st March, 1910.

No. 87M/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th June, 1909; Again applying for payment of the costs of the Motor Driving Regulations Inquiry, amounting to £21 11s. 0d.

No. 89M/1909. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd June, 1909; Transmitting memorandum on the objects of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, together with a summary of its provisions, and a copy of a Sealed Order prescribing the forms and stages of Tuberculosis to which Section 1 of the Act shall apply, together with Regulations relating to the Notification of Tuberculosis.

June, 1909; From Professor E. J. McWeeney, M.A., M.D., D.P.H., Medical School, Cecilia street, Dublin; offering the Council his services as bacteriologist on such terms as may be agreed upon, under Section 15 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

No. 79253/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th June, 1909; Assenting to the payment of poundage fees to Collector Bryan Dunne, in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1909.

No. 79253/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th June, 1909; Enclosing form of queries (in duplicate) to be filled up respecting the appointment of Collector Bryan Dunne's successor.

No. 86351/1909; Waterford County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th July, 1909; Stating that, under Section 69 of the Grand Jury Act, 1836, as adapted, and Section 10 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, County Councils have power to purchase Petty Sessions Houses in their counties.

No. 185/1909. Dublin Castle, 2nd June, 1909; Giving the view taken by the Lords Justices' advisers as to the qualifications of the persons who should be granted Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 27th July, 1909; Transmitting copies of Regulations made for the purposes of carrying into effect Section 2 of the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

No. 11071/; Dublin Castle, 5th June, 1909; Acknowledging copy of Council's resolution dealing with the Irish Land Bill.
10 Downing street, Whitehall, London, S.W., 5th June, 1909;

From the Prime Minister, acknowledging the Council's resolution on the Irish Land Bill.

Treasury Chambers, Whitehall, London, S.W., 7th June, 1909; From the Chancellor of the Exchequer, acknowledging the Council's resolution on the Irish Land Bill.

No. 16990/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th Aug., 1909; Stating that four samples of butter taken up in Wicklow, under Sale of Food and Drugs Act, were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 97. Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, dated 26th May, 1909, entitled "Importation of Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1902, Amendment Order."

Form A 176 (b.) From the Department of Agriculture; Pamphlet dealing with Farm Apprenticeships at the Agricultural Station, Ballyhaise, Co. Cavan.

9th June, 1909. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council; Notifying that Mr. William Byrne of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, had been appointed Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

8th June, 1909. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council; Notifying that Mr. Myles Healy of Woodend, Blessington, had been appointed Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

14th April, 1909. From Secretary, School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; Asking for the Council's sanction to the proposal of his Committee to increase the salaries of School Attendance Officers Patrick Clarke and Patrick Woods from £20 each to £26 each per annum. Order—Granted.

2nd July, 1909. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council; Enclosing resolution granting the Greystones Electric Lighting Company permission to lay their cables along the roads of Greystones, under the County Surveyor's supervision. Order—Rural District Council to be asked to send the powers under which permission was granted.

8th June, 1909. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council; Notifying the re-election of Mr. P. J. Carey of Tomanierin, Aughrim, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

9th June, 1909. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council; Stating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., Muskeagh, Tinahely, has been again nominated on the County Council from his District Council for the ensuing year.

31st May, 1909. From John P. Nolan, Marshalstown, Castledermot; Stating that he will no longer act as surety for Collector Bryan Dunne.

7th and 10th June, 1909. From Thomas Molyneux, The Decoy, Dunlavin; Giving notice that he wishes to withdraw from acting further as surety for Collector Bryan Dunne.

10th June, 1909. From Collector Bryan Dunne, Merginstown Glen, Dunlavin; Resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector for No. 4 (Dunlavin) Collecting District.

Order—Accepted.

The following Notices of Application for Compensation for alleged Malicious Injury were submitted:—

Colonel W. H. O. Kemmis—Amount claimed, £100, Form 2 and Police Report; same, £6, same; same, £8, same; same, £100, same; same, £6, same; same £30, same; Richard Ellison, £20, same.

10th June, 1909. From Hon. Secretary Irish Society for the

Protection of Birds, 13 Fitzwilliam square, Dublin, enclosing for adoption by the County Council the following draft resolution:—We, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, do hereby petition His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant for Ireland to make an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of the following species of wild birds throughout the County of Wicklow, for the space of five years, between the 1st March and 1st August in each year, beginning the 1st March, 1910:—Eagles (all species), Peregrine Falcon, Harriers (all species), Raven, Swan, Terns (all species), Black Guillemot, Redstart, Crossbill, Cough, Kingfisher—for the following reasons, that, owing to the increase in the number of egg collectors, these birds are the subject of much persecution. Adopted.

19th June, 1909. From John Muldoon, M.P., 7 Herbert place, Dublin; Relative to the Council's resolution on the subject of Land Purchase deficits.

June, 1909. From the Secretary to the Committee of the Malone Reformatory, 1 Garfield Chambers, Royal Avenue, Belfast; Circular stating that his Institution would receive youthful offenders committed under Sections 107-110 of the Children's Act, 1908, at a charge of 2s. 6d. per week.

5th July, 1909. From A. J. Gorman, Secretary to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee; asking to have Mr. E. Butterfield, Rathsallagh, appointed a Member of his Committee.

11th August, 1909. From Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., Bella Vista, Hollywood; Letter complaining of the manner in which Mr. A. J. Gorman discharged his duties as Secretary to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee.

8th July, 1909. From County Inspector R.I.C., Wicklow; Giving a list of certain weights and measures in the sub-standard weights and measures which require to be replaced by new ones for the Wicklow, Rathdrum, Enniskerry, and Baltinglass Petty Sessions Districts. Order—Granted.

9th July, 1909. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow; Stating that the Judge of Assizes affirmed the County Court Judge's Order refusing compensation in the John Guirke criminal injury application.

30th July, 1909. From same; stating that the promoters of the Alliance and Dublin Consumers Gas Bill had stated they did not intend to extend their mains into County Wicklow outside the Urban District of Bray.

23rd July, 1909. From the District Manager, the National Telephone Company, Telephone Buildings, Crown Alley, Dublin; Asking the Council's permission to be allowed to erect a stay-pole inside the fence at the Court House, Bray, in the position shown in red on the enclosed plan. Order—Permission refused.

7th July, 1909. From Secretary, Belfast Industrial Development Association, 14 Donegal street, Belfast; Asking the Council to appoint two delegates to attend their Industrial Conference in the Council House, Belfast, on 4th August, 1909.

22nd July, 1909. From Resident Manager, Wicklow District Gas Company; Notifying certain reductions in the price of gas to take effect after the 30th September, 1909.

Requisition Form received long after Statutory date. No order.

2nd August, 1909. From Road Contractor John McGrory, The Grove, Donard, and 11th and 13th August, 1909, from his Solicitors, Messrs Brown and McCann, Naas; Relative to £16 15s. 3d. costs incurred by him in obtaining an Order to enter a gravel pit on the lands of Mrs. Murphy, at Bushfield, in connection with his road contract for 603 perches, and asking the Council to assist him in the financial difficulty in which he is placed by reason of his contract with the Council, and enclosing a newspaper cutting showing details of the case.

Order—The Secretary to ask the Local Government Board if costs in this case can be paid under the exceptional circumstances.

Form No. 2 and Police Report in a further Criminal Injury Application lodged on behalf of Colonel W. H. O. Kemmis—Amount claimed £100.

28th and 30th July, 1909. From W. J. Shannon, Solicitor to the Dublin County Council, 19 Upper Ormond quay, Dublin; Giving notice that if a decree be obtained in the malicious injury application of Thomas W. Cobbe, which occurred within one mile of the County Wicklow Boundary, the Court would be asked to apportion the same between Counties Dublin and Wicklow.

22nd July, 1909. From Secretary, County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee; Enclosing a resolution expressing the pleasure of his Committee, relative to the decision of the Council to give increased support for the purpose of building Technical Schools in Arklow and Baltinglass.

16th August, 1909. From Fletcher Moore, Manor-Kilbride, via Dublin; Relative to certain items of rate disallowed in Collector McGrath's arrears sheets. Order—Refer to Finance Committee.

21st August, 1909. From Collector Joseph Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass; Relative to the disallowing of 18s. 4d. on rating No. 131, claimed by him as irrecoverable, as they are in respect of portion of the Female National School. Order—18s. 4d. to be refunded.

11th August, 1909. From Mrs. E. Greene, Barchuillia Commons, Kilmacanogue; Objecting to paying rates on three houses where there are really only two houses, and asking what can be done to provide a supply of water and a means of approach to the houses in question.

13th August, 1909. From Collector C. S. Sutton; Furnishing particulars of the state of things referred to by Mrs. E. Greene.

31st July, 1909. From Secretary, The Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, Four Courts, Dublin; Sending copy of resolutions of his Council dealing with the Finance Bill at present before Parliament.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

26th May, 1909. From Waterford County Council; Resolution dealing with necessity of County Councils taking action, with a view to acquiring the interest in the Petty Sessions Houses in their county.

12th June, 1909. From Kerry County Council; Resolution dealing with refund by the Government of their proportion of Railway and Harbour charges.

11th June, 1909. From Secretary, Highways Protection

League, 7 Fig Tree Court, The Temple, London, E.C., asking for the Council's views on Motor Taxation under the new Budget.

24th July, 1909. From Hon. Secretary, Barrow Drainage Committee, Court Hill, Baldoyle; Enclosing resolution requesting all public Boards to co-operate with his Committee in the formation of an Arterial Drainage League.

21st June, 1909. From Clerk, Wexford Rural District Council; Resolution protesting against the clause in the Finance Bill which classes land purchase under the Land Purchase Acts as freehold for the purpose of imposing Succession Duty.

MINUTES OF MEETING, 22ND NOVEMBER, 1909.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 22nd November, 1909. The following members attended: Councillor E. P. O'Kelly (Chairman); Councillors Michael Byrne, John J. Reilly, Wm. Osborne, John Murphy, James Galvin, William Byrne (Coolbeg); Daniel Condren, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Patrick Kenny, William Costello, and John Storey.

A letter was read by the Chairman, from Councillor E. C. Walsh, regretting his inability to attend.

BUSINESS:

- 1.—To consider reports from Finance Committee.
- 2.—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands, from several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3.—To consider report from the Chairman of the Finance Committee, Councillor D. J. Cogan, re Richmond Asylum and Local Taxation (Ireland) Account.
- 4.—To consider report from the Committee appointed "to look into the general condition, etc., of the County Court House and Offices, and report to the County Council on the best steps to be taken with regard to the same."
- 5.—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 6.—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 7.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 8.—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 9.—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 10.—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 11.—To sign Application for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 12.—To sign and seal Poor Rate Collectors' Bonds for Nos. 7 and 12 Collecting Districts.
- 13.—To appoint the new School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st January, 1910.
- 14.—To make arrangements for carrying on the veterinary inspection duties in Naas No. 2 Rural District, discharged by Mr. Christopher Black, M.R.C.V.S., deceased.
- 15.—To consider proposed Agreement submitted by the Greystones Electric Light Company, concerning use of county roads for laying cables at Greystones.
- 16.—To consider applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 17.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 18.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 19.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 20.—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous meetings were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 3rd November, 1909, when the following members attended:—Councillors D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors J. McCarroll, Patrick Short, 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				£4,133	10	11
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	448	0	2			
Proposals Committee's proposals	36	15	2	—484	15	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	228	2	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	33	4	5	—262	6	5
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	399	12	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	173	12	3	—573	5	2
Rathdrum—						
District proposals						
Proposals Committee's proposals	1,051	6	2			
Shillelagh—						
District proposals						
Proposals Committee's proposals	298	6	5			
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				57	3	0
Payment out of Annalecka Loan				10	0	0
Transfer to Subsidiary Account				215	16	2

(included in total for county-at-large)

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	895	10	0
Naas	246	0	0
Rathdown	930	15	0
Rathdrum	2,322	0	0
Shillelagh	864	0	0
Total	£5,258	5	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	27	0	0
Naas No. 2	26	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	105	0	0
Rathdrum	300	0	0
Shillelagh	7	10	0
Total	466	5	0

We recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several rate collectors, paying orders in respect of same not to issue until the several amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board.

	Refund.
	£ s. d.
1—Joseph Doyle	11 7 7
2—Richard Geoghegan	3 14 5
3—Thomas Tutty	4 19 0
5—Michael Kelly	0 16 2
6—Michael McGrath	6 15 2
7—Charles S. Sutton	51 6 5
9—Joseph Keane	2 8 11
10—John Murphy	6 7 3
11—John Kelly	1 18 11
12—John F. Evans	4 5 1
13—George Evans	3 3 0
14—James Byrne	17 15 5
15—John Brennan	8 5 1
16—P. J. Carey, Junior	2 13 4
17—Charles Byrne	2 9 5
19—Terence Byrne	0 11 0

The Committee recommend the payment of poundage fees to Collectors John Murphy, George Evans, and John Brennan, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, on an explanation being submitted as to the cause of the shortage of the close of the Half-Year's Collection to 30th September, the Collectors' attention to be drawn to the matter, and to be warned that the Committee will not in any case in future pass payments of Fees unless the full amounts of their Warrants are lodged by the end of each Half-Year.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 22nd November, 1909, at 11 a.m. when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors E. J. Byrne, Michael Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee, having examined the Proposals for Payment received from Rathdrum and Shillelagh Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Rathdrum Rural District	1,867	11	1
Shillelagh Rural District	404	9	7

An application was received from the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture for payment of his salary to the 30th September, as Secretary to the Sheep Dipping Committee.

The Committee recommend the Council to make a payment of £10 10s. 7d. to him, being proportion of his salary from 25th May to 30th September, 1909.

An application was received from Mr. J. B. Doyle, late Coroner

for West Wicklow, asking the Committee to pay him the balance of his salary due to him at the date of his resignation of Office.

The Committee regret they are unable to recommend these payments.

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports be hereby adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note 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 District Councils were passed as follows:—

COUNTY - AT - LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,144 1s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £484 15s. 4d. (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 Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £262 6s. 5d. (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 John Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District (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 Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,918 17s. 3d. (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

£702 16s. 2d. (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. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £57 3s 0d (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ANNALECKA BRIDGE LOAN ACCOUNT:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment out of the Loan Account, amounting to £10 0s. 0d., and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

No contracts.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

The following resolution was submitted from Rathdrum District Council:—Resolved—That the County Council be asked to give the County Surveyor permission to allow the permissive Notices of Motion, Nos. 3, 4, 5, 6 and 7, applied for at Rathdrum Quarterly Meeting on the 8th November, 1909.

Order—County Surveyor to give the necessary permission.

SHILLELAGH:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Work No. 52 in the District Register, to repair 445 perches of road, was handed in charge of the County Surveyor to have £40 expended on it to the best advantage.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign the two Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Poor Rate Collectors' Bonds for Collecting Districts Nos. 7 and 12 be now signed and sealed. Passed.

COUNCILLOR COGAN'S REPORT ON LOCAL TAXATION.

To the Chairman and Members of the County Council.

GENTLEMEN,—Having been requested by the Council to submit a report containing my views on the reports of the Finance Committee of the Richmond Asylum, relating to the insufficiency of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account to meet the demands upon it for the upkeep of lunatics in Ireland, and for other local purposes, I beg to report as follows:—

In dealing with the financial position of the Irish Local Taxation Account, there are two aspects of the matter to be considered.

In the first place there is a claim by each of the County and Borough Councils of Ireland against that account for payment of the quarter's grant for the period from the 1st January to 31st March, 1899, amounting roughly to about £38,500, the County Wicklow proportion of which is £423. Prior to the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898, the various public bodies throughout Ireland had different dates for the closing of their accounts, and in the case of lunatic asylums this date was the 31st December. By that Act, however, the local financial year of all public bodies was made to end on the 31st March, and this necessitated separate asylum accounts being made out for three months to cover the intervening period. The Capitation Grant claim for refund of 4s. per head per week of the cost of each lunatic maintained during that period was duly audited, certified, and presented for payment. Payment was refused, the reason given being that the annual grant was not a refund of past maintenance, but a payment in advance on account of future maintenance for the financial year in which actually received, consequently that it was immaterial what financial period was taken as the basis of preparing claims, whether that period ended on the 31st December or 31st March, and that the question of paying an additional quarter in any year did not arise at all. The Richmond Asylum Committee sent me all the particulars of the claim, with a view to having the matter ventilated in Parliament, and I happen to be aware that that explanation is entirely at variance with the true facts of the case, and that the grant is undoubtedly a refund of past maintenance, and, as such, is properly payable for the quarter in dispute. The most extraordinary thing about the whole matter is that the Irish Government made a claim against the Treasury for payment into the Local Taxation Account of a quarter's grant for the first portion of the year 1898, on the very grounds that we now claim out of that account a quarter's grant for the year 1899, and they proved their case so conclusively that a payment of over £37,000 was made by the Treasury to the Account. We, in Ireland, have no particular reason to bless the British Treasury, but in this particular matter the Treasury have acted quite fairly, and it is the Irish Government who are the culprits. They received money to cover the payment of pauper lunatic grants for fifteen months, from 1st January, 1898, to 31st March, 1899, and only paid 12 months, from 1st January, 1898, to 31st December, 1898. I brought the matter under the notice of the Chief Secretary in Parliament on a number of occasions, but got no satisfaction. The Chief Secretary, Mr. Bryce, was evidently not personally aware of the nature of the dispute, and I can readily believe the unfortunate Member of Parliament who happens, for the time being,

to occupy that unenviable post, with its accompanying responsibility for the shortcomings of the 43 Boards he is supposed to control, has very little time to devote to financial questions of a very intricate nature. The official replies delivered by him were masterpieces of ambiguity and evasion. The Irish Government who had arrived at a decision in the matter many years before, could not be got to admit that the local bodies had any claim, and that ended the matter as far as pressing the claim in Parliament went. The only thing to be done was to institute legal proceedings for the recovery of the amount, and this, I understand, has been done by the Corporation of Dublin, with regard to their proportion of the total claim. I am informed that the case was listed for trial over a year ago, but was postponed owing to pressure of business in the Four Courts, and a further postponement became necessary in April last, owing to the illness of Mr. Justice Barton, by whom the action was to have been decided. That, briefly, is a history of the dispute as between the local bodies and the Taxation Account, and it is a matter that is bound to be cleared up one way or the other in the course of a month or so.

The second and far more important matter, than this dispute about a quarter's payment, is the question of the solvency of the Irish Local Taxation Account, out of which account all payments to County Councils in Ireland in relief of local taxation are made. There is, unfortunately, no doubt but that the account is rapidly becoming, if it has not already become, bankrupt. When the Local Government Bill was before Parliament in 1898, a considerable amount of discussion was directed towards the question of the sufficiency or insufficiency of the income of the Irish Local Taxation Account. Parliament had decided that the payment of all local grants, such as pauper lunatic grants, grants in aid of medical charities under the Poor Law Acts, grants in relief of railway and harbour charges, and other grants of a similar nature, should be transferred from the votes to the Irish Local Taxation Account. To meet this liability an income was provided, consisting of the proceeds of certain local taxation licences in Ireland, such as the publicans', spirit grocers', tobacco dealers', auctioneers', and pawnbrokers' licences, etc., but these alone being insufficient in amount to discharge the liabilities, the revenue was supplemented by an annual contribution of £79,000 from the Exchequer, the payment of which amount to the Local Taxation Account is secured by Sub-section (1) b of Section 58 of the Local Government Act. The whole discussion in Parliament was directed towards the inadequacy of this annual payment of £79,000. All the Irish Members who took part in the debate expressed very strongly the view that the grant would prove to be utterly inadequate. General complaint was made that no information was submitted to Parliament to enable members to arrive at a proper decision, and Mr. John Dillon, pointing to the fact that a stationary, unexpansive revenue had been provided to meet rapidly and continuously increasing liabilities, went so far as to say:—

What I would prefer to see would be that one of two courses should happen, either that this part of the Bill should be postponed for future consideration, or that we should be assured of an opportunity within the next year or two of a revision of the whole question.

Mr. Maurice Healy ridiculed the alleged generous proposal of the British Treasury, and stated that the Treasury was always trying

to find out some method of calculation which will serve England and injure Ireland, and that their generosity in this case consisted of having devised a method of calculation to injure Ireland to the extent of £40,000 per annum. Mr. T. M. Healy said that he had not the slightest doubt that the Government thought to themselves that they could throw the asylum expenditure on to the ratepayers, and that before ten years had gone by the 6d. guarantee in aid of light railways, then proposed, would have gone in support of lunatic asylums.

The Chancellor of the Exchequer, Sir Michael Hicks-Beach, was adamant. He said:—

If ever there was a case where the needs of the present only should be looked to it is this. We can say nothing of the future. A point of that kind was made by Mr. Dillon when he spoke of the anticipated increase in lunacy in years to come. We cannot deal with matters of that kind now. So far as the needs of the present are concerned we have dealt in this matter most liberally and generously with Ireland, and we absolutely must decline to increase the grant.

While that statement contains no definite promise of revision, it certainly implies in the most unmistakable manner that the matter would be reconsidered at a future date, should revision become necessary, and that the whole income was fixed to meet the needs of the moment only. I am certain that if the Conservative Government were still in power, and Sir Michael Hicks-Beach still Chancellor of the Exchequer, he and his Government would look upon that statement as a binding and definite promise.

It was provided in Section 59 of the Local Government Act that an annual statement of the receipts and expenditure of the Local Taxation Account should be presented to Parliament, but this remained a dead letter for a considerable number of years, no such statement having been issued until I brought the matter directly under the notice of the Financial Secretary to the Treasury two or three years ago. A full statement of accounts for seven years was then issued, and annual accounts have since been presented.

At a Conference of Asylum Committees of Ireland, held some years ago in the Richmond Asylum, the Most Rev. Dr. Kelly, Bishop of Ross, a political economist of exceptional ability, advocating the establishment of auxiliary asylums as a means of affording relief, both to the ratepayers and to the Local Taxation Account, first drew attention to the fact that the income of that account was not inexhaustible, but that on the contrary, it was rapidly becoming insufficient to meet the expenditure. The Richmond Asylum Committee thereupon instituted inquiries as to the financial position of the account, it being a matter of vital importance to them to ascertain what the resources of the account actually were, in view of the fact that they contemplated the expenditure of a large amount of public money on additional buildings to accommodate workhouse lunatics over and above the sum of nearly half a million pounds expended during the last generation in providing additional lunatic asylum buildings for their district. Owing to the absence of any published accounts these inquiries were considerably delayed, but the result, which is embodied in the document now before you, gives a complete analysis of the account, and is presented by them for your consideration.

It will be seen that the average income of the account is some £291,000, including the Exchequer contribution of £79,000. The expenditure in the first year amounted to £251,500, and in a period of seven years this expenditure increased to £306,000, so that the expenditure is now, and has been for some time past greatly in excess of the income, the excess being met out of the surplus accumulated in the first few years during which the account was in existence. When this surplus is exhausted, as it probably will be by the end of the present financial year, the Lord Lieutenant is authorised to make proportionate reductions from the grants to be paid to County Councils. In the case of pauper lunatics alone the grant has risen from £153,000 in 1899-1900 to £194,000 in 1906-7, an increase of over forty thousand pounds. The increase in the amount of such grants does not in any way depend upon the economy or extravagance of local bodies. The Government contribution is limited to a fixed sum of four shillings per head per week, and the increase in the grants is caused solely by the increase in the number of lunatics. This bears out the contention of the Irish Members of Parliament that the Government, in settling the basis of the Local Taxation Account income, were endeavouring to shirk the responsibility which they had undertaken since 1874 of providing a definite Imperial contribution in respect of the cost of lunacy.

The return prepared by the Richmond Asylum Committee shows that the average annual surplus at the commencement of the Local Taxation Account was £15,589. That surplus had to provide for the increased proportion of the charges under the Medical Charities Act, to be borne by the Government. The Council will recollect that as regards the salaries of Poor Law Union Medical Officers, a long and persistent agitation had been carried on for more adequate remuneration. It had also to bear the annual increase in the amount of pauper lunatic grants, which averaged over £3,000 per annum for the 22 years previous to the passing of the Local Government Act, and it had to provide fresh grants for the pauper lunatics confined in workhouses who were to be transferred over to the lunatic asylums, which grants on the lowest estimate would not amount to less than £32,000 per annum. As the Chairman of the Richmond Committee rightly says, it needs very little knowledge of arithmetic to show that, even without dealing with any charges than those relating to pauper lunatics, the surplus of £15,000 per annum was utterly inadequate to provide for the new charges and increasing amount of the old charges placed on the account, and the bankruptcy of the account has been the inevitable result.

The Richmond Asylum Committee have already brought the facts under the notice of the present Chief Secretary, Mr. Birrell, and have had a long discussion on the subject with him, and I understand that he acknowledges the very serious position of the account. I think it is the duty of this Council to request the Parliamentary Members for the County to bring the matter before the Irish Party, with a view to having the income of the account settled on a more equitable basis by Parliament.

The Richmond Asylum Committee point out that the total payments out of the Local Taxation Account for a number of years past have been greatly in excess of the income of the account, such excess having been met out of an accumulated surplus which had accrued in

the first few years of its existence, and they calculate that after the current financial year that surplus will be exhausted, and the annual income, excluding entirely any provision for grants for transferred workhouse lunatics, will then be some £30,000 less than the sum required to pay the full Capitation Grant now paid.

Having regard to the lamentable annual increase in lunacy, and to the fact that the sum already provided by the Local Government Act, 1898, becomes insufficient to meet the grants paid to Local Authorities on various services, the Treasury may get out of its responsibility by requesting the Lord Lieutenant (as they are empowered to do by the Act) to issue an Order proportionately abating the Grants in Aid of rates, so as to keep the expenditure within the sum fixed by Parliament, although the wealthier British ratepayer will continue to get his full rate in aid, no matter how expansive the demand for the support of lunatics grows.

You will, therefore, I am sure, realise the matter is a very serious and urgent one, and deserves the earnest and immediate attention of every Public Body in Ireland

I have the honour to be, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your Obedient Servant,

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman Finance Committee.

Order—Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That a copy of this Report now read be sent to each of the following:—The Dublin Corporation, the Dublin County Council, and the Louth County Council, with a recommendation to these Councils to take whatever steps they deem advisable, to press the matter upon the attention of the Irish Executive Government and the British Treasury, with a view to having this serious defect remedied; and that copies shall also be sent to the Irish Parliamentary Leaders of the Nationalist and Unionist Parties, and the Parliamentary Representatives of the Constituencies which comprise the Richmond Lunatic Asylum District, and the County Councils' General Council. Passed.

REPORT TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

Council Chamber,
Court House, Wicklow.

The following Members of the Committee appointed—"To consider the County Surveyor's Report on the County Court House, and to look into the general condition, etc., of the Court House and Offices, and report to the County Council on the best steps to be taken with regard to the same"—Councillors D. J. Cogan, William Byrne, and William Costello, met on Wednesday, 3rd November, 1909, and read the report submitted by the County Surveyor, and, having visited and inspected the Council's Offices in company with the County Surveyor, the Secretary, and Office Staff, are of opinion that no expenditure will make the Council's Offices either suitable, convenient or safe, the entire building being but one series of patchwork, a great portion of which is decayed and cracked, and does not lend itself even to cross-tying.

The following works we consider are most necessary, and we recommend that they be carried out without delay:—

The large iron tank over the office, which is useless and only a source of danger, to be taken down, the outer wall upon which it rests to be carried up again to its original height, and the roof replaced, retaining the sky-light; one large window to be placed in the south-west wall of the Accountant's office, and one in the south-east wall of the Secretary's office; one press in the Secretary's office to be placed at the opposite side of the room. Any defective ceilings to be taken down, and the three offices to be re-ceiled, papered, and painted.

We find there is no strong or fire-proof room for the safe storage of the County Records; we consider it most important that a fire-proof room should be provided. We have pointed out a position which we consider would be most suitable for such a room, and have desired the County Surveyor to make out a plan and estimate of the probable cost. When we have these before us we shall be in a better position to form judgment on the matter, and will then report further to the Council. (Signed),

D. J. COGAN, W. COSTELLO, W. BYRNE.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we approve and confirm these recommendations. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following persons as Members of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Naas No. 2, for the three years commencing 1st January, 1910:—Rev. — Clinton, C.C., Valleymount, Blessington; Myles Healy, Woodend, Blessington; James J. Dowling, Blessington; W. C. Merrey, Blessington; Rev. Francis Maguire, C.C., Blessington. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Edward Nichols, V.S., Dunlavin, be appointed temporarily to do the duties of Veterinary Inspector in Naas No. 2 Rural District, in room of Mr. Christopher Black, V.S., deceased, and that an Inspector be advertised for at an inclusive salary of £10 (Ten Pounds) per annum; appointment to be made at next meeting. Passed.

The Council having heard a Deputation from the Greystones' Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., consisting of Mr. H. MacAulay FitzGibbon, Mr. R. N. Tweedy, and the Secretary of the Company (Mr. Raymond L. Fry),

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor James Galvin. Resolved—That this Council hereby approve of and adopt the amended Agreement between this Council and the Greystones Electric and Power Co., Ltd., contained in the draft amended Agreement now before this Council, and upon which, for identification the Chairman has written his name; and this Council hereby authorise and direct that the Seal of this Council be affixed to the engrossments of the said Agreement, when duly engrossed in duplicate and executed by the said Greystones Electric Light and Power Co., Ltd., under their Common Seal, and we depute Councillor McCarroll to witness the sealing of engrossed Agreements. Passed nem. con.

The applications received for Licenses under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, having been considered, the following were granted licenses:—Thomas Miller, Blessington; James J. Dowling, Blessington; James Bradshaw, Kiltegan; John Stephenson, Knocken-

argan, Stratford-on-Slaney; Samuel Cole, Kilbooy, Kilbride, Wicklow; G. N. Wilson, Moyne, Rathdrum; Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan; Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh; Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That, in order that the reasonable requirements of the neighbourhood be satisfied, we give the licenses to Mr. J. P. Hopkins, Mr. S. J. Alcorn, and Mr. S. V. Delahunt. Passed; three dissenting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Autumn Quarterly Meeting.—22nd November, 1909.

Gentlemen,—I beg to report that during the last quarter the greater number of the roads were fairly maintained, but in some of the districts the metal supply was very bad, many of the contractors appearing not to take any trouble to provide the material. A draft Agreement in reference to the opening of the roads in Greystones for the purpose of laying mains, etc., for electric lighting has been submitted to me, and, so far as I can see, the Electric Light Company appear to undertake to do all I ask in reference to the restoration of the roads and county works disturbed by their operations. None of the contracts coming before you to-day appear to be of an exceptional nature or requiring particular mention.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That it be, and is hereby a direction to the County Surveyor to use every effort in his power to induce or compel the owners of lands near crossroads in this county, on which high hedges at present grow, to the extreme danger of vehicles, whose drivers cannot see where motors may appear, to have these hedges cut down a sufficient distance to allow of a clear view across the angle from one road to another, for a distance of at least 50 yards in each direction. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor John J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby direct the County Surveyor to have the proper Notice Boards erected at each end of the Church Lane, Greystones, to regulate motor traffic within this lane, in accordance with the Regulations. Passed.

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow, 22nd November, 1909. The Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen,—I should be glad if you would kindly accord me four days leave of absence from Tuesday to Friday, 26th inst. (inclusive).—Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle street, Dublin. 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 September, 1909:—Thirty-seven articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, 19;

whiskey, 9; milk, 6; cheese, 3; total, 37. Certificate sent to Sergeant McInerney, Arklow, for specimen of whiskey which was 50 degrees under proof, and was, therefore, adulterated with 33.33 per cent. of water. 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 Wicklow, and were pure. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-three drugs, eight specimens of milk, and one of butter were analysed. They were all correct. One specimen of sewage analysed for Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following composition—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 49,440, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.015; saline ammonia, 4.400; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 9.940. It was taken from the out-fall works, and was sewage from which nearly all objectionable matter had been removed. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed. One was correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed. Two were correct. Two specimens of water analysed for Bray Urban Council had the following compositions. One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1	No. 2.
Total solid matters,	57.400	53.200
including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.044	0.045
Saline ammonia	0.031	0.087
Nitric acid	9.900	9.000
Chlorine	6.750	6.750

Both waters were polluted.

One specimen of water analysed for J. R. Dagg, Esq., E.S.O., Baltinglass, had the following composition. One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 48.160, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.018; saline ammonia, 0.03; nitric acid, 5.790; chlorine, 0.467. A tolerably good water. One specimen of water analysed for Dr. Hamilton, Arklow, had the following composition. One Imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 70.840, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.020; nitric acid, 18.890; chlorine, 20.874. The only unfavourable feature in this water was the large amount of saline ammonia, indicating some polluted source. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs, four specimens of milk, one of butter and one of soap was analysed. Two of the drugs were incorrect. For Portrane District Asylum one specimen of butter was analysed, and was pure. Total analysis, 124.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

7th November, 1909, from John Muldoon, B.L., M.P., 7 Herbert place, Dublin, in compliance with the request of the council, giving his view upon the position and liability of the Council in connection with the guarantee of the county towards the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, to the effect that the ratepayers affected would be well advised, if possible, to offer a lump sum to clear off their liability, and to obtain a loan for the purpose. An Act of Parliament would be necessary to effect this object, and he would render all assistance he could in the matter.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor

John Murphy. Resolved—That this Council hereby petitions His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to make an Order exempting the Bullfinch from the list of birds included in the Order issued on the 5th February, 1906, prohibiting the taking or destroying of certain wild birds, as they are found to be most destructive in the orchards of the county, and are the cause of very heavy loss. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be re-appointed to select the Temporary Staff of Clerks to this Council for the year 1910:—Mr. Michael Byrne, J.P.; Mr. Patrick Short, Mr. John J. Reilly. Approved.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. George Fleming, of Arklow, be elected a member of the County Wicklow Technical Committee. Passed.

The reports from the Deputy Checkers of the various Unions on the attendance of the Poor Rate Collectors and the state of their collections were submitted.

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 103272/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th August, 1909—Enclosing copy of Auditor's Report on his audit of the Council's Accounts for the half-year ended 31st March, 1909.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 103272/1909; Wicklow County. August 23rd, 1909. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of Wicklow for the half-year ended March last, and I forward, herewith, certified Abstracts 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 of expenditure calls for any remark on my part.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant,

C. D. BARRY,

Auditor to the Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 102574/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th August, 1909—Again refusing to accede to the application of the Council for regulations limiting to the speed of six miles an hour the driving of motor cars between Killafeen gate and Glendalough Upper Lake.

No. 87M/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd October, 1909—Stating that unless a Paying Order is forwarded the Board for £21 11s. 0d., expenses of Inquiry into Speed of Motors in the County, the Board will be compelled to take steps to enforce the payment of the amount.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That the sum of £21 11s. 0d., due for the costs of the Local Inquiry into the application of the Council to make regulations regarding Motor Traffic, be now paid. Passed.

No. 103870/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st September, 1909—Stating that the Board do not see that

the County Council are obliged to refund the costs incurred by road contractor John McGrory, the point raised not being a new one.

No. 103890/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st September, 1909—Stating the Board will await the return showing the condition of their collections at the end of the half-year before giving a decision on the applications from Collectors C. S. Sutton and John F. Evans for an extension of the time for closing their collections.

No. 97943/1909; Rathdrum R.D. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd September, 1909—Stating that the Arklow Urban District Order, 1909, has been petitioned against, and the Board have forwarded a sealed copy of the Order to the Irish Office, London, with a view to its being submitted to Parliament for confirmation.

No. 103869/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd September, 1909—Approving of the appointment of Mr. William Burke as Poor Rate Collector, and assenting to an extension of time to the 30th November for the completion of the half-year's collection.

No. 104296/1909; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd September, 1909—Approving the proposal to increase the salary of Collector Joseph Keane by £10 per annum, and to pay Collector George Evans a poundage rate of sixpence instead of his present salary of £25 per annum.

No. 115M/1909; Office. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd September, 1909—Enclosing a copy of their Annual Report. Order—To be bound.

No. 111535/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th October, 1909—Enclosing, in book form, a copy of a report made by Dr. J. M. Hamill to the Local Government Board, and Whitehall, on the use of Preservatives in Cream. Order—Refer to Committee of Agriculture to make report on.

No. 117M/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th October, 1909—Directing attention to the terms of Article 12 of the Public Bodies' Order, 1904, and of the Union Accounts Order, 1905, and enclosing Memorandum of Instructions as to the method of vouching moneys received during the financial period under review.

No. 110878/1909; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th October, 1909—Enclosing copy of the Polling Districts and Registration of Voters (Ireland) Act, 1908, and enclosing copies of a General Order prescribing general rules for carrying the Act into effect.

No. 100. Order of the Department of Agriculture, dated 23rd August, 1909—Revoking the Prohibition of Importation of Hay and Straw into Ireland from U.S.A. Order No. 95.

No. 23596/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th November, 1909—Stating that three samples of butter taken up in Bray, and three samples of butter taken up in Greystones, under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were found on analysis to be pure.

No. 23549/1909. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 18th November, 1909—Asking for a sealed copy of the resolution, consenting generally to the payment of compensation in accordance with Section 6 of the Bee Pest Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908. Granted and ordered to be sealed.

Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the year 1908.

No. 18381/. Dublin Castle, 7th October, 1909—Enclosing copy of the "Dublin Gazette," publishing an Order under the Wild Birds Protection Act, 1894, prohibiting the taking or destroying of the eggs of certain wild birds throughout the County Wicklow, between 1st March and 1st August in each year, for the five years commencing 1st March, 1910.

Forty-seventh Annual Report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland, for the year ended 31st December, 1908.

General Post Office, London, 7th September, 1909—Altering experimentally, as from Sunday, the 3rd October, the hours of attendance at post offices to the hours between 8.30 and 10 a.m. on Sundays, and enclosing copy of public notice to that effect.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 25th October, 1909.—Form C.O. 761—Showing the completed Committee for School Attendance in the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 for the three years commencing 1st October, 1909.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 3rd September, 1909—Notifying particulars of a loan of £700 to the Guardians of Rathdown Union under the Dispensary Houses (Ireland) Act, 1879.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, October, 1909—Notifying particulars of loans of £43,000, £550, £9,120, £3,000 to the Joint Committee of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

24th August, 1909—From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Asking the County Council's approval to the proposal of his Council to adopt Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

26th October, 1909. From same—Enclosing copy of a resolution rescinding the resolution of 7th August, adopting Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

17th and 20th November, 1909. From same—Relative to the valuations placed on hay barns in his district, and enclosing Press report of a meeting of ratepayers held to protest against the same; also a petition from the meeting calling on the Commissioners of Valuation to impose no valuations on hay sheds.

20th November, 1909. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of a resolution of his Council, condemning the action of house grabbers and jobbers at the recent sale of the Fitzwilliam Estate in Wicklow and Rathdrum.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, condemn the action of the house grabbers and jobbers who bought the houses over the heads of the occupying tenants, who also bid for their property, at the recent sale of the Fitzwilliam Estate in Wicklow and Rathdrum. Adopted nem. con.

1st November, 1909. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church street, Wicklow—Enclosing original Bond received by him from the Manager of the "Wicklow Press," in connection with his contract for advertising.

20th November, 1909. From same—Reporting that the Recorder awarded £10 compensation in the Cobbe Criminal Injury case—

two-thirds to be levied off Naas No. 2 Rural District, and one-third off South Dublin Rural District.

13th September, 1909. From same—Enclosing, in duplicate, for the Seal of the Council, the Deed of Indemnity lodged by W. H. Odlum, of Ardmore, Bray, together with a tracing showing the work proposed to be done at Mr. Odlum's entrance gate.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the Deed (in duplicate) embodying the Agreement between the County Council and Mr. W. H. Odlum. Passed.

17th November, 1909. From A. J. Gorman, Secretary to Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—Notifying the disqualification of Mr. E. Butterfield from his Committee for non-attendance, and asking the Council to re-appoint him on the Committee.

Order—Mr. E. Butterfield re-appointed.

19th June, 1909. From County Inspector R.I.C., Wicklow—Asking the Council to supply under the Weights and Measures Regulations of 1907, punches for obliterating stamp marks, and for impressing date marks.

Order—Secretary to write for tenders.

17th November, 1909. From John A. Rooney, General Engraver, 8 College street, Dublin—Asking for the Council's permission to quote his prices for the supply of punches, etc., under the Act of 1907.

23rd August and 6th November, 1909. From County Inspector R.I.C., Wicklow—Asking the Council to appoint the following four Sergeants as Inspectors of Food and Drugs:—Sergeant James Dowling, Dunlavin; Acting-Sergeant Owen Foley, Bray; Acting-Sergeant Terence Maguire, Aughrim; Acting-Sergeant Patrick J. Kerins, Baltinglass.

Order—Appointments approved.

18th November, 1909. From Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., solicitors, New Road, Gorey—Asking the Council's intentions with regard to a sum of £8, stated to be lost to Mr. Thomas Synnott, Carnew, by reason of a car of his with fowl being unable to get across Shillelagh Bridge in time to catch the early train for the London Market, on the 5th inst.

Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

October, 1909. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster street, Dublin—Asking for particulars of any matters the Council would wish discussed at the meeting of the General Council in Dublin on the 10th December.

15th June and 11th November, 1909. From Ormsby Vandeleur, Rathlahine, Greystones—Pointing out the necessity for notice boards prohibiting motor traffic through Church Lane, Greystones. See resolution.

17th August, 1909. From William Field, M.P., House of Commons, London—Thanking the Council for their resolution, relative to another Edition of his "Treasury Tactics."

31st August, 1909. From John Muldoon, M.P., 7 Herbert Place, Dublin—Acknowledging the Council's resolution, re Sheep Scab Fines.

13th and 26th October, 1909. From the Central Secretary, Irish National Teachers' Organisation, Ballymote—Forwarding a

statement of claim to full rights of citizenship by the Irish National Teachers.

From Booth and Sutton, Auctioneers, Castlepollard—Notice of an auction of a valuable fattening farm at Tuitestown, Collinstown, County Westmeath.

25th August, 1909. From the President, Third International Congress on School Hygiene, to be held in Paris on 2nd and 7th August, 1910, and inviting the attendance of delegates from the Council.

6th September, 1909. From John Bale, Sons, and Danielsson, Ltd., 83 Great Titchfield street, Oxford street, London, W.—Enclosing Press cutting on the advantages of roadside fruit-tree planting.

13th September, 1909. From Long and Co., Investment Brokers, Sherborne Lane, London, E.C.—Pointing out a suitable investment for any Sinking Funds the Council wish to invest on behalf of the Millstreet (Co. Cork) Rural District Council; amount required by the Rural District Council, £1,500.

18th October, 1909. From Dansyz Virus, Ltd., 52 Leadenhall street, London, E.C.—Pointing out the great advantages of Dansyz Virus for the extermination of rats.

21st October, 1909. From Ganter Brothers, Jewellers, 63 South Great George's street, Dublin—Enclosing a leaflet giving a brief outline of their business, and pointing out the importance of keeping work and money at home.

22nd October, 1909. From General Secretary, Town Tenants' League, 4 Upper O'Connell street, Dublin—Inviting the Council to appoint delegates to attend the All-Ireland Meeting of Town Tenants, to be held in Dublin on Thursday, the 9th December, 1909.

16th November, 1909. From the Secretary, Royal Sanitary Institute, 90 Buckingham Palace Road, London, S.W.—Asking the Council to appoint delegates to the 25th Congress, to be held at Brighton on 5th September, 1910.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

9th September, 1909. From the Gaelic League of the State of New York—Enclosing copies of resolutions demanding the inclusion of Irish as an essential subject for Matriculation in the National University.

19th October, 1909. From Kilkenny County Council—Resolution calling on the Irish Agricultural Board to hold its meetings open to the Public and the Press.

2nd November, 1909. From Edenderry No. 2 Rural District Council—Resolution demanding an explanation from the Irish Party for their action in voting in favour of the Budget, and registering their protest against the glaring injustices in the same.