

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £55 17s. 0d. (any modification made therein having 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 £56 19s. 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 Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of Loan Account to credit of Subsidiary Account, amounting to £100." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, being additional proposals, amounting to £2,530 7s. 7d. (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 T. Kinsella. 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, were submitted, as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

The proposal to provide the County Surveyor with a set of new Six-inch Ordnance Survey Maps of the County, and to provide him also with six Sets of the One-inch Ordnance Survey Sheets of the County, was approved, and put in his charge, the whole cost of same not to exceed £14.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 17 in the District Register, 676 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £67 12s. 0d.

Work No. 19 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor at £6.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and adopted.

NAAS No. 2:

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

Road Contract No. 43 in the District Register, 686 perches, taken by Laurence Brady at May Quarterly Meeting, 1912, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report and given in his charge until 31st March, 1917, at £8 1s. 3d.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Road Contract No. 481 in the District Register, 426 perches, taken by Isaac Kavanagh at February Quarterly Meeting, 1915, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report, and given in his charge until 31st December, 1916, at £11 6s. 3d.

A letter, dated 18th November, 1916, was submitted from Thomas Doyle, Hoyfield, Delgany—complaining of a pipe drain laid across the road between Kilmurry Dispensary and Glen of the Downs, destroying his field by flooding it with surface water.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 552 in the District Register, 420 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £5 5s. 0d.

Road No. 553 in the District Register, 539 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £13 9s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Road Contract No. 268 in the District Register, 539 perches, taken by John Jordan at February Quarterly Meeting, 1913, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report and given in his charge until 31st December, 1916, at £24 17s. 0d.

Road Contract No. 361 in the District Register, 1,336 perches, taken by Nicholas Dunne at February Quarterly Meeting, 1914, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report and given in his charge until 31st December, 1916, at £108 11s. 0d.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 275 in the District Register, 584 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £73 0s. 0d.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

Road Contract No. 210 in the District Register, 584 perches, taken by Peter Troy at February Quarterly Meeting, 1915, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report, and given in his charge until 31st December, 1916, at £20 12s. 0d.

A letter was submitted from John Farrell, Redbog, Tinahely—complaining of there being two feet deep of water on the road near his place all last winter, stating that the same is occurring again this year, and asking to have this condition of things remedied.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. 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 P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts." Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

At the Meeting of your Council on the 15th May, 1916, a Resolution was passed directing the County Secretary and the County Surveyor to draw up a scheme to meet the wishes of the County Council in the matter of Contracts where it is desirable to have whinstone employed, so as to enable the County Surveyor to purchase the material direct from the Quarry. After considering the matter we came to the conclusion that the first step to take was to ascertain if the Quarry Companies could deliver the material as required by the County Surveyor. He states that he instituted inquiries and that the replies from the Companies were unsatisfactory. So far, because of this, no further progress could be made in the direction desired by the Council.

Mr. Myles Healy, Woodend, Blessington, having failed to sign a declaration of acceptance of office as a Member of the County Council within three months after notice of election, as required by Article 9, Part II. of the Applications of Enactments Order, 1898, would appear to have rendered himself liable for the penalties therein prescribed. As this failure on his part amounts to non-acceptance of office, it seems to me that, under sub-section 3 of Article 11 of the same Order, a casual vacancy has arisen on the Council.

Yours faithfully,

17th November, 1916.

S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—Secretary to communicate with Naas No. 2 Rural District Council.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 20th November, 1916.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th day of November, 1916.

Gentlemen—

I regret to report that during the past quarter the greater number of the Road Contractors have not paid sufficient attention to their contracts. In most cases the cause is scarcity of labour and the backward state of the harvest—the urgent work required to save the harvest withdrawing the contractors and the little available labour from the road work. It was found that most of the contractors were only starting the quarterly work on the roads while the inspections were in progress.

In a certain number of cases the roads were abandoned, and, acting on the authority given me by you, I entered on the Contracts under Sec. 54 G. J. Act, 1836.

These roads are—

No. 31—426 perches, Rathdown No. 2. Taken Winter, 1915.

No. 43—539 perches, Rathdrum. Taken Winter, 1913.

No. 95—1,336 perches, Rathdrum. Taken Winter, 1914.

No. 7—584 perches, Shillelagh. Taken Winter, 1915.

On these roads the contracts should be cancelled and the roads placed in my charge until the 31st December, 1916.

I also find it necessary to enter on Road No. 26, 686 perches, Naas No. 2, taken Spring, 1912, and am endeavouring to find someone willing to work on the road. This road is now altogether neglected, and the contract should be cancelled, and the road given in my charge up to 31st March, 1917.

For obvious reasons the procedure under Sec. 54 G. J. Act, 1836, is, in many instances, not workable at the present time, and I respectfully urge the Council to definitely authorize proceedings to be taken under the Act 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, when I consider such proceedings advisable, and the more expedient. This authorization I consider absolutely necessary to obtain a locus standi in Court.

The difficulty of procuring sufficient labour is daily becoming more acute, especially in the Eastern and N. Western portions of the County, and this year some of the most efficient and attentive contractors are behind in the work solely on account of this difficulty. However, in some cases, I have reason to think that other contractors are making use of this as an excuse, and are devoting themselves to other work, or otherwise neglecting their obligations under the road contracts. It is to meet such cases as these that the procedure under the Act 19 and 20 Vic., c. 63, should be employed, as it is a more speedy remedy for simple neglect, and would prevent the roads from deteriorating, and the breakdown of the contract system, which, at the present time, would be a most unfortunate happening.

In Rathdown No. 2 R.D. proposals were formulated for two special works which I consider necessary, but to enable these works to be carried out a further extension of the limit of expenditure in the Rural District will be required.

I have already reported to the Finance Committee on the peculiar circumstances attaching to these cases.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Read.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY FOR THE YEAR 1915-16.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
1th day of November, 1916.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

The annual inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway line was carried out by me on June 17th and July 11th, and the inspection of rolling stock and the depot on September 27th.

The permanent way is mostly covered by a heavy growth of grass, moss, and weeds—in some parts so heavy that it was a matter of difficulty to examine the sleepers and rail connections. A few isolated stretches had, at a comparatively recent date, been cleared, and some new sleepers put in, followed by the usual work necessary in such cases. Otherwise no apparent change was noticeable in the line.

As a natural consequence of the presence of the old sleepers, many of the rail connections and holding down bolts were found somewhat slack, though, from the appearance of the bolt-heads, it was evident that they had been tightened at a very short time previous, and that a certain amount of attention was being given to the line.

On my visit to the Depot I found many much-needed repairs and alterations had been carried out. The walls of the engine shop have been reconstructed in concrete, and the roof re-covered with Asbestos sheeting, and also other minor alterations of great utility had been carried out. A new suction plant and gas engine have been installed, replacing the old steam boiler and engine. This new plant gives better power and at about one-fifth the cost. Preparations were in progress for the shifting of the shafting and plant worked by same.

Engine 10 was away from the works undergoing re-building. Engine 6 was in the repair shop undergoing the same process. Engine No. 3 (which had recently been rebuilt), and Engine No. 9 were working on the line.

The two Petrol Electric Cars were laid up for repairs.

Owing to the many alarming reports in circulation regarding these cars, I made careful inquiries as to the alleged defects, with the result that I came to the conclusion that the No. 1 car had, owing to various reasonable causes, to be to a certain extent overworked as soon as taken over by the Company, with the result that the trifling irregularities which every engineer experiences in a new engine during the earlier stages of its working life, had developed and caused breakages which were sufficient to put the car out of commission.

By chance, during my visit, the second car developed one of these mishaps, and was promptly taken off work. This mishap was that a union nut on the lubricating oil-feed pipe worked loose, and interrupted the oil circulation,

Fortunately, it was noticed in time and the car taken off work; otherwise this most petty mishap would have led to serious results and damage to the engine. The trouble to No. 1 car probably originated in a similar petty mishap.

As soon as these cars get through the "running in" stage of their working life, and the permanent way is improved, I see no reason why they should not prove successful.

The trucks and coaches appeared to be in good working order.

Two new wagons have been put in commission, 3 brought in for scrapping, and 2 in for repairs. Two third-class coaches and one composite coach were in the sheds awaiting overhaul.

I consider the poor condition of the permanent way is largely responsible for the comparatively large sums which have to be expended under the heading "Locomotive Power." It is unreasonable to expect that engines or other rolling-stock will have the same efficiency in work and life as they would on a well-sleepered and well-balasted line.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Wicklow, 11th November, 1916.

Order.—Read.

No applications were received for submission under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the proposal of the School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District to increase the salary of their Secretary, Mr. James McCrea, by Five Pounds (£5) per annum, the increase to date from this date. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That Mr. John J. Reilly, M.C.C., of Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Newcastle Dispensary District caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short. Passed.

Communications were submitted from the Acting Secretary to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee relative to 3 vacancies alleged to have arisen on that Committee, as was also a copy of a Resolution passed by the Local Technical Sub-Committee for Baltinglass, requesting that Mr. Edward O'Neill, D.C., Baltinglass, be appointed in room of Father A. F. Murphy, who was recently transferred to Maryborough.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancies on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the death of the Very Rev. J. O'Carroll, P.P., Vallemount, Blessington; by the transfer out of the County of the Rev. A. F. Murphy, C.C., Baltinglass; and by the disqualification of Mr. William Osborne, of Ballyknockan House, Blessington, for non-attendance.

Thomas Burke, Esq., M.C.C., Hollywood House, Naas.
Edward O'Neill, Esq., D.C., Baltinglass.
Wm. Osborne, Esq., M.C.C., Ballyknockan House, Blessington.

Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
6th September, 1916.

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, 1916.

79 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	22
Milk	15
Whiskey	11
Margarine	6
Sugar	5
Tea	4
Cheese	4
Lard	3
Drugs	2
Cocoa	1
Indian Meal	1
Flour	1
Dripping	1
Rum	1
Buttermilk	1
Oatmeal	1
Total	79

They were all pure.

There were eight specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow. One contained an excess of water, namely, 21 per cent.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

Two specimens of water analysed for Arklow Urban District Council had the following compositions:—

One Imperial Gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1	No. 2
Total Solid Matter	34.300	60.200
including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.075
Saline Ammonia	0.0005	0.140
Nitric Acid	4.000	1.500
Chlorine	3.580	11.780
Colour	colourless	light yellow.

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

Two specimens of water analysed for the Urban District Council, Bray, had the following compositions:—

One Imperial Gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1	No. 2
Total Solid Matter	4.200	4.900
including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.005	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.002	0.002
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.890	0.890
Colour	very light yellow	very light yellow

Both good waters.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

One Imperial Gallon contained in grains—

Total Solid Matter	26.600
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.001
Nitric Acid	6.870
Chlorine	2.090
Colour	colourless.

A good water.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-one drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

There were three fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, eighteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

Total Analyses—146.

C. A. CAMERON.

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

Letters, dated 17th and 19th November, 1916, were read from Miss B. Cooke, Post Office, Baltinglass—in which she asked the Council to grant her permission to erect an overhead electric wire from Mr. Morrin's premises to the Post Office opposite.

A letter, dated 20th November, 1916, was read from the County Surveyor, in which he stated that he could not see his way to recommend that permission be granted to erect an overhead electric wire.

Order.—Permission to carry the wire under the road granted.

An application, dated 15th November, 1916, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Doyle, Manager, "Free Press," Wexford—asking the Council to allow him a Bonus on his contract price for the County Printing, owing to increase in the cost of paper, etc., consequent upon the Government's restrictions on the import of paper and paper-making materials.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we approve of the action of John E. Redmond and the Irish Party in demanding the release of the Political Prisoners, and opposing the application of conscription for Ireland, and promise them our whole-hearted support in their efforts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the frequent interruptions of the Railway Service of the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway between Bray and Wicklow, due to the injury of the line caused by the continual encroachments of the sea, have caused most serious inconvenience to Traders, Farmers, and, in fact, to all residents of the County; that we therefore call upon the Government to take such steps as may be necessary to ensure that the Railway Company will carry out such works as may be required to prevent the recurrence of such interruptions.

That unless some complete and satisfactory scheme of works can be carried out for this purpose, we greatly fear that still more serious disorganisation of the Trade and Commerce of the food-producing Counties served by the Railway may at any time take place, with disastrous results to the interests of the district which we represent.

That the necessity of preserving the continuity of the connection between the producers of the County and their Markets is so urgent that we earnestly hope that immediate steps will be taken in the direction indicated. With this view it is proposed that Mr. John E. Redmond be asked to join with the County Members in placing the views of the Council before the Government; and that copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary, John E. Redmond, the County Members, the Railway Company, and the President of the Board of Trade.

Passed unanimously.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 41792/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st September, 1916.—Sanctioning the Council's proposal to increase the remuneration of Mr. Joseph Keane, Poor Rate Collector, by a sum of Ten Pounds (£10) a year.

No. 45440/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th September, 1916.—Stating that the Deputy Checkers of the Accounts of the Poor Rate Collectors should be warned to report cases in which there has not been a compliance with the terms of Article 93 (4) of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

No. 53057/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th November, 1916.—Stating that the Poor Rate Collectors, and the Deputy Checkers of their Accounts, should be warned that a checking of the Collectors' Books is required by the Regulations at least once a fortnight while their Warrants are running, and requesting that steps may be taken to insure that this is strictly attended to in future.

No. 50141/1916. Circular. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th November, 1916.—Circular letter referring to Sub-Section (2) of Section 13 of the Finance Act, 1915, and forwarding copy of the Sealed Order which the Board have made prescribing Regulations with regard to the distinctive sign required by the Sub-Section to be exhibited on a Motor Car exempted from Duty under Section 86 of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910, as amended, as being a Hackney Carriage—said Order to be cited as the Motor Car (Hackney Carriage Plate) (Ireland) Order, 1916.

No. 3047/1916. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, Dublin, 30th October and 3rd November, 1916.—Requesting that explanations be obtained from Mr. A. F. Walshe, V.S., concerning three cases, and from Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., concerning one case, as to why they do not now co-operate with Co. Kildare County Council's Veterinary Inspectors with regard to the procedure laid down in Article 4 (1) of the Curragh Sheep Order of 1911 with reference to the endorsement of a Licence when the sheep to which the Licence refers are moved from the Curragh to a place in County Wicklow.

A letter of explanation, dated 7th November, 1916, from A. F. Walshe, Esq., V.S., and a similar letter from Edward Nichols, Esq., V.S., dated 8th November, 1916, were submitted.

Order.—We consider the Certificate of Curragh Inspector sufficient.

No. 19224. Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 27th October, 1916.—Asking for the Council's observations on the accompanying copy of a circular letter addressed to the Local Authorities in England and Wales on the proposed Official Censorship of Cinematograph Films.

No. 129/Co.1. War Pensions, etc., Statutory Committee, 22 Abingdon Street, Westminster, London, S.W., 28th August, 1916.—Enclosing, endorsed with the approval of the Statutory Committee, a copy of the Scheme adopted by the County Council for the administrative area of the County under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.

12th October, 1916. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of a Resolution from his Council asking to have the limit of Road Expenditure in that District further increased by a sum of £200 for the current Financial Year.

(See Resolution following Finance Committee's Report No. 4, applying for an extension of the limit.)

14th November, 1916. From the Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Asking the Council to agree to the decision of the School Attendance Committee for that Rural District, in enclosed resolution, proposing to increase the salaries of each of their two School Attendance Officers by Six Pounds (£6) per annum.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Healy:—"I hereby give Notice that I will propose at the next Meeting of this Council that Mr. P. Woods and Mr. P. Clarke, School Attendance Officers, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, get an increase of Six Pounds (£6) each per year."

17th October, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow.—Reporting that the Grimshaw Malicious Injury Claim was refused by the County Court Judge, with costs against the applicant; and further reporting that the Powerscourt Malicious Injury Claim was withdrawn, but the County Court Judge directed that the applicant should pay the costs of the application, together with £1 10s. 0d. witnesses' expenses. This does not include a sum of £2 incurred by the Council's Solicitor in having a man two days on the Hill making a valuation and estimate of the alleged loss.

6th October, 1916. From H. Morell, County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow.—Asking the Council to appoint Acting-Sergt. Wm. Power as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts in the Petty Sessions District of Enniskerry.

Order.—Granted—Acting-sergeant Wm. Power's appointment approved.

15th September, 1916. From W. J. Doyle, Secretary to the St. Kevin's Branch of the Irish National Foresters, Tinahely.—Asking the Council's permission to hold the weekly meetings of that body in part of the Tinahely Court-house, in connection with the administration of the Insurance Act.

Order.—Leave granted, subject to a guarantee being given for maintenance, and no interference with the present occupiers.

25th August, 1916. From John Dunne, Tinnahinch, Enniskerry—Thanking the Council for appointing him on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

18th September, 1916. From The Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association, City Arms Hotel, Prussia Street, Dublin—With reference to the great financial loss caused to shippers of Irish cattle through bruising occasioned by horning and goring during transit.

6th October, 1916. From The Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Rutland Square East, Dublin—Stating that the next meeting of that Council will be held in Dublin on Friday, 8th December, 1916, and that all matters for discussion must reach him on or before 23rd November, 1916.

25th October, 1916. From the Secretary, Irish Forestry Society, 5 Molesworth Street, Dublin—Enclosing a pamphlet embodying a plea for a National Arbor Day for Ireland, and for Tree-planting generally.

10th November. From the Secretary, Irish Cattle Traders' and Stockowners' Association, City Arms Hotel, Prussia Street, Dublin—Dealing with the existence of Sheep Scab in Ireland, and the consequent great losses incurred.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

15th August, 1916. From Irish Association of Gas Managers.—Resolution viewing with the gravest apprehension the present condition of the Coal Supply to Ireland, and its effect on the smaller Gas Works and other Industries.

21st August, 1916. From Cork Industrial Development Association—Resolution calling upon all Irish County and County Borough Councils to initiate an Arbor Day Movement in their respective Districts, and calling on all other Public Bodies to put into immediate operation the powers and authority they possess to promote the afforestation of Ireland.

29th August, 1916. From the Association connected with "The Irish Evicted Tenants, Town Tenants, and Back-to-the-Land Movement"—Circular letter pointing out, in detail under 17 heads, the objects of the Association.

14th September, 1916. From County Dublin Farmers' Association—Resolution expressing the opinion that two effective dippings of healthy sheep for the prevention of Scab in each year quite sufficient.

7th October, 1916. From Omagh Board of Guardians—Resolution protesting against the extension of the Summer Time Act to Ireland next year, or in the future for six reasons specified in the Resolution; also a second Resolution demanding from the British Treasury a War Bonus of 7s. 6d. per week to be paid retrospectively to Irish National Teachers.

9th October, 1916. From Kerry County Council—Resolution protesting against the partition of Ireland in any shape or form, and claiming full Self-Government for an undivided Ireland.

Order.—Adopted.

9th October, 1916. From Kerry County Council—Resolution warning the Government of the grave consequences of any attempt to enforce Conscription in Ireland, which, if at all, should only be imposed by an Irish Parliament.

Order.—Adopted.

11th October, 1916. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin—Resolution suggesting the establishment of a Political Prisoners' Amnesty Association for the purpose of securing the release of the Irish Prisoners interned in England.

8th November, 1916. From Down County Council—Resolution regarding the necessity of having the present unsatisfactory state of the Law in the matter of compensation for Malicious Injuries altered; and a further Resolution expressing the opinion that all sums levied in a County as Motor Car Licence Duties, and duty on Motor Spirit, should be allocated for expenditure on the roads in that county.

11th November, 1916. From Balrothery Board of Guardians—Resolution condemning the action of the Portrane Committee of Richmond Asylum in competing at public auction and giving an exorbitant price for portion of a grazing ranch at Turvey.

8th November, 1916. From Killarney Rural District Council—Resolution appealing to have the Railway Line to the Wolfhill Collieries made, so as to increase the output of Irish Coal.

17th November, 1916. From Dublin County Council—Resolution stating that it is the duty of the Government to at once establish a Hospital for Irish Soldiers and Sailors suffering from incurable diseases arising directly or indirectly from the war.

Paul Condren
19/2/17

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 19th February, 1917.

The following Members were present:-
Councillor Daniel Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - M. Langton, John J. Healy, Morgan Travers, Edward Byrne, J. V. Gahan, Myles Healy, Joseph Dunne, William Byrne (Coolbeg), P. J. Carey, Tobias Kinsella, J. W. Reigh, D. J. Cogan, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), James Byrne (Ballinderry), 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 District Councils.
- 5-To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6-To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and the five Rural District Councils.
- 7-To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8-To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9-To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1918.
- 10-To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11-To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan:- "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 Council accede to the request of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee to contribute from the Rates £180 to enable that Committee to pay the balance due to Messrs P. and J. O'Toole, Contractors, for the erection of the Technical School in Arklow, and that the Secretary be directed to make provision for the payment of this money in preparing his forthcoming Estimates for the financial year 1917-1918."
- 12-To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Healy:- "I hereby give notice that I will propose at the next meeting of this Council that Mr. P. Woods and Mr. P. Clarke, School Attendance Officers, Rathdown No. 2 District, get an increase of £6 each per year."
- 13-To fill the two vacancies on the County Local War Pensions, etc., Committee caused by the resignations of Miss D. Barton, of Glendalough House, Annamoe, and of Mrs. A. C. Ryan, Rathdrum.
- 14-To fill the vacancy caused on the County Insurance Committee by the disqualification of Mrs. MacLeod, Baltinglass, for non-attendance.
- 15-To appoint the County Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District.
- 16-To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 17-To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 18-To consider Official Correspondence.
- 19-To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 28th November, 1916, when the following Councillors were present: Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors J. W. Reigh, Joseph McCarroll, John Storey, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

Letters dated 24th and 27th November, 1916, were submitted from William C. Merrey, C.P.S., Park View, Blessington—with reference to the decision recently given in the Blessington Tramway Case, and giving the views of the Blessington Ratepayers' Committee on the proposed area of charge for the Law Costs, and on the proposed representation on the new Joint Committee of Management to work the Line.

Order.—Secretary's action, which was a notification to Mr. Merrey that the matters raised in his letter would be submitted to the County Council, was approved by the Committee. Further consideration was postponed pending the decision of the Dublin County Council, relative to the proposal to have a Joint Conference.

The following advertisement, published in the "Freeman's Journal," the "Irish Times," and the "Irish Independent," for a temporary Assistant Surveyor, was read, as was also the names, addresses, and qualifications of the forty-three applicants for the position.

Only four candidates received support, viz.:-

- 1.—James V. O'Reilly, B.E., 1 Royal Marine Terrace, Bray.
- 2.—Wm. J. MacPhail, A.M.I.C.E., Bayview House, Wicklow.
- 3.—Patrick J. Foley, B.E., 138 Leinster Road, Rathmines, Dublin.
- 4.—Michael Doran, B.E., 14 Aldergrove, College Road, Cork.

The voting was as follows:-

For O'Reilly	...	...	1 Vote.
For MacPhail	...	...	4 Votes.
For Foley	...	...	1 Vote.
For Doran	...	...	1 Vote.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—That the application of William J. MacPhail, of Bayview House, Wicklow, for appointment to the position of temporary Assistant Surveyor on the conditions mentioned in the public advertisement, and on the terms therein stated, be hereby accepted, subject to the Local Government Board's approval of his qualifications, and that he take up the duties of the position so soon as notified to do so by the County Surveyor. Passed.

A letter, dated 27th November, 1916 No. 55,953/1916, was submitted from the Local Government Board, asking to be furnished, for the information of the Chief Secretary, with the views of the Council in regard to the working of the Summer Time Act, 1916, in their District, and also asking if the Council think the Scheme should be renewed in 1917 and in subsequent years. The Committee considered the Scheme should not be renewed in 1917 and subsequent years, on the grounds that Ireland, being more Western than the countries in which Daylight Saving Schemes were also adopted, namely, France, Portugal, Italy, Holland, Denmark, Norway, Sweden, Germany, and Austria, has a much later sun in the mornings.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

A Special Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 11th December, 1916, when the following Members attended:-

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

Councillor William Osborne and Mr. Patrick Donoghoe were also present.

The following correspondence in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway was submitted:-

5th December, 1916. From The Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing a copy of a Resolution of his Council dealing with the appointment of representatives on the new Committee of Management of the above undertaking.

Order.—Noted.

24th and 27th November, 1916. From Wm. C. Merrey, Esq., Honorary Secretary to the Blessington Ratepayers' Committee—with reference to the decision given by Judge Barton in the Tramway Case, and to the area of charge for the Law Costs; also suggesting the names of five persons that Committee would like to see appointed on the new Joint Committee of Management.

Order.—Noted.

5th December, 1916. From the Secretary, Dublin County Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution of his Council appointing eight members of that Body, with their Solicitor, to confer with representatives from County Wicklow County Council.

Order.—Noted.

7th December, 1916. From The Secretary, Dublin County Council—stating that he is summoning his Deputation to meet the County Wicklow Representatives at 12 o'clock noon, on Thursday, the 14th inst., at the Offices of the Dublin County Council.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly), seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the following gentlemen form the Deputation to meet the Members of the Dublin County Council in re the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Ltd., viz.:-The Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs. Osborne, Donoghoe, Myles Healy, Cogan, Dowling (Blessington), and Thomas Burke; and that the Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor attend the Deputation in an advisory capacity. Passed.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, the 10th January, 1917, when the following Councillors were present:

Councillor D. Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly) and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report on the application of Mr. C. H. O'Hara, District Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow, for a suitable building for carrying out the Provisions of the Weights and Measures Acts in the County:

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Regarding the request made by the District Inspector, R.I.C., for a suitable building for Weights and Measures appliances, I beg to report that the space in the South-East corner of the Court House Yard could be cleared, and a building giving a floor space of 24 feet by 12 feet could be erected thereon at a probable cost not exceeding £185.

The ash-pit at present occupying part of the space would be done away with, and the more sanitary system of portable dust or ash bins adopted. These bins would be cleared daily by the Urban Sanitary Authority at a trifling annual charge.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

22nd December, 1916.

Order.—Deferred for one year owing to extreme cost of building at present.

WHITEROCK-ARKLOW ROADS.

The following letters were received:—

30th December, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a letter received by him from the Solicitors for the Defendants in the Whiterock-Arklow Roads Case, in which the suggestion was made that the question in dispute be settled by Arbitration to avoid cost.

8th January, 1917. Further letter from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—enclosing copies of the Defendants' Statements of Defence.

Order.—Mr. McCarroll to reply that the Committee will recommend the County Council to meet Messrs. M. J. O'Connor and Co., Solicitors, and their Clients at the next Quarterly Meeting, with the object of arriving at a settlement, if possible; said offer to be without prejudice to any further action that the Council may find it necessary to take.

An application was made to the Committee to recommend the County Council to amalgamate Nos. 13 and 15 Poor-Rate Collecting Districts, and to give the Collector for No. 13 District, Mr. William J. Quinn, the collection of the Joint District after amalgamation.

Order.—We recommend the Council to consider favourably the application of Collector Quinn to amalgamate those two Collecting Districts, as he has discharged his duties as Collector so satisfactorily. The joining of these two Districts will place the Collector on equal terms with the other Rate Collectors.

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the suggestion contained in the Report of the Finance Committee that Collecting Districts Nos. 13 and 15 be amalgamated, and that the Collection of the newly-formed District be retained by Collector William J. Quinn, on his entering into a new Bond in the required amount to meet the increased Collection, and that the Local Government Board be asked to sanction this arrangement. Passed unanimously.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

The Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 30th January, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Daniel Condren, P. J. Carey and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

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				7318	11	5
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	759	8	3			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	138	9	0	897	17	3
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	284	10	9			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1857	12	1	2142	2	10
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	305	7	11			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	24	17	1	330	5	0
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	1552	14	8			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	277	16	1	1830	10	9
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	511	13	0			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	67	5	8	578	18	8
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				45	5	9
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				16	11	6
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				1622	18	5
Transfer from Loan Account to Subsidiary Account				50	0	0

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	1038	0	0
Naas	240	10	0
Rathdown	1370	10	0
Rathdrum	2921	0	0
Shillelagh	1055	0	0
Total	£6625	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	480	10	0
Naas No. 2	153	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	1021	10	0
Rathdrum	1117	0	0
Shillelagh	695	0	0
Total	£3467	5	0

The Secretary submitted the annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1917-1918, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums to be supplied to other public bodies. Further, he submitted the Estimate of Rates required to be raised during the same period for Separate Charges throughout the County.

In his Report on the Rate Estimate (copy of which Report is attached) the Secretary explained in detail the different items, and the deviations in the rates required in the ensuing year from those assessed for the current Financial Year.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimates as submitted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON HIS AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY CO.

Court House, Wicklow,
23rd January, 1917.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I visited, on behalf of Wicklow County Council, the Offices of the Blessington Tramway undertaking, Terenure, on the 19th January, inst., to inquire into the Accounts for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1916.

As you are aware, this undertaking has been managed, during the half-year in question, by the County Surveyor of Dublin County, under the Interim Management-Order of 1916 made by the Lord Lieutenant.

The Statement of Accounts, as submitted to me, is signed by Messrs. Kevans and Sons, who hitherto audited the Accounts half-yearly (not on behalf of the undertaking, when worked by the Company, but on behalf of the Dublin County Council).

Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Company certified the Accounts during the whole period that I have acted as half-yearly Auditor of these Accounts on behalf of Wicklow County Council.

Of this change in the Official Auditors I have nothing further to say than that it is a question entirely for the present Interim Management. Upon this Interim Management the Wicklow County Council is not represented.

It only remains for me to say that, according to the figures supplied to me, it would seem that the Wicklow County Council is liable to pay, for the half-year, £500 to the Company in respect of Dividends, and to the Management £1,456 9s. 7d.; total, £1,956 9s. 7d.

It remains for the Arbitrators to determine your liability.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—Noted.

A letter was submitted from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, dated 26th January, 1917, transmitting, by direction of the Lord Lieutenant, draft copy of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway (Committee of Management) Order, 1917, for the Council's observations thereon.

Order.—Submitted; Secretary to make a Report thereon to the Members of the Conference.

The County Surveyor wrote as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th January, 1917.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—

I am informed that heavy timber traffic is now occurring on the roads from Tomdarragh to Roundwood, and from Roundwood to Wicklow, via Ballyduff.

As this traffic is causing, and will continue to cause, considerable damage to the roads involved, I recommend that the person alleged to be responsible for the traffic, viz., W. H. Crookes, Esq., Woodville, 23 Aylesbury Park, Dublin, be communicated with and asked to contribute towards the extra cost of maintaining these roads.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Adopted.

A further letter was submitted from the County Surveyor, Mr. S. G. Gallagher, dated 27th January, 1917—enclosing an account for £75 19s. 6d., received by him from Mr. R. W. Butler, and which represents the cost of repairing damage caused to the Bray-Wicklow Road by the Dublin Corporation's Water Main bursting on the 18th November, 1916. Also reporting a further burst on the 24th January, 1917.

Order.—Claim to be made on the Dublin Corporation for this sum.

EMPLOYERS' LIABILITY ACT.

In order to avoid unnecessary multiplication of Insurance Agents doing business with the Council, and possible confusion in the Office, it was decided that, on the expiration of the current policy under the Employers' Liability Act with the Guardian Insurance Company, a Policy should be obtained from the Hibernian Insurance Company, who are already doing considerable business for the Council, to cover the risks at present assured with the Guardian Insurance Company.

A letter dated 29th January, 1917, was submitted from Mr. John Pansing, Assistant County Surveyor, Church Hill, Wicklow—stating that he is now prepared to resume duty, and that he has so informed the County Surveyor.

Order.—Mr. MacPhail's services to be dispensed with at the expiration of the three months for which he has been engaged.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Advice Note for the Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Council be now signed. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg):—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council move that, on the expiration of the current Policy with the Guardian Insurance Company under the Employers' Liability Act, a Policy covering these risks be taken out with the Hibernian Insurance Company, who are already doing considerable business with the Council, and thus avoid the unnecessary multiplication of Insurance Agents at present doing business with the Council."

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 5.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 19th February, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman), Councillors J. W. Reigh, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), John Storey, D. Condren, P. J. Carey, James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend them to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£407	7	11
Do.	15	3	2

The Committee recommend payment of the following amounts of Rates claimed as irrecoverable, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

No. 7. Charles S. Sutton	...	...	...	£71 11 6
No. 9. Joseph Keane	...	...	...	23 3 7

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and Counsel's Opinion in connection with the proposed Management Order in the above connection.

Order.—Memorial to the Lord Lieutenant—as to Chairmanship only—to be prepared and forwarded, and a request for a Deputation to wait on him in support of it to be sent; also the Members of Parliament for the County to be asked to assist.

An application from the Clerical Staff for a War Bonus, or Gratuity, was submitted. The following order was made:—

Messrs. Healy, Langton, and Wolohan to be allowed, as a War Bonus for the year 1917, a sum of Ten Pounds (£10) each, and Five Pounds (£5) to be allowed to Mr. G. Byrne for same time.

The Committee considered a Report from the Secretary on an application made by the County Printer for a War Bonus.

Order.—Recommended that an increase of 33 1/3 per cent. shall be granted on the Contract Prices for the present Financial Year, and until the end of the War, or end of the Contract, whichever of these events first occur.

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

A letter from the Road Board—suggesting the postponement of the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme—was submitted.

Order.—Consideration postponed to next Meeting—County Officers to report meantime.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 5 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed—Two Councillors dissenting.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry):—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council, propose that a War Bonus amounting to thirty-three and one-third per cent. (33 1/3 o/o) be awarded to the County Printer in respect of the Printing supplied by him in pursuance of his Contract after the 1st April, 1916, and until the termination of the War or Contract, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."

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 J. W. Reigh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,318 11s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £897 17s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor Myles Healy, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £2,142 2s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £330 5s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,830 10s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £578 18s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £45 5s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 11s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

PAYMENT OUT OF LOAN ACCOUNT:

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor Myles Healy. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the proposal to transfer a sum of £50 from Loan Account to credit of Subsidiary Account, and hereby authorise such Transfer." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals, amounting to £407 7s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals, amounting to £15 3s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). 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, were submitted, as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Provisional Proposal to raise a Loan of £4,000, repayable in five years, free of interest, from the Road Board, to purchase the entire Steam-rolling Plant in use under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 21 in the District Register, 140 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months at £3 10s. 0d.

Road No. 23 in the District Register, 754 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £28 5s. 6d.

Road No. 25 in the District Register, 520 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £11 7s. 6d.

Road No. 26 in the District Register, 752 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £16 9s. 0d.

Road No. 33 in the District Register, 260 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £2 14s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Road No. 64 in the District Register, 686 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £8 11s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed, as was also the Form of Minute prescribed pursuant to Section 18 (1) of the Local Government Act, 1902, in reference to Contract No. 67 in District Register, 971 perches.

Two letters, dated 3rd and 15th February, 1917, were submitted from Contractor Peter Mahon, Lacken, Blessington—protesting against the action of the District Council in giving the contract for the repairs and maintenance of 971 perches (No. 67 in D.R.) to a Tender higher than his.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Road No. 517 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £213 8s. 4d.

Road No. 521 in the District Register, 786 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £248 18s. 0d.

Road No. 523 in the District Register, 114 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £14 5s. 0d.

Road No. 524 in the District Register, 83 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £4 3s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Correspondence relative to the dangerous condition of the boundary wall which extends from St. Valerie Bridge, Bray, to the Dargle Bridge, was submitted from Messrs. Collis and Ward, Solicitors, 13 Clare street, Dublin (dated 29th January, 1917); the County Surveyor (dated 30th January, 1917); and from Mr. John Barlow, St. Valerie, Bray (dated 7th February, 1917).

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 7 in the District Register, 920 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £46 0s. 0d.

Road No. 22 in the District Register, 200 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £8 6s. 8d.

Road No. 34 in the District Register, 1,028 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £51 8s. 0d.

Road No. 40 in the District Register, 836 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £83 12s. 0d.

Road No. 41 in the District Register, 957 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £39 17s. 6d.

Road No. 42 in the District Register, 244 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £6 2s. 0d.

Road Contract No. 240 in the District Register, 700 perches, taken by John Kenny at November Quarterly Meeting, 1912, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report, and given in his charge to the 31st March, 1917, at £8 0s. 6d.

Road Contract No. 451 in the District Register, 570 perches, taken by Peter Kenny at November Quarterly Meeting, 1914, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report and given in his charge to the 31st March, 1917, at £43 17s. 0d.

Road Contract No. 493 in the District Register, 510 perches, taken by Peter Kenny at August Quarterly Meeting, 1915, was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor in his Report, and given in his charge to the 31st March, 1917, at £37 12s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 282 in the District Register, 542 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £11 5s. 10d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

A letter was submitted from Contractor James Mulhall, Kilpipe, Tinahely—asking to be allowed for the increased cost of whinstone metal since the acceptance of his Tender in February, 1915, or else to be relieved of his contract.

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

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts."

The Secretary's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1917-1918, as submitted to the Finance Committee, and appearing on the Minutes of their proceedings, and circulated with their Report to the Members of the Council, was taken as read.

Secretary's (Supplementary) Report on Blessington Tramway Rate.

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GENTLEMEN—

In submitting to the County Council the Estimate of the Rate which, in my opinion, will be necessary to meet the claims and liabilities in connection with the Blessington Tramway Guarantee for the ensuing year, I desire to make a few observations.

Having prepared the Estimate in this connection in February, 1915, to meet the requirements of the Guarantee for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1916, I requested the Council to strike a shilling rate, which at the time was believed to be the maximum rate for which the area was liable. This provision was made, but the shilling rate proved inadequate. For the following year—that which ends on the 31st March, 1917—a shilling rate was also provided, and this, too, has proved altogether insufficient.

After giving full credit for Government Grants to be received, I find, in the result, that there will be a deficit at the end of the current year (31st March, 1917) of £3,551. This deficit has now to be provided for in addition

to the estimated sum of £2,433 required to meet the demands for dividend and excess working expenses which, at present, are of course unascertainable, for the Financial Year ended 31st March, 1918.

This is a very unfortunate condition of affairs and will entail a rate of no less than three shillings and sixpence in the pound. As an illustration of the deplorable tendency of the demands made upon the ratepayers of the guaranteeing area during the past seven years, I shall set them out as follows:—

Year ended 31st March, 1911, £567; March, 1912, £628; March, 1913, £811; March, 1914, £1,052; March, 1915, £1,486; March, 1916, £1,656; and March, 1917, £4,145.

I have only to add that no portion of the Law Costs connected with the recent litigation has been brought into this estimate. As a matter of fact, all Law Costs connected with the action are County (Rural) Charges.

Appended, hereto, you will find a Table showing in detail the finances connected with the undertaking for the period during which I have had the honour to act as your Secretary and embodying the figures of my present estimate.

Yours faithfully, S. I. DOYLE, Secretary.

Courthouse, Wicklow, 25th January, 1917.

Table with columns for CHARGE, DISCHARGE, and Total. Rows include Financial Year ended, Estimated requirements, Sums actually paid on Demand, Balance against 31st March, 1915, Proceeds from Rate now estimated at 3s. 6d., Proceeds from Rates received, Government Contribution under Tramway Act, Government Contribution under Tramway Act still to come in, Govt. Grants under Section 58 of L.G. Act, Govt. Grants under Section 58 of L.G. Act still to come in, and Total.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Council accede to the request of the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee to contribute from the Rates £180 0s. 0d. to enable that Committee to pay the balance due to Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole, Contractors for the erection of the Technical Schools in Arklow, and that the Secretary be directed to make provision for the payment of this money in preparing his forthcoming Estimates for the Financial Year 1917-1918.—To be reduced subject to vouchers. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby confirm, adopt and seal 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:—

GENERAL CHARGES. Rate for 1917-1918.

Table with columns for Name of Special Area or Contributory Place, Purpose or Name of Charge, and Special Poundage Rate. Rows include Baltinglass No. 1, Naas No. 2, Rathdown No. 2, Shillelagh, and Imaal North Electoral Division.

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Table with columns for Name of Special Area or Contributory Place, Purpose or Name of Charge, and Special Poundage Rate. Rows include Townlands comprised in the Baronies of Arklow and Ballinacor South, Wicklow Harbour Loan, Blessington Tramway Guarantee, Public Health Charges, Greystones Water Supply, and Criminal Injury.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). 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:—

Table with columns for Name of Urban District, General Charges, Separate Charges, and Total. Rows include Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travlers. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the renewal of the Licences issued to the following persons under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908:—

- List of 38 names of license holders, including Thomas Miller, Blessington; James I. Dowling, do.; Mrs. Charlotte E. Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow; Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan; Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh; Samuel Alcorn, Wicklow; Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood; S. V. Delahunt, Wicklow; J. P. Hopkins and Sons, Wicklow; John E. Griffen, Bray; Thomas M. Barker, Coolboy, Tinahely; Patrick McCarthy, Aughrim; James Bradshaw, Kiltegan; Mrs. Mary Toomey, Hollywood; James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride; Edward J. O'Kelly, Baltinglass; Mrs. Elizabeth Williams, Ballinalea, Ashford; Denis J. Cogan, Laragh; Joseph P. Deegan, Ashford; Michael Tutty, Hollywood; James Healy, Rathdangan; Mrs. M. A. Geraty, Carnew; James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin; John Kilmartin, Rathdangan; Frederick J. Allen, Donard.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That the Council hereby grant a Licence to Patrick Hoxey, Knock-enarrigan, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to a satisfactory Report being received from the Police Authorities as to the suitability of his premises. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL. WINTER QUARTERLY MEETING, 19th FEBRUARY, 1917.

Gentlemen— A large number of new contracts for road maintenance come before you for approval.

I beg to report that these contracts are at increased prices, and it will be necessary to obtain in each Rural District an extension of the limit of expenditure, fixed on the passing of the Local Government Act, by an amount sufficient to cover the increased cost of these road contracts.

Resolutions have been passed by the various R. D. Councils, requesting you to obtain the requisite extension of limit of expenditure, and indicating the amount required in each district.

The increased cost of these roads is due to the increased cost of labour. In 1898 labour was worth from 3½d. to 4½d. per hour; now it is from 7½d. upwards. Large numbers of men are being sent out of Ireland to work at 8½d. per hour—free housing and free travelling out and home.

A circular letter from the Local Government Board has been received requesting the County Councils to relieve as many men as possible from road work in order to facilitate agricultural operations, but since, with the exception of Bray-Wicklow road, the County Council does not employ any men directly on road work, it does not appear that the circular letter applies to County Wicklow.

However, as you are aware most of the road contractors are farmers, and since these men will now be fully occupied with tillage operations it will be necessary to consider and decide definitely what action is to be taken (if found necessary) in regard to the forcing of these men to attend to the roads.

The heaviest traffic on the roads is caused during the Spring tillage and during the harvesting season. This Spring the strain on the roads will be more severe than usual owing to the recent heavy snows (which covered most of the roads since December last, and still lies on many roads) which have retarded repairs, and have also rendered the roads sodden and more liable to damage.

During the past quarter I have found it necessary to enter on the following roads in Rathdrum R. D., viz.—Road No. 121, Reg. 451 (Autumn, 1914), Road No. 85, Reg. 493 (Summer, 1915); and Road No. 185, Reg. 240 (Autumn, 1912). The contracts on these roads should be cancelled and the roads given in my charge to 31st March, 1917.

I submit a letter received regarding over-head electric light wire placed across the road at Baltinglass.

Permission was given to place this wire underneath the road and although now placed over the road, and not in the manner authorised by you, yet, since it is not prejudicial to the maintenance of the road, and causes no obstruction, I have no authority to deal with it.

Your Obedient Servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Resolutions were submitted from the five Rural District Councils in the County asking the County Council to approach the Local Government Board to extend the Limits of Road Expenditure in their respective Rural Districts to the amounts estimated by the County Surveyor to be required to meet the expenditure on road maintenance and public works for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John J. Healy. Resolved—That, in compliance with the requests submitted from the five Rural District Councils in this County, we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to extend, for the ensuing Financial Year, the Limit of Road Expenditure in each of these Districts as follows:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	to £3,900.
Naas No. 2 do.	to £1,604.
Rathdown No. 2 do.	to £3,300.
Rathdrum do.	to £10,667.
Shillelagh do.	to £2,524.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That Mr. P. Woods and Mr. P. Clarke, School Attendance Officers, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, get an increase of Six Pounds (6) each per year. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That the following two ladies be appointed to fill the vacancies on the County Local War Pensions, etc., Committee caused by the resignations of Miss D. Barton, of Glendalough House, Annamoe, and of Mrs. A. C. Ryan, Rathdrum:—

Mrs. W. Taylor, Bryn-Avon, Rathdrum.
Mrs. R. A. Newell, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.

Passed.

The Council adjourned, to their next Meeting, the question of filling the vacancy caused on the County Insurance Committee by the disqualification of Mrs. MacLeod, Baltinglass, for non-attendance.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the following be appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District:—

Rev. E. Trainor, C.C., Glendalough.
Brien Somers, Ballinastoe, Kilpedder.
Nicholas Molloy, do. do.
John Richardson, Lake Hotel, Glendalough.
Michael Keenan, Ashtown, Roundwood.

Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
12th January, 1917.

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, 1916.

41 Articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	11
Whiskey	8
Milk	3
Cheese	3
Tea	3
Flour	3
Margarine	2
Sugar	1
Ginger Wine	1
Port Wine	1
Oatmeal	1
Indian Meal	1
Porter	1
Drug	1
Rice	1
Total	41

They were all pure.

There was one specimen of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which was taken up in the County Wicklow, and was pure.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union thirteen drugs and a specimen of butter were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of butter was rancid.

Five specimens of water analysed for the Wicklow Urban District Council had the following compositions:—

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
Total Solid Matter	15.400	14.000	9.800	9.300	27.300
including					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014	0.012	0.025	0.021	0.014
Saline Ammonia	0.0072	0.0084	0.0055	0.007	0.003
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	Trace	Trace	2.870
Chlorine	1.789	1.689	1.590	1.590	3.479

All tolerably good waters, unless No. 4, which is inferior.

One specimen of water analysed for Bray Urban District Council had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total Solid Matter,	18.200
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.021
Saline Ammonia	0.007
Nitric Acid	1.000
Chlorine	4.970

An inferior water.

Two specimens of water analysed for Lady Verner, Cooke Abbey, Bray, had the following compositions:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1	No. 2
Total Solid Matter	42.700	18.900
including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.000	0.001
Nitric Acid	Trace	0.620
Chlorine	6.580	1.590

Both pure waters.

One specimen of water analysed for the Rev. T. M. Robinson, The Rectory, Woodenbridge, had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total Solid Matter	7.700
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.015
Saline Ammonia	0.009
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.192

An inferior water.

One specimen of milk analysed for Captain E. Cope, Woodenbridge Hotel, was of very rich quality.

For the County Committee of Agriculture, Wicklow, one fertilizer was analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, thirty-one drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The water had the following composition:—

One Imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total Solid Matter	7.000
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.040
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.894

A polluted water.

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

Total Analyses—131.

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 the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

Mr. Michael J. O'Connor, Solicitor, Wexford, attended the Meeting, together with his client, Mr. E. H. Page, in connection with the action pending at the suit of the Council against Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., and against Mr. Page, for damages caused to the roads leading from Whiterock Quarry.

On the motion of Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh, it was unanimously decided "that the Council resolve themselves into Committee for the purpose of arriving, if possible, at a settlement of the pending action.

The Council having formally resumed its duties, the following Report was submitted from the Committee Meeting:—

COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The County Council having resolved itself into Committee to discuss the question of the Wicklow County Council v. Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., and Mr. E. H. Page, the Committee, after hearing Mr. M. J. O'Connor, Solicitor, recommend that the following Settlement be adopted:—

1.—The Plaintiffs to accept the sum of Three Hundred and Twenty-five Pounds (£325) in full discharge of all claims, and to be at liberty to withdraw the sum of Three Hundred Pounds (£300) now lodged in Court.

2.—Each party to pay their own Costs.

3.—Formal consent to be entered into and made a Rule of Court.

4.—Mr. E. H. Page to pay the balance of Twenty-five Pounds (£25) to the Plaintiffs.

5.—Mr. E. H. Page agrees to allow the County Council to work such portion of the Quarry as he may direct for the use of the County Council to procure stones for the maintenance of the road from Whiterock to Tinahely Station, at a Royalty of One Shilling (1s.) per ton on any stones taken by them; all further costs for quarrying and maintenance of occupation to be paid for by the Council.

6.—The action against Messrs Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., to be struck out without costs.

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Chairman.

19th February, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the recommendation of the Committee in connection with the Law Cases pending between the County Council and Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., and Mr. E. H. Page, be, and it is hereby, approved and adopted; and it is ordered that the Seal of the Council be now affixed to the Committee's Report, and also to this Resolution. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 58,097/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th December, 1916.—Approving of the temporary appointment of Mr. William J. MacPhail as Assistant Surveyor, in accordance with the terms of their advertisement.

No. 60,002/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th December, 1916.—Stating that if any of the Collectors persists in absentsing himself from the checking of his Books, the Board would not hesitate to concur in his removal from office.

No. 60,716/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd December, 1916.—Stating that the necessity for the proposed increase in the Limit of Road Expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District during the year ending 31st March, 1917, has not been clearly established.

No. 2,539/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th January, 1917.—Stating, relative to the supply of Whinstone to Road Contractors in Wicklow County, that in view of the steps proposed to be taken for carrying out the proposed arrangement in relation to this matter, and on the understanding that in all cases the material is measured after being delivered on the roads, the Board see no objection to the inclusion in the Specifications for Road Contracts of the clauses referred to in the Council's letter of the 18th ult.

No. 26M/1917. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st January, 1917.—Circular letter outlining the powers of Local Authorities to raise money for the purpose of investment in the new War Loan.

No. 35M/1917. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th February, 1917.—Further circular letter regarding the powers of Local Authorities to raise money for the purposes of investment in the new War Loan, and enclosing copy of the Public Authorities and Bodies (Loans) Act, 1916.

No. 29M/1917. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th February, 1917.—Circular letter pointing out to the Council that it is of the utmost importance in the present crisis that as many as possible of the labourers now employed on road maintenance or other road schemes should be set free for tillage purposes.

No. G. 102/1917. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th January, 1917.—Stating that four samples of Butter taken up for analysis in Arklow on the 13th ultimo proved to be pure.

No. 3406/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th November, 1917.—Further letter regarding certain cases of non-endorsement of Licences granted, under The Curragh Sheep Order of 1911, for movement of sheep from the Curragh into the respective districts of Mr. Aiden F. Walshe, V.S., and Mr. E. Nichols, V.S., and expressing the Department's hope that the Council will intimate to Mr. Walshe that further cause of complaint in the matter must be avoided.

Also letter from the Secretary to the Kildare County Council (enclosing copy of the Order and of the Licence issued thereunder), dated 23rd November, 1916: from the Department, dated 6th and 21st December 1916; and from Mr. A. F. Walshe, V.S., dated 17th December, 1916—re same.

Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 1st February, 1917. From the Under Secretary—Transmitting for the information of the Council copy of the Poison and Pharmacy (Ireland) Regulations, 1917.

6th January, 1917. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Reporting that George Cases's Criminal Injury Application was heard at Balinglass Quarter Sessions, when same was refused with costs and £1 witnesses' expenses.

6th January, 1917. From Same—Reporting that a Decree for £94 was made at Balinglass Quarter Sessions against Road Contractor John Guirke and his Sureties, the Decree not to issue provided the Defendants, within two months, execute the work to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor.

Letters acknowledging the receipt of the Resolution of the County Council, passed 20th November, 1916—submitted from the following:—

- Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company.
- John E. Redmond, M.P.
- Board of Trade.
- Under Secretary, Dublin Castle.
- J. T. Donovan, M.P.
- Captain A. Donelan, M.P.

19th December, 1916. From A. J. Smyth, Acting Principal and Secretary to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—Enclosing, at the request of Mr. Wake, his Report and Statement of the Arklow Building Loan and Contract (10 enclosures).

20th December, 1916. From John Byrne, Secretary to the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Committee calling on the County Council to acquire as much as possible of the land of the County for the purpose of re-forestation.

31st January, 1917. From the Royal Society of Antiquaries of Ireland, 6 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—Pointing out how necessary it is for the Council to issue instructions for preserving Ancient Monuments on any land to be tilled under their authority or with their help.

Report of Proceedings at Meeting of the Corporation of Dublin, held at the City Hall, Dublin, on 20th January, 1917—when the subject of "Galway as a Transatlantic Port" was discussed.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

17th November, 1916. From C. J. Kickham Branch of the Irish National Foresters, Clonmel.—Resolution pointing out that the Great Southern and Western Railway Company, by their failure to run a ten miles branch line to Wolfhill Coal Mines, stand between the Irish people and plenty of fuel at a reasonable cost.

22nd November, 1916. From Kildare County Council.—Resolution suggesting that the County Councils of Queen's Co., Carlow, King's Co., Wicklow, and Kildare, should take joint steps to urge upon the Government the importance of having the Barrow Drainage Scheme initiated.

23rd November, 1916. From the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association.—Resolution requesting the Board of Agriculture to revoke the Dentention Regulation imposed at a time of panic owing to a presumed outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease in this Country some time ago.

30th November, 1916. From the Board of Guardians of Kanturk Union.—Resolution urging the Department of Agriculture to take immediate steps to control the sale of artificial manures.

30th November, 1916. From Monaghan County Council.—(1) Resolution drawing the attention of the authorities and the public to the unfair and extravagant system at present existing of purchasing horses for the Army. (2) Resolution dealing with the question of a complete amnesty for the Irish Political Prisoners, and drawing special attention to the case of John MacNeill.

The Council adopted Resolution No. 1—dealing with the present system of purchasing horses for the Army.

11th December, 1916. From Kerry County Council.—Resolution asking the Department of Agriculture to take certain suggested steps for the protection of Irish ewes shipped to England.

11th December, 1916. From County Kerry Tuberculosis Committee.—Resolution suggesting that each Council sending patients to Peamount Sanatorium should contribute something towards the cost of dental treatment for defective teeth.

6th January, 1917. From Cavan Rural District Council.—Resolution claiming that Ireland should have representation at the forthcoming Peace Conference.

8th January, 1917. From Cork County Council.—Resolution requesting the Government to release the prisoners tried and sentenced by courtmartial in connection with the recent rising.

8th January, 1917. From Cork County Council.—Resolution requesting a revision of the law relating to compensation for Malicious Injuries in Ireland.

12th January, 1917. From Balrothery Rural District Council.—Resolution making certain suggestions with a view to securing the success of the increased Tillage Scheme to be carried out in Ireland.

20th January, 1917. From Edenderry No. 2 (Co. Kildare) Rural District Council.—Resolution protesting against the Government's drastic order compelling farmers who already till a reasonable portion of their land to till 10 per cent. of their entire holdings in addition, and suggesting that 5 per cent. instead would be fairly reasonable.

23rd January, 1917. From Portumna Rural District Council.—Resolution recommending the Department to reduce the test of 42 lbs. to the bushel for Irish grown oats, to at least 36lbs., as the former is too high.

24th January, 1917. From the Municipal Council of Dublin.—Resolution urging upon the Government the advisability of assisting the project of creating a great harbour at Galway to deal with Canadian and American Trade.

31st January, 1917. From Mullingar Branch of the Licensed Grocers' and Vintners' Protection Association.—Resolution protesting against the recent Order proposed by the Government, at the instigation of the Food Controller, intimating a further reduction on the output of Beer and Spirits.

31st January, 1917. From the Irish Cattle Traders' and Stock Owners' Association.—Resolution calling on the Government to appoint to the post of Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture, an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist, and who thoroughly understands the necessities of the country in this crisis of our food supplies.

2nd February, 1917. From Cork Council.—(1) Resolution calling on the Government to complete Land Purchase, and to pay the Landlords with new War Loan Stock: (2) Resolution pointing out the effect of the Beer Restriction Act, coupled with the recent Order of the Food Controller, and stating that just and reasonable compensation should be paid to persons whose trade has been injured by this Act and Order.

9th February, 1917. From Co. Dublin Farmers' Association.—Resolution strongly urging that the Licence Duty for Dogs in this country be raised to 5s., and that it be collected on January 1st, and drawing the attention of the Authorities to the heavy losses incurred by Farmers through injury to their flocks from dogs not under control.

*Dawleondree
14 May 1917*

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 14th May, 1917.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—Daniel Condon—Chairman.
Councillors John J. Nealy, Edward Byrne, Joseph Dunne, William Osborne, E. C. Walsh, Morgan Travers Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne (Ballinderry), E. J. Byrne, D. J. Cogan, P. J. Carey, William Costello, William Byrne (Coolbeg)

An apology for his inability to be present was received from Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurry).

The Council accepted, with regret, the explanation written to the Chairman by Councillor Michael Kelly, of Englishtown, Kiltegan, in which he stated that his absence from the Meetings of the Council was due to his not feeling very well during the Winter, and he regretted he was unable to be present at this Meeting owing to his having a Cold.

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 District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 9—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.
- 10—To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
- 11—To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 12—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry):—"I hereby give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council, propose that a War Bonus amounting to Thirty-three and One-third per cent. (33 1/3 per cent.) be awarded to the County Printer in respect of the Printing supplied by him in pursuance of his Contract, after the 1st April, 1916, and until the termination of the War, or Contract, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board."
- 14—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg):—"I hereby give notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council, move that, on the expiration of the current Policy with the Guardian Insurance Company, under the Employers' Liability Act, a Policy covering these risks be taken out with the Hibernian Insurance Company, who are already doing considerable business with the Council, and thus avoid the unnecessary multiplication of Insurance Agents at present doing business with the Council."

- 15—To consider, and, if approved, to adopt a proposal to Memorialize the Government to take over the control and working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.
 - 16—To sanction the appointment of Mr. J. L. Rooke, nominated by the Road Board to act as locum tenens during the absence of Mr. R. W. Butler, who has been transferred for War Service to France, and who has been acting as Resident Engineer in charge of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.
 - 17—To execute and seal an Agreement between the County Council and the Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Company, Ltd., with reference to the supplying of Whinstone to the County Council.
 - 18—To receive and consider a letter from Councillor F. S. Dobbs, tendering his resignation as a Member of the County Council.
 - 19—To fill a vacancy on the Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee for the County Wicklow, to represent Employers of Labour, caused by the death of the late Countess of Wicklow.
 - 20—To fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of the Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilkadee.
 - 21—To fill two vacancies on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum, and the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilkadee.
 - 22—To fill two vacancies on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum, and the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilkadee.
 - 23—To fill the vacancy on the Insurance Committee for the County Wicklow, caused by the disqualification of Mrs. MacLeod, Bank House, Balinglass.
 - 24—To receive a Deputation from the County Wicklow National Teachers' Association, and, if approved, to adopt a Resolution forwarded by that Body demanding for Irish Primary Education the Equivalent Grant which is issued to England.
 - 25—To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee in the coming year.
 - 26—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
 - 27—To consider Reports from County Officers.
 - 28—To consider Official Correspondence.
 - 29—To consider General Correspondence.
- Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Friday, the 9th March, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), presiding Chairman; Councillors—John J. Reilly, and Joseph McCarroll.

The following Reports were submitted by the Officers of the Council in connection with the letter from the Road Board's Acting Engineer and Manager, dated 14th February, 1917, in which was suggested the postponement of the Scheme of Road Improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, and the Council asked for their views thereon:—

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
26th February, 1917.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen—

In compliance with your direction, I beg to submit the following Report on the suggestions contained in the Road Board's letter of the 14th February, inst.

Realising to the full the general situation created by the War, the scarcity of labour, and the great demand, in other directions, for labourers, I consider, however, that it would be a great mistake, from every point of view, to suspend operations on this scheme of Road Improvement, and in support of this view I venture to offer the following observations:—

1.—It was only after protracted correspondence and negotiations between the Road Board, the Irish Local Government Board, and the County Council that the legal and other obstacles that arose on all sides were removed and the scheme finally adopted.

2.—An essential and fundamental provision in the Scheme, in order to make it conform to the law, was a requirement that formal Proposals should be adopted by the Councils of the two Rural Districts concerned. These Proposals provide for the works of re-improvement and for the maintenance of the road during the period "commencing the 1st day of April, 1915, and ending 31st March, 1921."

3.—If the Work be now stopped, as proposed by the Roads Board, and the cost of maintenance of the road cast directly upon the County—such cost to be independent of and in addition to the funds provided by the Financial terms of the Scheme—a question as to the legality of such a course must immediately arise. It has, hitherto, been held that expenditure for the maintenance of a road at any one time can only be made under the terms of the one existing proposal in force. The County Council and the District Councils would, therefore, in my opinion, have no legal power to expend money on the maintenance of the Bray-Wicklow Road otherwise than out of the Fund set up by the Improvement Scheme until after the expiration of this Scheme. So long as the Proposals remain in force I fail to see how the County Council can legally provide for the maintenance of the road. Temporary suspension of operations would not get rid of the requirements of these Proposals.

4.—As you are aware, there is imminent danger that at any moment portion of the Railway Line running close by the sea and parallel to this Main Road may be carried away by coast erosion. Realising the seriousness of this danger and the consequences of the severance of Railway Communication between the Counties of Wexford and Wicklow and the City of Dublin, the Wicklow County Council, at a recent meeting, passed a resolution calling upon the Government to come to the assistance of the Railway Company to avert such a calamity. Should the Railway Line be unfortunately severed, an enormous volume of traffic will be thrown on this Bray-Wicklow Road, and this is a further strong reason why the improvement scheme should be proceeded with.

5.—Relative to the importance of the work—the road being a main channel of transit to the City of Dublin—the number of men engaged on the Scheme is very small. Most of them, too, are aged men and live locally. Even if the work were stopped they would not be likely to migrate for more urgent work of National importance, having neither the skill nor the physical strength. I should add that most of the able-bodied men originally employed

on this work enlisted in the Army during the early stages of the War. It should also be remembered that a considerable portion of the men now engaged would in any eventuality have to be retained on maintenance work if the road is not to be allowed to deteriorate and to revert to the state it was in before the Improvement Scheme was undertaken.

Yours faithfully,

SIMON J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
23rd day of February, 1917.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I am informed that the Road Board have written to ask if it would be advisable to suspend operations on the Bray-Wicklow Road.

This work is being carried out under Proposals formulated by the Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum R. D. Councils and approved by you on 18th May, 1914. These Proposals provide for (in addition to the improving, draining, strengthening, surfacing, and surface tarring of the road) the maintenance of the road for the definite period commencing 1st April, 1915, and ending 31st March, 1921. This being so, it appears to me that the suspensions of the work is not possible, because fresh proposals should be formulated for the maintenance of the road during the indefinite period of the proposed suspension, and, if it were legally possible to formulate such an indefinite proposal, then two proposals for the maintenance of the same road would be concurrent, which is, in my opinion, illegal.

I am of opinion that the complete abandonment of the proposals is the only course possible, and the legality of such a course is very doubtful. On the legal points I only express a layman's opinion, and recommend you to consult your legal adviser.

However, if it is decided that the work be suspended, I suggest that arrangements should be made on the following lines—

1.—All metal prepared for the work and ready on the road should be rolled in. All completed surfacing to be tarred and finished off.

2.—That during the suspension of the work the road be maintained by direct labour, the Road Board contributing the cost of maintaining those parts of the road not yet strengthened. The County Council contributing the cost of maintaining the completed parts, and half the cost of the parts already strengthened.

3.—That, on the resumption of the work (which should be definitely fixed at, say, four months from the completion of the war), those parts of the road completed before the suspension of the work to be re-surfaced, and the road completed in accordance with the Scheme, and the whole road tarred, and to be maintained for an additional period equal to the period of suspension.

The Road Board to contribute as a free grant all money required over and above the money unexpended at the suspension of the work.

4.—That the County Council have the use of the plant already purchased at the cost of maintaining and insuring same, and that the price arranged for the purchase of the plant by the Council be reduced by 5 per cent. for each year that the plant is in use from the original starting of the work to the final completion of same.

The only practical reason I can see for the suspension of the work is that now, owing to the further increases in the cost of labour, fuel, and other materials, it will not be possible to complete the work for the sum I estimated and reported to you on 16th November, 1916.

On the other hand, if Railway facilities are restricted, much additional traffic must be carried on the roads, and this renders it most important that this leading road to the Metropolis should be prepared to bear the traffic. Certainly this road should not be held up while other works of a similar nature on roads of less importance to the general public should be proceeded with.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
3rd day of March, 1917.

Re Wicklow County Council and Bray Road Improvement Scheme.

Dear Sir—

Referring to your instructions herein, I beg to say that, having considered this matter fully, it would appear that in formulating the above scheme the provisions of the Procedure of Councils' Order, 1899, have been complied with. Having regard to the fact that the scheme has proceeded so far, the question now arises, could the County Council voluntarily abandon or postpone the scheme for the present? I fail to see how either of these courses could be legally adopted, because formal proposals having been adopted, and loans obtained for the execution of the scheme, it is in my opinion compulsory upon the County Council to proceed with the work.

I am further of opinion that any Ratepayer in the localities affected could institute proceedings for the purpose of compelling the Council and Road Board to proceed with the scheme.

I am confirmed in this view by the fact that it appears a rate has been struck and will be levied upon the two districts affected, to meet the special financial requirements of this scheme of Road Improvement. What then would be the position of the County Council, having collected this rate for a special purpose? In my opinion the County Council would have no answer in Court to an application by a Ratepayer to compel the expenditure of this money for the purpose for which it was levied. These proceedings would involve large expense, and circumstances do not justify the County Council in embarking upon an adventure which is so beset with legal difficulties.

It is also right to call the Council's attention to the fact, with reference to the loans already advanced by the Road Board, that the Council have entered into a formal Deed agreeing to re-pay these advances at certain fixed dates, and any abandonment or temporary postponement of the scheme would not relieve the Council from their liability thereunder, and would lead to a chaotic state of affairs both from the legal and practical points of view.

In conclusion, I am of opinion that both the County Council and the Road Board are both bound to carry out their scheme.

Yours faithfully,

J. H. McCARROLL.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.

Further, there was a communication, dated 25th February, 1917, submitted from Mr. R. W. Butler, the Resident Engineer in charge of the Bray Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, in which he stated that in his opinion, providing that the interests of the Wicklow County Council did not suffer, it would be advisable that the work be suspended until the end of the War.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll. Seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly.

Resolved—That, having considered the terms of the Road Board's letter of the 14th February, 1917, and having carefully considered the Reports of

our Chief Officers, viz.—The County Secretary, County Surveyor, and the Council's Solicitor, we are strongly of opinion that it would be very unwise to postpone operations under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, for the reasons stated by our Officers, and we would strongly urge upon the Road Board to consent to the work proceeding without interruption, all the more so as considerably increased traffic will be thrown upon this road consequent upon the greatly increased area put under Tillage in this County for the present Season; and we direct that Copies of the Reports from the three Officers mentioned be forwarded to the Road Board, together with a copy of this Resolution.

Passed.

26th February, 1917. From Mr. John Pansing, Assistant County Surveyor, Church Hill, Wicklow, applying for an additional six weeks leave of absence, and enclosing a Doctor's Certificate.

Order—Leave granted for six weeks. Further, that Mr. William J. MacPhail be appointed for one month from Monday, the 12th March, 1917, to Thursday, the 12th April, 1917, on the same terms as the previous appointment his expenses not to exceed Ten Pounds (£10), and to be vouched.

7th March, 1917. From George Newsom, Esq., V.S., Ballintekin, Wicklow—Applying for a month's sick leave, and enclosing Doctor's Certificate.

Order—Leave granted. It was directed, subject to the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction that Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg, Newcastle, be appointed Locum Tenens during Mr. Newsom's leave for the Rathdrum Rural District portion of the area worked by him and that Mr. James Malone, V.S., Gorey, be appointed for the Shillelagh Rural District portion of the area, each to receive Ten Pounds (£10) for the month.

Signed—W. Byrne, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 27th March, 1917, when the following Members were present—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman. Councillors:—William Byrne (Coolbeg), and John Storey.

The Committee directed the cancellation of Paying Order for £13, representing the late Mr. John Pansing's Salary for the month of March, 1917; and also the cancellation of Paying Order for £13, representing his Salary for the month of April, 1917. Advice Notes for both these Paying Orders having been signed prior to his demise.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 22nd March, 1917, from the Acting Manager of the Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., stating that he is directed by the Board to say that, after full consideration, the Board will raise no objection to the work on the Bray-Wicklow Road, under Grant No. 2655, being proceeded with.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Chief Clerk of Richmond District Asylum, in which he enclosed copy of a communication that he had received from the City Treasurer of Dublin. In this letter the City Treasurer drew attention to the fact that the original Capitation Grant which the Government had contracted to pay towards the upkeep of Pauper Lunatics in Ireland had, through the insufficiency of the Local Taxation Account, dwindled from four Shillings (4s.), fixed so far back as 1874, to about Three Shillings and Four-pence (3s. 4d.) at present.

Order—The Secretary to send this question to the Irish County Councils' General Council, and to request that Body to call an All-Ireland Conference on the matter, in order to press upon the Government the necessity of restoring the old Capitation Grant as fixed originally.

The Secretary submitted a File of Correspondence mainly consisting of Applications from the various Industrial Schools having transactions with the Council, in which they asked for an increased per capita allowance for the maintenance of children committed from the County Wicklow to their Institutions.

In addition, however, there was a letter from the Joint Secretaries of the Association of Managers of Industrial and Reformatory Schools, in which they stated that the present capitation allowance is wholly inadequate to meet the outlay, owing to the notorious advance in the price of all classes of provisions. This Organization approached the Government, with the result that they had been informed that the Treasury would grant an increase of Six-pence per head per week conditional upon each Local Authority making a similar advance on the Rates hitherto paid by them.

Order—The Committee recommend that an additional Capitation Grant of Six-pence per head per week be paid as from the 1st October, 1916.

The Secretary submitted correspondence and terms of Agreement arrived at between the Council and Messrs. James Crooks and Sons, Woodville, Ailesbury Park, Dublin, relative to the roads from Tomdarragh to Wicklow damaged by the latter's Timber Traffic.

Order—Approved.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY LINE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

It has been suggested to me from an outside source that it might be wise if the Joint Authorities guaranteeing the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company would apply to the Government to take over the management of the concern. I have been informed on good authority that similar undertakings in other parts of Ireland have been so taken over, on the basis of the receipts and working expenses for the year 1913—the year before the war. It would be very much to the advantage of the Ratepayers in the Guaranteeing Areas if such action were taken by the Government in connection with the Blessington Tramway. This will be at once apparent from the fact that for the year 1913 the total amount demanded off the County Wicklow in respect of the Guarantee was £1,052 1s. 9d., as compared with the last completed Financial Year, ending 31st December, 1916, when the amount was £4,145 5s. 11d.

The suggestion that the Government ought to be approached in this connection only reached me on Saturday last, and I have not had time since then to go carefully into the figures and circumstances that should be laid before the Government if any action be decided upon. However, it occurs to me that there are three courses open for the Council—

1. To urge upon the Chief Secretary, as representing the Irish Government, to immediately issue the contemplated Management Order, and that, so soon as the new Management Committee is established, both Councils, Dublin and Wicklow, should urge upon this newly constituted Body to forthwith approach the Government with a view to the taking over of the concern.

2. Wicklow County Council might ask the Dublin County Council to co-operate with them in approaching the Government, even pending the establishment of the Management Order.

3. The Wicklow County Council, on its own initiative, might approach the Government on the subject.

The first of these suggestions would, in my opinion, be the more regular, and possibly the most likely to be successful.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

27th March, 1917.

Order:—The Secretary, the County Surveyor, and the County Solicitor, to prepare a Memorial, to be sent to the Board of Trade, asking the Government to take over the Management of the Line, and the Dublin County Council to be requested to co-operate with the Wicklow County Council in the endeavour to get the Government so to act.

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 24th April, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), Daniel Condren, and John Storey.

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				5384	5	4
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	868	19	3			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	44	1	4	913	0	7
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	305	19	8			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	23	19	8	329	19	4
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	509	10	0			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	128	18	5	638	8	5
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	1820	2	10			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1010	17	1	2830	19	11
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	495	13	6			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	308	6	1	803	19	7
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				55	17	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				56	19	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				1618	4	0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural Districts 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	1014	0	0
Naas	224	0	0
Rathdown	1283	10	0
Rathdrum	2796	0	0
Shillelagh	1035	0	0
Total	6352	10	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	75	10	0
Naas No. 2	8	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdrum	524	0	0
Shillelagh	25	0	0
Total	764	5	0

The Committee recommended the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

No.	Name	£	s	d
1.	Joseph Doyle	7	6	8
2.	Richard Geoghegan	1	1	6
3.	Richard Lynch	14	8	11
4.	William Burke	4	8	7
5.	Michael Kelly	1	10	8
6.	Michael McGrath	11	13	4
7.	Charles S. Sutton	12	11	4
8.	Patrick Mulligan	5	8	2
10.	John Murphy	7	7	5
11.	John Kelly	24	16	3
12.	Wm. J. Cardiff	4	11	6
13.	Wm. J. Quinn	1	0	1
14.	James Byrne	1	4	10
15.	Wm. J. Quinn	9	8	5
16.	Peter P. Doyle	9	3	2
17.	Charles Byrne	5	6	7
18.	Thomas Fleming	4	18	1
19.	Terence Byrne	0	5	1

The Committee proceeded to consider and formulate a Scheme covering the County University Scholarships for the year 1917-1918, and approved of the Scheme as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1917.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 3rd July, 1917, and following days:—

3 Scholarships of £50 per annum each, for three years, and 1 Bursary of £25 per annum, for three years, tenable at the National University College, Dublin, only, and subject to the following conditions:—

- Candidates, who shall not be more than twenty-one years of age on the first day of the Special Examination, must be the children of parents—
 - Who have resided in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the date of the Examination.
 - Whose average yearly income the County Scholarships Committee is satisfied does not exceed £300.
- The Students gaining the highest number of marks in the Examination will be granted the Scholarships, subject to the condition that preference will be given to such Students obtaining the qualifying marks at the Special Examination who give an undertaking to the Council that they will pursue a University Course in Agriculture or Commerce.
- The Student coming next in order of merit at the Examination shall obtain the Bursary.
- The Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel, when possible, or other place of residence approved by the Deans of Residence, and by the Committee.

5. The cost of the maintenance of each Student is estimated at £31 per Session of 31 weeks, and the Fees for the University Course of each Student will amount, approximately, to £10. The balance of each Scholarship, £3 or £9, shall be available for travelling or other expenses, £5 of which will be advanced, through the Bursary, at the beginning of each Session, to the Student.

6. The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarships in August of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February to be disbursed by him as provided in the foregoing paragraph.

7. The cost of the University Special Examination will be paid independently by the County Council direct to the University Authorities, on receipt of the Account for same.

The Examination Papers will be of Honours Standard. Candidates will be required to answer on five subjects as at Matriculation, and as a minimum qualification for award of a Scholarship, a Candidate must obtain Honours in three subjects.

Candidates to whom Scholarships have been awarded as the result of the Special Scholarship Examination must, in addition, comply with the University Regulations by passing the usual Matriculation Examination, failing which the grant of Scholarship will lapse, and will be awarded to the candidate next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculates.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each scholar, and no payment will be made in respect of the Second Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce a Certificate that he has passed the First University Examination and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payments will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which notice will be sent to each scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, hereinbefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Applications from intending Candidates will be received by the Secretary of the County Council, at his Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to the 1st June in each year, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Magistrate. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will give a card entitling each approved candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

24th April, 1917.

D. CONDREN, Chairman Wicklow County Council.
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

29th January, 1917. From Pierce J. Perkins, Woodenbridge—asking the Scholarships Committee to waive one year of the necessary period of residence in his case.

The Committee regret they are unable to comply with the request. The County Surveyor reported as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
19th day of April, 1917.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE, WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Gentlemen—

I greatly regret having to report the death of the senior Assistant Surveyor—Mr. John Pansing.

When considering the filling of the vacancy so arising, I respectfully recommend you especially to consider the advisability:—(a) of reverting to the full Staff of Assistants, one whom should be stationed at Bray; (b) of supplying the new Assistants with motor bicycles, and a fixed annual allowance for the upkeep of same; (c) of making the new Assistants liable to carry out inspections within a radius of 25 miles of their headquarters; (d) of binding the new Assistants to give the duties of their office, as Assistant Surveyors, priority over the duties of any other appointment you may permit them to hold.

Owing to the increasing necessity of more frequent inspections and closer supervision of the roads, especially in the N.E. portion of the County, it is of the utmost importance that the extra inspections should cease to be a tax on the living wage of the Assistants.

The following table shows the salaries of the Assistants prior to, and after, the reduction of the Staff:—

1902-3.		1916-17.	
4 Assistants.		3 Assistants.	
No. 1 Assistant	£143	No. 1 Assistant	£156
No. 2 Assistant	138	No. 2 Assistant	156
No. 3 Assistant	123	No. 3 Assistant	156
No. 4 Assistant	123		
	£527		£468

I beg to report that on 27th March the Road Board notified me that Mr. R. W. Butler being required for duty in France, Mr. J. L. Rooke has been nominated by them to carry on Mr. Butler's duties on the Bray-Wicklow Road during the period of Mr. Butler's absence. Mr. Rooke has entered on the duties as Mr. Butler's locum tenens.

Considerable haulage of timber over the road from Roundwood to Lough Dan is causing some extra cost for the repairs and maintenance of the road. This haulage is carried out for Mr. Clarke, of Rathnew.

Similar traffic on the road from the Lamb Station to Kiltel is also causing extra cost for repair and maintenance of the road. This haulage is carried out for a Mr. Kirkpatrick, stated to reside at Lucan. Enquiries are in progress to ascertain Mr. Kirkpatrick's full address.

The period for which the Temporary Assistant was appointed expired on 12th inst., and I request that a Temporary Assistant be appointed to act until the vacant Assistantship is filled.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—The Committee recommend that one whole-time Assistant Surveyor be appointed, at a salary of £156 per annum, with an Allowance of £24 per annum for a Motor Bicycle, with which he is to supply himself, and keep in constant use.

It was further directed that the existing Temporary Assistant Surveyor be continued from 1st May, 1917, to 30th June, 1917, at a salary of £10 per month, with an addition of £10 for the two months to cover all Expenses.

Further Order.—The Secretary to apply for excess damages to the parties stated by the County Surveyor to be carrying on excessive traffic over the roads. The County Surveyor wrote submitting Accounts for Expenses incurred in repairing Bray-Wicklow Road, occasioned by damages resulting from the bursting of the Dublin Corporation's Water Mains.

The Secretary mentioned that he had applied to the Dublin Corporation for a payment of similar expenses previously occasioned in the same manner, and the Waterworks Committee replied denying liability.

Order.—Referred to Solicitor for Opinion of Junior Counsel.
29th March, 1917. From County Surveyor—enclosing copy of a letter from the Road Board, stating that arrangements have been made for Mr. R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, to be released for work in France, and the Board have appointed Mr. J. L. Rooke to take over his duties.

The Committee recommend the County Council to appoint Mr. Rooke as Locum Tenens.

19th April, 1917. From W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle—asking the Council to allow him the sum of £4 10s. 0d., being expenses incurred by him whilst acting as Locum Tenens in Rathdrum Rural District for one month whilst Mr. Newsom, V.S., was on sick leave, and enclosing Mr. Frank Murphy's receipted Account for that amount.

Order.—Granted, subject to the sanction of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

14th February, 1917. From Collector Patrick Mulligan. The Paddock, Kilpedder—notifying the refusal of Lord Powerscourt's Agent to pay Rates on Ballyremon Common any more.

Order.—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll, the Council's Solicitor, be directed to professionally assist the Rate Collector in having this question tried and decided in the Court of Petty Sessions.

13th April, 1917. From Town Clerk, Town Clerk's Office, City Hall, Dublin—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the Dublin Corporation directing the Town Clerk to summon a Conference of the County Borough Councils and County Councils of Ireland to press on the Government the necessity of contributing half the cost of the maintenance of Lunatic Asylum Patients. Also asking the Council to nominate Representatives to attend this Conference, to be held in the Council Chamber, City Hall, Dublin, at 11.30 a.m. on Monday, the 30th April, 1917.

Order.—The following gentlemen were appointed to represent the County Council at the Conference—Messrs. D. Condren (Chairman), William Byrne (Vice-Chairman), J. W. Reigh, M. Langton, and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

20th March, 1917. No. 13,721/1917. From Local Government Board, Dublin—enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the Half-year ending 30th September, 1916, as follows:—

No. 13,721/1917. Wicklow County. March 10th, 1917. 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.

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.

In connection with the foregoing the Secretary reported as follows:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Gentlemen—
The Local Government Auditor some time ago completed his audit of the County Council's Accounts for the Half-year ended the 30th September, 1916. Herewith I am submitting his official report, which you will observe is satisfactory and that there are no surcharges.

However, he made the following note in the Expenditure Book and directed me to bring it to the notice of the Council:—

"I must call the attention of the Council to Article 6 of the Application of Irish Enactments Order, 1899, which is to the effect that no resolution for the payment of any costs of legal proceedings shall be passed unless there shall have been laid before such County Council a bill duly taxed and certified by the proper taxing officer of the costs incurred. Payments on account of any such costs are, therefore, in my opinion, wholly ultra vires."

These observations had reference to a payment of £200 on account to the Council's Solicitor.

Owing to want of punctuality in the payment of the demands made upon them, the Wicklow Urban Council frequently cause the County Council an expenditure of 10s. 6d. law costs paid to Messrs. Hamilton and Craig for making application to the former for payment of this liability when it has remained due fourteen days after the date fixed by the Public Bodies Order. The Auditor appears to think that a general notification should be sent to the Urban Council informing them that, without further notice or application, a writ will be, forthwith, served upon them whenever they are fourteen days in default. By the adoption of this course the Urban Council will become liable for the costs. He advised that the County Council be asked to authorise me to adopt this course in all future cases of the kind. I may add that on the 8th December, 1902, the County Council passed a resolution authorising proceedings to be instituted whenever an Urban District Council Demand should remain unpaid for fourteen days after it became due. Whenever, acting under this direction, the Secretary gave instructions to the Solicitors their first act was to write to the Urban Council applying for payment, which was then usually made in a day or two.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

23rd April, 1917.

Order.—The paragraph in Secretary's Report relating to the manner of payment of Bills of Costs to be noted for future guidance of the Committee and of the Council.

Further, that the Auditor's suggestion in connection with the mode of enforcing the Council's Demand upon Urban Districts be acted upon in future.

The Secretary submitted correspondence connected with the possible diversion of the preparation of the Voters' lists from the Offices of County Councils to the Offices of Clerks of the Crown and Peace under the new Franchise Act at present before Parliament.

As the effect of this proposal would be to cast additional expenses on the Rates of the County, the following Resolution was adopted:—

"That any change or transfer of the duty of preparing the Register of Parliamentary and Local Government Electors from the Secretaries of the County Councils and Clerks of Borough and Urban Councils would be a very great injustice to these Officials, whose salaries are, to a very considerable extent, made up of the Fees under Franchise Acts, and would throw a further burden on the public. We, therefore, request the Government to see that no proposal is made to transfer this duty from the Officials to whom it is at present confided by law, and by whom it has been in the past discharged with general satisfaction, and we request the Irish Members of Parliament to take steps to secure that no transfer of this duty takes place."

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

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

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 14th May, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors J. McCarroll, William Byrne (Coolbeg); E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, E. J. Byrne and P. J. Carey.

The Committee examined the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals £229 16 8

The Committee recommend that the following two Paying Orders be cancelled:—

No. 256 M. McGrath £11 13 4
No. 555 C. Byrne £5 6 7

A Bill of Miscellaneous Costs was submitted from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, amounting to £160 16s. 7d.

The Committee recommend the Council to sign and seal the necessary Requisition to have this Bill Taxed.

The County Surveyor reported concerning the appointment of an Assistant Surveyor for the District now vacant in the County, and the Secretary submitted a Draft Copy of an Advertisement prepared in accordance with the terms of the Report.

The Committee approved of the Draft, and recommend the Council to order one insertion of same in each of the three Dublin daily papers.

Signed,
D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

14th May, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Requisition to Tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bill of Miscellaneous Costs be now signed and sealed. 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 E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,384 5s. 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 Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £913 0s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

NAAS No. 2.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor John J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £329 19s. 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 John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £638 8s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,830 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 E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to 803 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £55 17s. 0d. (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 (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 19s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals amounting to £229 16s. 8d. (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 Wm. Osborne. 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, were submitted, as follows:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Raising a Loan.—The following Proposal already passed provisionally, viz.:—To raise a Loan of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) from the Road Board, repayable in five years free of interest, for the purpose of purchase by the County Council of the Steam Rollers, Crushers, and other Plant at present engaged on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme; the repayment of the Loan to be a County Rural Charge.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That, in accordance with the Proposal adopted by the Proposals Committee, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the proposal to borrow the sum of Four Thousand Pounds (£4,000) from the Road Board, London, said sum to be repaid in five years by equal half-yearly instalments of principal, free of interest, and to be employed in purchasing the Tractors, Steam-Rollers, Crushers, and other Plant at present employed in connection with the Road Improvement Scheme on the Bray-Wicklow Road, so that such machinery and plant may become the property of the County Council; and we direct that all expenses connected with the raising and the repayment of this Loan be charged over the five Rural Districts comprised within the County of Wicklow. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
9th day of May, 1917.

Gentlemen—Owing to the exceptional condition of labour, resulting from the extra tillage operations, less work than usual was done on the roads. However, in most cases, under the circumstances, the work done was satisfactory, and I consider it advisable to recommend the District Councils not to strike out monies payable to the Contractors unless where such a course was unavoidable, but to withhold certain sums until the Contractors (owing to the slackening of the agricultural operations) could reasonably be expected to attend to the road work.

The following roads have been wilfully neglected, viz.—Rathdrum R. District, No. 106; Shillelagh R. District, Nos. 13, 58, 65, 72; Baltinglass No. 1 R. District, No. 27; Rathdown No. 2 R. District, No. 21.

The procedure of Section 54 of the G. J. Act, 1836, is not, in my opinion, the best to adopt (especially in the cases of Roads Nos. 58 and 72 in Shillelagh), and I recommend that proceedings be authorized and directed under the Act 19 and 20 Vict., c. 63, sec. 17.

I recommend the Council to act on the permission given by Article 36 (4) of the Schedule of Applications of Enactments Order, 1898, and delegate to the Finance Committee the authority to enable the procedure indicated in the G. J. Act of 1836 (Sec. 54) and the Act of 19 and 20 Vict., c. 63 (Sec. 17) to be adopted.

A petition or notice has been forwarded to me from certain Contractors in Naas No. 2 R. District, informing me that unless they receive a War Bonus on their Contracts they will abandon their roads.

An application has been made to alter a fence near Mr. O'Neill's at Balmintombay. I do not consider the alteration would injure the road.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

Order.—Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That this Council, acting under Article 36 (4) of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, does hereby appoint the Members of the Council as a Committee for the purpose of exercising the functions of the County Council under Section 54 of the Grand Jury Act of 1836, and under Section 17 of the Grand Jury Act, the 19th and 20th Vict., cap. 63; that three members shall form a quorum. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 48 in the District Register, 752 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £65 16s. 0d.

Road No. 49 in the District Register, 260 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £2 14s. 0d.

Work No. 53 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor at £18 0s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Road No. 527 in the District Register, 83 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £4 3s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

30th April, 1917. From Frank Sutton, Glen View Hotel, Delgany—again complaining of the condition of the entrance to his Hotel, due, as stated, to the Council's Steam Rollers.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 47 in the District Register, 718 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £71 16s. 0d.

Road No. 51 in the District Register, 668 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £133 12s. 0d.

Road No. 63 in the District Register, 1,081 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £13 10s. 3d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

4th May, 1917. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing a letter received by that Council from John Jordan, Ballinderry, Rathdrum, applying for payment of the money which he alleged he lost on his Contract for the Deputy Pass Road. No order.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 285 in the District Register, 1,381 perches, was given in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £12 18s. 11d.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

10th May, 1917. From the Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—stating that his Council suggest the propriety of cancelling Road Contract No. 58, District Register No. 192, 1,131 perches, in consequence of the death of the contractor, Mr. John O'Toole, White-rock, Tinahely.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and sign and seal the Rate Books for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918, be now signed and sealed; the Warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). 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 Poor Rate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,304 9s. 7d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray, for the amount of £4,047 10s. 0d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £1,117 7s. 5d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the two applications for Re-fund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To to the Chairmap and Members of the County Council.

Gentlemen,

There are a few matters connected with the documents sent in by the District Councils to which I wish to draw attention before they are confirmed by the Council. They may appear trivial, but no inaccuracy in a written contract is really trivial if the contract should at any time form the basis of legal proceedings. The points are:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District.

1—Dist. Reg. No. 46—In this case the period for the contract as properly set out in the specification is for one year from 1st July, 1917, to 30th June, 1918. In the tender, however, which forms part of the contract, these dates are given as July, 1917, and June, 1917. A clerical mistake if you will, but in the absence of the contractor I believe it cannot now be rectified.

2—Dist. Reg. No. 52—Specification not signed by County Surveyor, but purports to be signed on his behalf by the Assistant Surveyor, and in pencil only.

3—Dist. Reg. No. 56—The specification signed in same manner and in pencil.

Rathdrum Rural District.

1—Dist. Reg. No. 60—The tender purports to be signed by Andrew McDonald, as a "marks-man," but the signature is not witnessed.

2—Dist. Reg. No. 61—The dates in specification indicating the period for which the contract is to run have been altered, but the alterations have not been initialled by the County Surveyor or by the contractor, whereas, I believe they ought to have been initialled by both.

I would respectfully ask the Council to give special directions that the Collectors, immediately upon the receipt of their Collecting Books, be required to proceed, forthwith, with the Collection of the rates. Otherwise, although you had on 31st March last a credit balance of £21,000, the Council will not be in a position to fully meet the liabilities already discharged and those falling due between that date and the first week of July.

This condition in your Finances has been brought about by certain expenditure incurred last year of which the war bonus to the Arklow contractors, and the law costs now being paid in respect of Tramway litigation, are examples and for which no provision could have been made in the rates for the past financial period, and also because of increased expenditure to be met by you during the current year.

The rates, except in a few instances, do not begin to come in until August, and in some cases not until September.

For the period between 31st March and the 1st week of July you will have been called upon to pay away £28,000, and if the collection be not accelerated beyond the usual pace, I calculate that you will not have more than £25,000 to meet these liabilities, that sum being made up of the aforesaid balance of £21,000 and £4,000 estimated receipts for the period from 31st March last up to the first week in July next. This would mean a deficit of about £300. There is clear necessity, therefore, that the collectors should, owing to the exceptional circumstances now existing set to work without delay.

Yours faithfully,

SIMON J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

County Council Offices,

Courthouse, Wicklow, 14th May, 1917.

Order.—Approved.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Wicklow.

9th day of May, 1917.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I should be glad if you will permit me to take my leave of absence on vacation as heretofore. Viz:—From 24th May to 3rd June; from 1st August to 14th August, and from 23rd to 31st August.

I also request that the Assistants be authorised to attend to any urgent matters in their respective districts which may require immediate attention during my absence.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Leave granted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, of the Ivies, Wicklow, be re-appointed Auditor of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, to Audit their Accounts on behalf of the Wicklow County Council for the year ending 31st March, 1918. Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That a War Bonus of Thirty-three and One-third per cent. (33 1/3 per cent.) be awarded to the County Printer in respect to the Printing supplied by him in pursuance of his Contract, after the 1st April, 1916, and until the termination of the War or his Contract, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne—That, on the expiration of the current Policy with the Guardian Insurance Company, under the Employers' Liability Act, a Policy covering these risks be taken out with the Hibernian Insurance Company, who are already doing considerable business with the Council, and thus avoid the unnecessary multiplication of Insurance Agents at present doing business with the Council.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That, in order to concentrate, as far as possible, the Insurance business of the Council in the hands of the one set of Brokers, it is hereby directed that, on the expiration of the current Policy with the Guardian Insurance Company under the Employer's Liability Act, a Policy covering these risks be taken out through the Firm of Messrs. Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd. of 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, with whom the Council have had for some years past considerable business, and from whom the Council have always obtained the greatest satisfaction in the settlement of claims. Amendment carried.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby authorise the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed (in duplicate) to the Memorial submitted to this Meeting, asking the Government to take over the control and working of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—The Council, having heard that Mr. R. W. Butler, the Resident Engineer in charge of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, has been transferred by the Road Board for Military Service in France, we hereby approve of the appointment of Mr. J. L. Rooke as Locum Tenens for Mr. Butler during the latter's absence, this gentleman having been nominated to the position by the Road Board, and that he be authorised to discharge all the duties in connection with the Scheme hitherto discharged by Mr. Butler. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Agreement between the County Council and the Ballece Wood Whinstone Quarry Company, Ltd., with reference to the supplying of Whinstone to the Council, and that the same be now signed and sealed—in Duplicate. Passed.

Ministry of Munitions,
Dublin, 26th March, 1917.

S. J. DOYLE, ESO.,
Secretary,
County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir,

I have been transferred for permanent duty from this to the Birmingham area, and hope to cross to-night. I must ask you to allow me to resign my membership of the Wicklow County Council. This, I'm afraid, I should have done long ago, in order that some one might have represented Greystones who could attend your Meetings, which I have been unable to do. I regret to say.

I am,
Yours faithfully,
F. S. DOBBS.

Order—Councillor Dobbs to be asked to reconsider his resignation.

The Council adjourned the question of filling the vacancy on the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee for the County — to represent Employers of Labour—caused by the death of the late Countess of Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, beg to offer an expression of our sympathy to the Earl of Wicklow, and the other members of his family, on the occasion of the death of the Countess; and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to His Lordship. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtownmountkennedy Fever Hospital caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade:—Very Rev. D. Ryan, P.P., Kilquade. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Jos. Dunne. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture, caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum, and the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade:—Very Rev. J. O'Callaghan, P.P., Rathdrum; Very Rev. D. Ryan, P.P., Kilquade. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. J. H. O'Donnell, P.P., Rathdrum and the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade:—Very Rev. J. O'Callaghan, P.P., Rathdrum; Very Rev. D. Ryan, P.P., Kilquade. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That Mrs. S. J. Doyle, of The Ivies, Wicklow, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Insurance Committee caused by the disqualification of Mrs. MacLeod, of Bank House, Baltinglass, for non-attendance. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, demand for Irish Primary Education the equivalent which is due to Ireland owing to the Grant which is proposed to be made for English Education, under a Bill, about to be introduced in Parliament, in the near future.

That, as Irish Education has never been sufficiently provided for financially, we consider that, if progress is to be made, a sufficient improvement, such as this equivalent would provide, is absolutely essential. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister, The Chancellor of the Exchequer, The Chief Secretary for Ireland, J. E. Redmond, Esq., and the Members of Parliament for County Wicklow. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals and Finance Committees, and of the Co. Council, for the year 1917-1918:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter, 1917.	Autumn Quarter, 1917.	Winter Quarter, 1918.	Spring Quarter, 1918.
RATHDOWN No. 2 Courthouse, Enniskerry	11-30	Mon. July 2	Mon. Oct. 8	Mon. Jan. 7	Mon. April 8
RATHDRUM Courthouse, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon. " 23	Mon. " 22	Mon. " 21	Mon. " 22
BALTINGLASS No. 1 Courthouse, Baltinglass	12-30	Mon. " 9	Mon. " 15	Mon. " 14	Mon. " 15
NAAS No. 2 Courthouse, Blessington	1-45	Tues. " 10	Tues. " 16	Tues. " 15	Tues. " 16
SHILLELAGH Courthouse, Shillelagh.	1	Fri. " 20	Fri. " 26	Fri. " 25	Fri. " 26
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE	2	Tues. " 31	Tues. " 30	Tues. " 29	Tues. " 30
COUNTY COUNCIL Courthouse, Wicklow.	12-30	Mon. Aug. 20	Mon. Nov. 19	Mon. Feb. 18	Mon. May 27

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, desire to place on record our belief that anything but Home Rule with full financial control for an undivided Ireland would lead to endless confusion and will leave the whole Irish question in a worse condition than ever; and we protest in the strongest possible manner against the partition of the country under any name or in any guise.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Members of the Irish Party. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—1.—That this Council protests against the provision in Clause II. of the Corn Production Bill—regulating the manner in which the average price is to be ascertained—as being unjust to the Agriculturists of Ireland, having regard to the fact that the vast bulk of the corn raised in any one year is sold by them to dealers and others in the first three months of the period laid down in the Bill for the purpose of fixing an average price, at a price very much below what is ruling in the market during the last three months of the same period.

II.—That we call upon the Irish Government to fix as a minimum for cultivation in the coming year 20 per cent. of all arable land and a maximum of 33 1-3 per cent.

III.—That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland; to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction; to the Members of the Irish Parliamentary Party; and to the Members of the Unionist Party. Passed.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row,

Dublin, 22nd February, 1917.

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 December, 1916.

114 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. as follows:—

Article	Number
Butter	30
Milk	27
Whiskey	17
Margarine	13
Sugar	4
Tea	4
Cheese	3
Oatmeal	3
Brandy	2
Flour	2
Lard	3
Pepper	1
Dripping	1
Rice	1
Cocoa	1
Coffee	1
Buttermilk	1

Total 114

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Turnbull, Greystones, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent. of added water.

There were eight specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow and were pure.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

Four specimens of water analysed for the Arklow Urban Council had the following compositions:—

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Total solid matter	26.600	76.300	32.200	33.200
including				
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.019	0.046	0.007	0.009
Saline Ammonia	0.070	0.007	0.0005	0.0005
Nitric Acid	3.000	15.000	2.750	4.250
Chlorine	2.286	9.940	3.677	5.268
Colour	deep yellow.	yellow	almost colourless.	light yellow.

Nos. 1 and 2 were polluted; Nos. 3 and 4 were pure.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.	
Total solid matter	14.700
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0085
Saline Ammonia	0.005
Nitric Acid	1.500
Chlorine	0.894
Colour	light yellow.

A good water and free from dangerous micro-organisms.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, eleven fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, fourteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

Total analysis—176.

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 the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 13904/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th March, 1917.—Stating that the Board have given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to extensions of the limits of expenditure on Roads in the five Rural Districts, as follows:—

Baltinglass No. 1 R.D.	to £3,900
Naas No. 2	to £1,604
Rathdown No. 2	to £3,300
Rathdrum	to £10,667
Shillelagh	to £2,524

for the financial year ending 31st March, 1918.

No. 53 M./1916. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st March, 1917.—Drawing attention to the importance at the present time of utilizing waste food, particularly fat and bones, and other organic waste, both of animal and vegetable origin; and also waste paper, cardboard, etc.

No. 17570/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th April, 1917.—Sanctioning the Council's proposal to unite Collection Districts Nos. 13 and 15, and to form one Collection District of the Electoral Divisions of Ennerelly, Kilbride, Ballyarthur, Cronebane, and Avoca; and the appointment of Collector William J. Quinn thereto.

21st April, 1917. From Collector William J. Quinn, Sporting Lodge, Avoca.—Submitting for the approval of the Council, the names of Mr. Edward T. Kelly, of Knockenree, Avoca, and Mr. Patrick Brennan, of Kilmacoo, Avoca, as his Sureties in a Person's Fidelity Bond for a sum of £1,900.

No. 634/1917. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th March, 1917.—Approving of the granting of a month's sick leave to Mr. G. Newsom, V.S., and of the appointment of Mr. W. J. Richardson, V.S., to act as his locum tenens in the Rathdrum Rural District and Mr. J. Malone, V.S., to act similarly in the Shillelagh Rural District, each at a remuneration of £10 for the period mentioned.

A. 31075/1917. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 19th April, 1917.—Enquiring, in the event of a shortage of engines occurring, if the Council

would be prepared to hire or lease for threshing purposes, during the months of September, October, and November, any suitable engines that the Council may have in their possession.

Order—Secretary to reply that there are two suitable engines, which could be used for County Wicklow, but which are at present required on the roads.

No. 3725. Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, 19th February, 1917.—Enclosing copy of a letter, dated 24th January, 1917, No. 312,397/151, which has been issued by the Home Office, Whitehall, to Local Authorities in England and Wales, relative to the proposed establishment of a Government Censorship of Cinematograph Films, together with a copy of model conditions for insertion in Cinematograph Licences for the Council's adoption.

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 2nd April, 1917.—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District, in Rathdrum Rural District, for the three years commencing 1st April, 1917—as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

7th May, 1917. From the Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council.—Stating that his Council had read and approved of the County Council's Memorial to the President of the Board of Trade to take over the working and management of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway.

7th May, 1917. From the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council.—Enclosing copy of Resolution approving of the Proposed Memorial to the Board of Trade relative to the taking over of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway by the Government.

5th March, 1917. From the Secretary, Wicklow Branch, Irish National Foresters—Relative to the refusal of the Surgeon of the Wicklow County Infirmary, on the 22nd February, 1917, to admit a member of their Society who was ordered to the Infirmary by the Society's Doctor.

8th March, 1917. From Clerk, Urban District Council, Wicklow.—Enclosing, to be laid before the Council, copy of a letter which that body had received on the subject of one of the Wicklow members of the Irish National Foresters being refused admission to the County Infirmary.

2nd April, 1917. From Rev. Patrick Kavanagh, C.C., Hollywood—Chairman of the School Attendance Committee for Dunlavin and Hollywood County Electoral Divisions—Certificate that Miss Mary Kelly, of Kinsellastown, Dunlavin, has been appointed School Attendance Officer under that Committee.

1st March, and 19th April, 1917. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Stating that the consent in the Council's Action against Mr Page, and Kynoch, Arklow, Ltd., has been engrossed, executed by Defendants' Solicitor, and sent on to be made a Rule of Court.—Also enclosing Paying Order for £300 in connection therewith.

2nd March, 1917. From The Ford Motor Company (England) Limited, Trafford Park, Manchester—Asking if the Council will be prepared to erect Direction or Sign Posts in the County, and under the direction of the County Surveyor, give facilities for such erections. Further stating that the Company are in process of formulating a scheme for the supply of such signs throughout Ireland.

28th March, 1917. From T. E. Greene, 4 Main Street, Arklow—Stating that he is unable to find the person charged with authority to give him the plot of land adjoining the Courthouse in Arklow to be used as a garden,—and enclosing a reply which he received from the High Sheriff re same.

1st March, 1917. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, Cavendish House, Rutland Square, E. Dublin—Asking for the Council's opinion on the question of the desirability of the adoption of ballot instead of open voting for the election of paid officers of Local Authorities.

County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee—Fifth Triennial Report. Period ending the 31st July, 1916.

Correspondence and Resolutions dealing with the present political situation.

11th May, 1917. From H. Morell, County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—Asking to have Sergeant Michael Roddy, R.I.C., appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector for the Petty Sessions Districts of Enniskerry and Newtownmounckennedy.

11th May, 1917. From Councillor William Byrne, Kilmurray, Baltinglass—Asking the Council to authorise the issue of two new Paying Orders to Mr. Bryan Flood, Road Contractor, to replace two which he lost, and which were subsequently recovered in such a torn condition that they could not be presented at a Bank for payment, and returning the torn Paying Orders, one being for £3 0s. 0d., and the second for 14s. 6d.

Order—Duplicates to be issued.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

6th March, 1917. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin.—Resolution requesting the Government and the Public Boards of the Country to take immediate steps to prevent exportation, hoarding, or withholding from market, Food required for the Irish People.

20th March, 1917. From Kilkenny County Council—Resolution demanding that Ireland should be entitled to representation at the Peace Conference which is to assemble after the war.

26th March, 1917. From the Grocers' and Vintners' Assistants' Association—Resolution emphatically protesting against the ruinous restrictions about to be imposed on one of the few industries which have survived in Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—"That this meeting of workers in the Licensed and Allied Trades enter our emphatic protest against the ruinous restrictions about to be imposed on one of the few industries which have survived in Ireland; that we believe these restrictions are harassing, vindictive, and unnecessary, and from the point of view of the country's food supply entirely ineffectual for securing the alleged desired objects.

That we emphatically protest against any scheme of State purchase or control as being a damper on Irish enterprise, and detrimental to Ireland's industrial development, and we hereby call upon all workers and leaders of public opinion in this country to set their faces against such a revolutionary proposal, which means nothing more or less than confiscation, and a denial of our right to exist in our own country."

24th April, 1917. From Dublin County Council—Resolution demanding for Ireland its full share of the Equivalent Grant for Irish Education.

1st May, 1917. From Meath County Council—Resolution calling on the Government to appoint an Irishman who is a practical agriculturist to the post of Vice-Chairman of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

Dawson 8 June 1917

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Friday, the 8th June, 1917.

The following Members were present:—
Councillors - Daniel Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - Edward Byrne, P. J. Carey, E. C. Walsh, J. W. Reigh, Joseph McCarroll, J. V. Gahan, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Michael Kelly, William Byrne (Kilmurry), Morgan Travers, William Byrne (Coolbeg), William Halligan, Thomas Burke, Joseph Dunne, John Storey, William Osborne, John J. Reilly, John J. Nealy, Martin Langton, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), E. J. Byrne, D. J. Cogan, and Tobias Kinsella.

Business.

- 1.—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2.—To elect a Chairman.
- 3.—To elect a Vice-Chairman.
- 4.—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 5.—To appoint a duly qualified Assistant Surveyor, in accordance with the Council's advertisement, for the District rendered vacant by the death of Mr. John Pansing.
- 6.—To receive Tenders for such Waste Paper as the County Council may have at their disposal for Sale.
- 7.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 8.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 9.—To consider Official correspondence.
- 10.—To consider General Correspondence.

The Chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

On the motion of Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), the Secretary was directed to incorporate in the Minutes of this day's Meeting a Copy of the Memorial forwarded to the President of the Board of Trade by the Council, petitioning the Government to take over the control and management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

The Memorial in question is as follows:—

In the Matter of

The Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway and the County Councils of the County of Dublin and County of Wicklow.

To:—The Right Honourable Arthur Stanley, President of the Board of Trade, Whitehall, London.

The Memorial of Wicklow County Council SHEWETH:—

- 1.—That your Memorialists are part Guarantors for the maintenance of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway and are desirous that your Honourable Board, acting on behalf of the Government, should take over this Light Railway in like manner as has been done with the Railway System, including other Light Railways and Tramways, in Ireland.
- 2.—That although this line is termed a "Tramway" under the Order in Council by which it was established, it is in every sense of the word a "Light Railway." It would not have been termed a Tramway but for the fact that it was constructed under the Tramways (Ireland) Act, 1883, and that the Pro-

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motors desired that the traffic connected with it should pass over the lines of the Dublin Tramways, the Acts of Parliament connected with which stipulated that no "railway wagon" should run over the Company's lines. For this reason it was termed a "Tramway," so that its wagons might be called "Tramway Wagons."

3.—That the line is the standard Irish Main Line Railway Gauge, 5' 3". The Rails are flat-bottomed Railway Section Rails on sleepers laid on ballast according to the Standard Railway Construction. The line is operated by Steam both for passengers and goods. The traffic is conducted by trains. Passenger trains consist of a steam locomotive and any number of cars up to five, according to traffic requirements. The Goods trains consist of a steam locomotive and any number of wagons up to twenty.

4.—That the line starts from the Terenure Terminus of the Dublin United Tramways Company, to which it is connected for the purpose of goods traffic only, and runs for a distance of 15½ miles to the town of Blessington in the County of Wicklow. An extension 4½ miles long was made in 1895 to Poulaphouca, the extension being the property of another and distinct Company, namely, the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Company, but the extension is worked by the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company's Rolling Stock. The outer termination of the joint lines is, therefore, twenty miles from Terenure and 23½ miles from the City Tramway Terminus, and is the only means of communication for passengers and goods for the district through which it passes. A reference to the map will show that the line lies geographically midway, approximately, between the Great Southern and Western Railway Main Line and the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Main Line, but it is so far from each of these lines that the District served by the undertaking cannot be served by either of the two lines mentioned.

5.—That the returns of the Company show that over 45 o/o of the Company's gross receipts are obtained from the carriage of cattle, minerals and general merchandise.

6.—That from the foregoing it will be seen that the Company is not a Tramway, but is a Light Railway in every sense, and the only means the District possesses for the conveyance of the residents and their goods. There are two Military Camps situated on the line, namely, Kilbride Camp, which is convenient to the Brittas Station on the line, and the Glen of Inaal Artillery Camp, situated some short distance from the Poulaphouca Terminus. The line carries to Brittas Camp all the meat and general provisions required by the troops stationed there. It also conveys the various drafts of men to and from the Camp. During the last year the management had on several occasions to alter their regular running arrangements in order to provide special military trains. It might be added that the War Department of the Government, acting through the Road Board, recently expended a large sum of money amounting to about £4,000 in constructing the road leading from the Brittas Station on this line to the Kilbride Camp in order to facilitate the movement and provisioning of the troops stationed there. Your Memorialists are also informed that the Government have purchased a large wood in this District and that they contemplate bringing the timber into the City over this line.

7.—That situated at a point about ten miles from the City there are quarries known as the De Selby Quarries. These are Whinstone Quarries, and from them almost all the macadam is procured for the upkeep of the roads in this portion of the County Dublin, in the Blackrock Urban District, in the Kingstown Urban District, and in certain parts of the City of Dublin. The working capacity of these quarries is about 25,000 tons per annum. The roads maintained by the stone from these quarries are largely used by Military transports, and the only means of conveyance from the quarry is this Light Railway.

8.—That situated at Blessington are two large sand pits, with a capacity of about 10,000 tons of sand per annum, and this sand is largely used for building operations in Dublin.

9.—That there is a considerable timber traffic from Poulaphouca which is carried over the line direct to the Dock side at Ringsend, from whence it is shipped to England for pit-props.

10.—That the line being connected with the Dublin United Tramways at Terenure enables coal to be conveyed direct from the Dockside at Ringsend to all the Stations on the line without any change of wagons, the only change needed being the substitution of steam locomotives for the electric locomotives which haul the traffic over the city lines.

11.—That the line carries outwards all the requirements of the Farmers resident in the portions of the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow served by it, such as artificial manures, seed for tillage, farm implements, flour, and general goods; and inwards it carries corn, potatoes, wool, cattle and sheep. The cattle are conveyed direct into the City Cattle Markets over the City lines without change of wagons.

12.—That the Blessington and Poulaphouca Company who work the extension from Blessington to Poulaphouca have already memorialised you that the extension should be taken over by the Government, and in their Memorial have pointed out that unless this be done the Blessington and Poulaphouca Company have no alternative but to close their section. Such a result would mean a loss of about £800 per year to the Dublin and Blessington undertaking, and the residents of the District surrounding the extension would be deprived of any means of transit for themselves, their agricultural produce and their stock.

13.—That the Treasury, under the Act of 1883, contribute £800 per year to the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Undertaking, and also contribute, in pursuance of Section 58 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. Your Memorialists might mention that the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow each guarantee 5 o/o interest on £20,000 of the capital of the undertaking, and that by virtue of an Order in Council issued in August, 1916, the line has become vested in the two County Councils and hence the status of the Wicklow County Council in presenting this Memorial.

14.—That the position in this case is exactly similar to that which existed in the case of the West Clare Railway which has been taken over by the Government. In fact, our case is stronger, as the Dublin and Blessington gauge is standard main line, whereas the West Clare is narrow gauge. The Dublin and Blessington line can at any time be used by Main Line Wagons, because, although it does not directly touch any Main Line Railway, the trains can get on to the Main Lines through our connection with the Dublin Tramways—the Irish Railway gauge, the Dublin Tramway Company's, and the Blessington Tramway Company's gauge being identical.

15.—That since the outbreak of War and the attendant economic conditions considerable difficulty has been and is being experienced in running the line, and a heavy burden has been thrown on the ratepayers of the guaranteeing areas in both the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow in consequence.

YOUR MEMORIALISTS therefore pray that this line, being of great Military and strategic value, in addition to the reasons aforesaid, it should be taken over by the Government in the same manner as other Railways have already been taken over.

Dated this 14th day of May, 1917.

DANIEL CONDREN, Chairman of the County Council of Wicklow.

SIMON J. DOYLE, Secretary of the County Council of Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor Daniel Condren be, and he is hereby, elected Chairman of the Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—That Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg) be, and he is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman of the Wicklow County 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 8th June, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors J. McCarroll, D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), E. C. Walsh, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and E. J. Byrne.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS SCHEME.

Ten applications were received from Candidates for the University Scholarships offered by the County Council for the year 1917-18. After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the following Applications, and recommend the Council to approve of their admission to the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on July 3rd, 1917, and following days, in University College, Dublin:—

Ethel O'Kelly, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin.

Edward Mulligan, Coolgreany Road, Arklow.

James Joseph Phelan, Aughrim.

Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.

Bridget Murphy, Beresford Terrace, Arklow.

Patrick Joseph Murphy, Kilmurray, Delgany.

Bridget Veronica Turley, Ferrybank, Arklow.

Patrick Joseph Kavanagh, Wicklow.

Joseph Thomas Byrne, Bridge Street, Wicklow.

(Signed)

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

8th June, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Sheets, and request the Commissioners of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly. Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement, published in the "Irish Times," "Irish Independent," and the "Freeman's Journal," for an Assistant Surveyor, and also the names and addresses of the twenty applicants who applied for the position.

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR WANTED.

The County Council of the County of Wicklow will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Friday, 8th June, 1917, consider Applications from suitable Candidates and proceed to appoint a duly qualified person to fill the position of Assistant Surveyor under that body.

The person appointed must satisfy the Council that he is not more than 35 years of age, and that he possesses all the qualifications prescribed by the Local Government Board's Order, dated 31st March, 1913. (The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.) He must be prepared to reside at whatever place, within the County, the Council may require, and to immediately take up his duties after the appointment has been sanctioned as aforesaid. He must be a whole-time officer, giving all his time to the services of the Council, and he will be required to inspect and report upon all roads and works within the district now vacant and which will be assigned to him by the County Surveyor. Further, he shall be held liable to inspect and report upon roads and works outside said district when so instructed by the Finance Committee of the Council.

The salary attaching to the appointment is £156 per annum, together with an allowance of £24 per annum for the use, fuel, oil, and maintenance of a motor-bicycle, which is to be provided by the person appointed at his own expense, and by him, at all times, maintained in good order, and to be used in the discharge of his duties.

The salary and allowance mentioned are to cover all expenses of postage and travelling incurred by the Assistant Surveyor in the discharge of his duties.

Applications, in registered letter, stating age of candidate, accompanied by testimonials, and certificates as to qualifications should be addressed to "S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, Courthouse, Wicklow," and should reach him not later than 5th June, 1917.

(By Order),

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow, 16th May, 1917.

On a poll being taken, the Council voted as follows:—

For Michael W. Doran—Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly), D. J. Cogan, J. J. Reilly, John Storey and John J. Healy—5.

For C. R. Walshe—Councillor E. C. Walsh—1.

For Pansing—Councillors James Byrne (Ballinderry) and Joseph McCarroll—2.

For Patrick J. Foley—Councillors D. Condren, Wm. Osborne, M. Langton, J. W. Reigh, Tobias Kinsella, Joseph Dunne, Thomas Burke, Michael Kelly, J. V. Gahan, E. J. Byrne, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurry), Wm. Halligan, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Morgan Travers—16.

The Chairman thereupon declared Mr. Patrick J. Foley elected.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the application of Mr. Patrick Joseph Foley, B.E., Old Leighlin House, Leighlinbridge, Co. Carlow, for appointment to the position of Assistant Surveyor, on the conditions mentioned in the published advertisement, and on the terms therein stated, be hereby accepted, subject to the Local Government Board's approval of his qualifications, and that he take up the duties of the position as soon as notified to do so by the County Surveyor. Passed.

The Secretary stated he had just been informed that Mr. William J. MacPhail, the temporary Assistant Surveyor, had met with an accident.

The Council ordered that Mr. Patrick J. Foley, B.E., be appointed to discharge the duties at the same rate of payment as Mr. MacPhail pending the sanction of his permanent appointment by the Local Government Board.

The Secretary read the following advertisement published in the "Irish Times," "Irish Independent," and the "Freeman's Journal," inviting Tenders for such Waste Paper as the Council may have at their disposal for sale, and also the following four Tenders received in reply:—

- (1) M. Duan and Co., 8 South Princes Street, Dublin, who offered 10s. per cwt.
- (2) P. M. Barrett, Croom, Co. Limerick, who offered £6 per ton.
- (3) P. O'Reilly, Ltd., 64 Great Strand Street, Dublin, who offered £8 10s. per ton for Books with good old Ledger paper, and £5 10s. 0d. per ton for office waste, old forms, etc.
- (4) S. Irwin and Son, 121 Upper Abbey Street, Dublin, who offered 9s. 6d. per cwt.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
WASTE PAPER FOR SALE.

The above Council is prepared to receive offers for the Purchase of a quantity of Waste Paper that they are in a position to dispose of. Such offers should provide for the packing and removal of same. Applications will be received by me up to 12 o'clock noon on Thursday, the 7th June, 1917.

By Order,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to the County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

25th May, 1917.

The Council accepted the Tender of M. Duan and Co. at 10s. per cwt., in accordance with the terms of the advertisement, it being the highest received.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
4th day of June, 1917.

To the County Council, Wicklow.

Gentlemen—

An application has been made by Mr. John Deans, Glenealy, for permission to erect a temporary Weighbridge on the grass margin on the side of the road near Kippure.

I have enquired into this matter and consider that if the weighbridge is placed with its longest dimension parallel to the road no obstruction will be caused to the traffic.

Some considerable quantities of timber will be conveyed over these roads around Kippure, and, as I understand the Home-Grown Timber Committee (Ireland), 6 Hume Street, Dublin, are the parties responsible for this traffic, I have communicated with this Committee requesting them to have these roads strengthened before they are cut up by the extraordinary traffic.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Permission given, notice to be served on the Applicant that parties waiting to have Timber weighed are not to obstruct the thoroughfare.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted.

No. 27341/1917. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th May, 1917.—Enclosing Copy of the Parliament and Local Elections Act, 1917, which further postpones, for one year, the term of office of existing County Councillors.

2nd June, 1917. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. Wm. Byrne, of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1917. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the election of Mr. William Halligan, Baltyboys, Blessington, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

2nd June, 1917. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Telegram notifying the re-election of Mr. John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1917. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—intimating that the Annual Meeting of his Council fell through on that date, a sufficient number of Councillors not being in attendance to form a quorum.

2nd June, 1917. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—intimating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., Muskeagh, Tinahely, has been appointed to represent that District Council on the County Council for the ensuing year.

5th June, 1917. From Elijah Somers, Killegar, Enniskerry—asking the Council's sanction to his erecting a Hay Shed in his own yard inside the road wall.

Order.—Allowed.

2nd June, 1917. From Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow—enclosing letters from the Department of Agriculture on the question of Forestry, and stating that if the County Council supplies the Funds a Forestry Scheme will be carried out by his Committee.

Order.—Referred to the Finance Committee for Report.

Daniel Condren
20/8/17

WICKLOW

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 20th August, 1917.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors—John J. Healy, John Storey, Joseph Dunne, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Tobias Kinsella, E. C. Walsh, D. J. Coogan, E. J. Byrne, and Edward Byrne.

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 for payment 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 Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To consider a Report from the Roads Committee, constituted by the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 14th May, 1917.
- 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 an Estimate from the County Local War Pensions, &c., Committee, pursuant to the Provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917, to provide the Administrative Expenses of the said Local Committee for the period of the current financial year, commencing 17th May, 1917, and ending 31st March, 1918.
- 11—To appoint a Representative to act on a deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer, with reference to the Capitation Grants in aid of the Maintenance of Lunatics in the District Asylums of Ireland.
- 12—To re-appoint the County Old Age Pensions Committee for the ensuing three years.
- 13—To appoint the Councils' moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for Newcastle Dispensary District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1917.
- 14—To consider suggestions for, and to approve of, a Scheme for the hiring out of the County Council's Road Engines for Threshing purposes.
- 15—To consider an application to be made by Terence Doyle, Esq., Solicitor, Tullow, on behalf of certain Road Contractors in the County, for some relief in respect of their Contracts, owing to the difficulty in providing labour and other circumstances arising out of the War.
- 16—To receive a Deputation in support of an application from the County Insurance Committee for a Grant under the National Insurance Act, 1911, and the Tuberculosis Act, 1908, towards the cost of treatment of persons suffering from Tuberculosis.
- 17—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 29th May, 1917, when the following Members were present:—
Councillor D. Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

A letter was submitted from Messrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick and Sons, Saw Mills, Kilcock, Co. Kildare, in reply to the Council's letter relative to the damage done to the road from The Lamb Station to Tinode by their Timber traffic.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor for Report.

A letter, dated 22nd May, 1917, was submitted from Samuel Roche, Solicitor, Tullow, in which he claimed a sum of £7 10s. 0d. damages alleged to have been caused by overhanging trees on the high road between Coolkenno and Gowle Hill to the roof of a Van, the property of his client, Mr. William Morrissey, of Graigue-na-spiddogue. Further, he stated that his Client repeatedly warned Mr. Boyd, the Assistant Surveyor, as to the dangerous condition of these trees.

Order.—Mr. Gallagher to investigate the Claim, and place himself in a position to support the Insurance Company in their defence of the Claim.

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A letter was also submitted, dated 26th May, 1917, from Messrs. Coyle and Co. (Brokers) Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin, stating that Third-Party Insurance Policy No. 871, taken out by the Council through their Firm, would undoubtedly apply to an incident such as that complained of by Mr. Roche, Solicitor, in his letter to the Council of 22nd May, 1917.

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The usual Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 26th June, 1917, when the following Members were present.—
Councillor William Byrne, Presiding Chairman; Councillors, John Storey, Joseph McCarroll, and E. C. Walsh.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

In accordance with instructions, I communicated with the Ford Company regarding the erection of Direction Posts supplied by this Company. The direction arms appear to be of satisfactory type, and I recommend that the offer of the Ford Company be accepted on the following terms:—

1. The Ford Company to supply the Sign Posts wholly complete, and ready for erection, carriage paid to the Railway Station nearest to the site.
2. That the Direction Posts be erected by the County Council, and where the cost of carting the posts to the site and the erection thereon exceeds £1, that the Ford Company defray the additional cost.
3. That the distances to be marked on the Direction Posts be submitted to me for approval.
4. That the Ford Company defray all cost of renewing any direction arms which may, at any time, be defaced or damaged.

A Clause in the G. J. Act of 1836 debars the County Council from expending more than £20 in any year for such purpose. The propriety of expending public money on the erection and maintenance of these Posts, which, although of undoubted public benefit, are, nevertheless, an advertisement of a particular Manufacturer of Motor Car, is one which rests with your discretion.

I submit the reply of the Ford Company to my letter of enquiry.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

1st June, 1917.

Order—The Committee recommend the County Council to give permission to Messrs. Ford and Company for the erection of Direction Posts, subject to the provision that the sole cost of erection and maintenance be defrayed by the Company, and that an Agreement be entered into on behalf of the Company protecting the Council's interests.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 12th May, 1917, from the Acting Secretary, the Gaelic League, 25 Parnell Square, Dublin, asking the Council to grant the permission required by the Ford Motor Co. on condition that the Notices on the Finger Posts be in Irish as well as in English.

No Order.

The Secretary submitted the following letter from the County Surveyor, relative to Timber Traffic on Road No. 11 Naas No. 2 Rural District, Tinode to County Kildare Bounds:—

Court House, Wicklow,
19th June, 1917.

Dear Sir,—

In reference to Mr. Kirkpatrick's letter herewith returned. The Assistant Surveyor reports:—

- 1.—That up to this the carting is over 120 perches on the Eastern end of the road, and is of sufficient quantity to cut the road.
- 2.—The Timber is not all carted through the fields, but is drawn to the road, and then carted over the road.
- 3.—Some of the logs are one foot diameter.
- 4.—The whole wood, which extends along the full length (252 pers.) of the S.E. side of the road, has been felled.
- 5.—The estimated cost of putting the road in repair (i.e.—extra metal and labour) to 6th inst., is £15.

However, I have directed the Assistant Surveyor to ascertain the actual quantity put out by the Contractor, and when I have obtained this information I will communicate with you.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Adjourned, awaiting further information.

Court House,
Wicklow,
19th June, 1917.

Dear Sir—

DAMAGE TO MR. MORRISSEY'S SLEEPING VAN.

In reference to Mr. Roche's letter, re above, the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Boyd, reports:—

- 1.—That about 5th September, 1916, Mr. Morrissey complained to him at Tinahely that his Van had been damaged by overhanging trees. Mr. Morrissey led Mr. Boyd to believe that the damage occurred on the road No. 27, Shillelagh (Boley Bridge to 3 roads on Coolkenno), and the Branch to Shillelagh-Tullow Road. Mr. Boyd examined this road on his next inspection, and could not find any trees likely to cause the damage complained of.
- 2.—The occasion referred to was the only time Mr. Morrissey complained of any trees, and this, Mr. Boyd emphatically states, was after the alleged injury to the Van.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Submitted.

The Secretary submitted the following further letter from the County Surveyor:—

Court House,
Wicklow,
23rd June, 1917.

Dear Sir—

I received enclosed letter this morning from Mr. Robke regarding defective wheels on trucks used for hauling Timber over Bray-Wicklow Road. I saw Mr. Sheane this morning, and requested him not to use these trucks on the road. He informed me he was having the defective wheels removed. I am writing to him. I think it would be advisable that Mr. Rooke's letter be brought before the Finance Committee, as it may be necessary to take legal proceedings, should Mr. Sheane persist in using these defective wheels.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Consideration postponed.

A letter, dated 11th June, 1917, was read from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, stating that the case of the County Council v. Laurence Brady and Others (Naas No. 2 Rural District) has been adjourned.

The Secretary submitted a further letter, dated 12th June, 1917, from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, in which he stated that, by direction of the County Surveyor, a supplemental case has been sent Junior Counsel for Opinion, relative to the damage caused by the repeated bursting of the Dublin Corporation's Water Mains on the Bray-Wicklow Road.

Order—The Committee recommend that in future no Legal Proceedings be instituted without the authority of the Finance Committee, or of the Co. Council, or by direction of the Secretary, and in no case without a written authority over the signature of the Secretary.

(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee held their Quarterly Meeting on Tuesday, the 31st July, 1917, when the following Councillors were present:—
Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, E. I. Byrne and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

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	...	...	...	7731	2	11
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	...	772	12	3		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	12	13	5	785	5
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	...	285	13	1		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	19	9	3	305	2
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	...	480	1	5		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	32	1	5	512	2
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	...	1760	4	3		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	274	19	8	2035	3
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	...	483	5	6		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	66	14	0	549	19
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...				38	13
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...				16	5
Transfer from Loan Account to Subsidiary Account	...				125	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)	...				1561	17
Transfer to Credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)	...				775	10

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	...	1038	0
Naas	...	240	10
Rathdown	...	1370	10
Rathdrum	...	2321	0
Shillelagh	...	1055	0
Total	...	£6625	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	...	480	10
Naas No. 2	...	153	5
Rathdown No. 2	...	1021	10
Rathdrum	...	1117	0
Shillelagh	...	695	0
Total	...	£3467	5

A Supplementary Application for refund of Irrecoverable Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1917, was submitted from Collector Patrick Mulligan. The Committee recommend that the sum of £10 10s. 11d. be refunded this Collector, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Registrar of University College, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, dated 25th July, 1917, containing the results of the Special Examination conducted by the University Authorities in connection with the applicants for Scholarships under the County Council's Scheme.

Having considered the letter, and the terms of the Scheme, the Committee recommend the following three Students for Scholarships, viz:— Ethel O'Kelly, 26 Upper Mount Street, Dublin; Bridget Murphy, 9 Beresford Terrace, Arklow; Bridget V. Turley, Ferrybank, Arklow; and they recommend Edward Mulligan, 21 Coolgreany Road, Arklow, for the Bursary awarded under the Scheme.

The Committee considered an Estimate of Administrative Expenses sent up from the Local War Pensions, etc., Committee for the County of Wicklow to cover the period from 17th May, 1917, to 31st March, 1918, in accordance with the Provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimate as submitted, the total amount being £220 10s. 0d., of which two-thirds will be refunded by the Treasury.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

(1)—I beg to inform you that, by invitation of the Secretary to the Timber Supplies Department (Board of Trade) I, on the 9th inst., attended at the Dublin Offices of the Department to confer with the Controller of Timber Supplies (Mr. Ball) regarding the damage caused to roads in Ireland by timber haulage, having special regard to the roads from Kippure to Brittas, over which some haulage is to take place for the Timber Supplies Department. The Controller proposed to compensate the County Council for the extra cost of maintenance caused by this extraordinary traffic by paying a sum of 4d. per ton per mile for all timber drawn over these roads when such timber is drawn for the use, etc., of the Timber Supplies Department. At the same time the

Department disclaimed all liability for damage caused by this traffic. As I considered that these roads would not bear haulage by motor or other mechanical traction the Department offered to confine all haulage to horse-drawn vehicles. As the roads in question are weak, bye, and mountain roads the extent of the damage likely to be caused by hauling 1,000 tons over them is very problematical, and, from previous experience on better class roads, I fear the damage will be greater than the proposed 4d. per ton per mile would cover. I can inform you of the manner in which the Home Grown Timber Committee dealt with a road in another County damaged by timber traffic. It would appear, from letter headings in my possession, that the present Timber Supplies Department (Board of Trade) evolved from the Home Grown Timber Committee. The Timber Supplies Department declined to consider the question of damage to roads caused by timber drawn by private persons, even where such timber was drawn for the use of Government controlled Railways, Mines, etc.

(2)—An opening in a parapet wall, forming a road fence has been made without the authority of a presentment, and without my permission. I wrote to the occupier of the land fenced by said wall, and for whose use the opening was made, requiring him to restore the wall where disturbed. As this has not been done and the occupier states there is no other means of obtaining access to this plot, I request that the matter be dealt with by your Solicitor.

(3)—It will be necessary to obtain another quarry on the Bray-Wicklow Road. The occupier of the land where the proposed quarry is situated is a judicial tenant, and is quite willing to allow the Council to use the quarry on a payment of so much per cubic yard, but as he has been formally warned by his landlord that he is not to allow the Council to use the quarry, he feels that he cannot enter into any arrangement without the consent of the landlord. As the landlord appears to place an extravagant value on the stone I consider that the only course is to obtain compulsory powers to enter the quarry.

(4)—Certain waggons are being used for timber haulage on the Bray-Wicklow Road, and the Resident Engineer reports that the wheels of these waggons are so badly fitted that undue wear and damage is caused to the road. I have requested the Resident Engineer to have the wheels examined by an expert wheelwright, and to keep an account of the cost of repairing the road. This is a matter which should be dealt with under legal advice as it does not appear to me to be within the scope of the Roads' Act, 1911.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Paragraph 1. Order—Referred to Secretary and County Surveyor to advise as to the best course to adopt.

Paragraph 2. Order—Referred to Rathdrum Rural District Council for consideration and report.

Paragraph 3. Order—Referred to Solicitor for Report.

Paragraph 4. Order—The Solicitor to write to the responsible parties.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 12th July, 1917, from James McDonald, Main Street, Rathdrum, with reference to an opening into his plot in the wall adjoining the County Road near Rathdrum, in which opening he states he proposed to put a substantial gate with granite built piers; and also a letter from the County Surveyor, dated 21st July, 1917, in connection with same.

See Order on Paragraph 2 of the County Surveyor's Report.

A letter dated 22nd May, 1917, was submitted from the Manager, Balmoral Industrial School, Balmoral, Belfast, enclosing a Form of Agreement he would like the County Council to enter into in connection with his School.

The Committee do not see any necessity for an Agreement as the Council are already contributing 3s. 6d. per week per child committed from County Wicklow to this Institution.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 23rd April, 1917, from the Manager, St. Joseph's Industrial School, Letterfrack, Co. Galway, claiming payment of a sum of £21 13s. 2d. for the maintenance of a boy named John Burns for the period from 5th August, 1910, to 1st October, 1914, on which latter date the Council began to make their contributions on his behalf.

As this claim is Statute barred, the Committee cannot recommend the Council to re-open the question.

17th July, 1917. From T. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing a letter from the Solicitors for the Marquis of Downshire asking for certain information relative to the Tramway Rate in Naas No. 2 Rural District.

Order—Noted.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

There is a general movement in Naas No. 2 Rural District to induce the Ratepayers there to pay no Rates. Their view appears to be that the Government, having taken over the management and control of the Blessington Steam Tramway, the Rates struck by the Wicklow County Council for the current financial year to meet its liabilities under the Grand Jury's Presentment Guaranteeing Dividend and Surplus working expenses to the Company, should be paid by the Treasury. This, I regret to say, is not the case, and your Rates, as struck, I am advised, and believe, must be collected. If not the County's contribution to Naas Union, to Naas No. 2 Rural District, cannot be financed by the County Council, neither can the Road Contractors in that part of the County be paid until funds are provided to meet these expenses.

By my direction three test cases were brought before the Petty Sessions Court in Blessington, and came on for hearing yesterday, the 30th inst. when the further hearing was adjourned for a month, on the application of the Defendant's Solicitor. At my suggestion, the matter being urgent, the Council's Solicitor attended the Court, and argued the case on behalf of the Collector, and this was done with the concurrence of the Chairman, whom I consulted on the subject.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON J. DOYLE.

Secretary.

31st July, 1917.

Order—Noted.

The Secretary submitted correspondence from the Irish National Foresters, Wicklow, and from the Urban District Council, Wicklow, referred to the Committee by the Council, containing complaints in connection with the Wicklow County Infirmary.

The Committee recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board to give the County Council a representation on the Joint Committee of Management proportionate to their annual contribution.

A Deputation from the County Wicklow Insurance Committee made an application to the Committee to recommend a contribution towards the Funds of the Insurance Committee, which, from one cause or another, will be unable to meet the expenditure of that body for the current financial year, unless they abandon the Scheme of Domiciliary Treatment hitherto carried on by them.

The Committee made no recommendation on the subject.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 20th August, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), E. J. Byrne, E. C. Walsh and D. Condren.

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals £832 5 4

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 18th August, 1917, from the Registrar, University College, 86 Stephen's Green, Dublin—reporting upon the progress made during the past Scholastic Year by the holders of the Scholarships under the Council's Scheme during the past year. Six of these Scholarships were open for renewal, and in respect of all these Students the Registrar reported that their attendance and conduct had been most satisfactory.

Order.—Renewals recommended as follow:—

Miss Annie T. Balfé.
Mr. William E. Fogarty.
Mr. John Duffy.
Mr. John Gleeson.
Mr. Nicholas J. Lawler.
Mr. John P. Dunne.

A letter was submitted from Mr. John Byrne, Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture—stating that if the Council could see their way to provide the necessary funds, the Committee would be prepared to carry out a Forestry Scheme, such as outlined in a circular letter and memorandum forwarded by the Department of Agriculture.

Order.—Deferred to next Meeting.

(Signed),
D. J. COGAN,

20th August, 1917. Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted. 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 E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large amounting to £7,731 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 Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £785 5s. 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 Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £305 2s. 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 John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £512 2s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £2,035 3s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £549 19s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor John J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £38 13s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 5s. 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 Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment out of Loan Account, amounting to £125 (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals amounting to £832 5s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor John J. Healy. 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 PROPOSALS COMMITTEE AND FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS:

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The First Meeting of the Roads Committee, constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 14th May, 1917, was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 31st July, 1917.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
21st day of July, 1917.

TO THE ROADS COMMITTEE OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, WICKLOW.

GENTLEMEN—

I recommend that proceedings be authorized to be taken under Section 17 of the G. J. Act, 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, against the Contractors for the following roads, which are wholly or partly neglected:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R.D.—

Road No. 114—547 perches, Rathduff more to Ballycoyle Upper 3 roads, etc.

Road No. 118—680 perches, Spynans 3 roads to Brusselstown 3 roads, etc.

Road No. 121—107 perches, Slivecorragh to Broughalshill.

Road No. 132—608 perches, Rustyduff 3 roads to War Dept. bounds at Ballineddan, etc.

RATHDRUM R.D.

No. 35—1,225 perches, Derrybawn Bridge to Newcastle Barony Bounds at Glenwood.

No. 51—1,090 perches, Ballinacash 3 roads to Moneymeen crossroads, etc.

No. 87—1,470 perches, Aughavannagh to Macreddin and Inchnagrush.

No. 106—238 perches, Milltown Crossroads to Ballybeg Crossroads.

No. 128—910 perches, Bahana (Whaley) bounds to Greenane Crossroads.

No. 171A—887 perches, Clohoge Brook to Sallygap.

SHILLELAGH R.D.—

No. 13—1,300 perches, Killacloran Crossroads to Coolalug Gate, etc.

No. 65—306 perches, Kilpipe 3 roads to 3 roads at Mr. Kavanagh's, Kilpipe.

No. 72—713 perches, Tomacork 3 roads to Cronyhorn Crossroads, etc.

I recommend that Authority be granted under Sec. 54 of the G. J. Act, 1836, to enter on Road No. 58, 1,131 perches, Tinahely to Whiterock (Shillelagh R.D.), and as the Contractor for this road has died, and his representatives do not appear capable of attending to the road (which is now subject to very heavy traffic) I consider that the County Council should formally cancel this contract. With a view to this, I have requested the R. D. Council to formulate a proposal for a fresh contract on this road.

Road No. 72, 713 perches, Tomacork to Cronyhorn, Shillelagh Rural District.

This road having been taken at an improvident price, action under Sec. 54, G. J. Act of 1836, would be useless.

Therefore I consider that the Contractor should be compelled to put the road into reasonably good order and that the County Council should then formally cancel the Contract.

On this road I have requested the R.D. Council to formulate a proposal for a fresh Contract.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

The Secretary was directed to notify the Contractors and their Sureties (with the two undermentioned exceptions) in Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh Rural Districts, that Legal Proceedings would be instituted against them, if they failed, within a month from the receipt of the Notice, to put their Roads into a condition of repair satisfactory to the County Surveyor. The two exceptions mentioned are Road No. 106, in Rathdrum Rural District, in connection with which the County Surveyor was authorised to serve a Ten-Day Notice, and the Council is recommended to cancel the Contract; and Road No. 58, in Shillelagh Rural District, in connection with which a similar Order was made.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Report from the Roads Committee be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

15th day of August, 1917.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Quarterly Meeting, 20th August, 1917.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that on three roads, viz., No. 106, 238 perches, Rathdrum; No. 58, 1,131 perches, and No. 72, 713 perches, in Shillelagh, I recommended the District Councils to formulate fresh proposals, although contracts already exist on these roads. As the Contractors for these roads are neglecting their contracts, I recommend that the contracts be cancelled under the provisions of Clause 3 of the Specification, and that the roads be placed in my charge up to the 30th September, after which the new proposals will come into operation.

This course is necessary, as the amounts which would be available for expenditure after cancelling the contracts would be insufficient to keep the roads until the next Quarterly Meeting.

No adjourned Meeting took place in Rathdrum owing to the non-attendance of a quorum, but I understand no tenders were received for the works proposed.

Also, no tenders were received for two roads in Shillelagh, nor for a work in Baltinglass No. 1 and a work in Rathdown No. 2.

I recommend that all roads and works not tendered for be placed in my charge.

In Baltinglass No. 1 a road and a work were tendered for, and contracts accepted, but I understand the Provisional Contracts and tenders are irregular; therefore the best course would be to refer them back to the R. D. Council (as provided in Clause 25, par. 2, of the Order No. 43—Procedure of Councils Order) and place the road in my charge pending the further consideration of the matter by the R. D. Council.

I remain,

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Nil.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R.D.:

As the Tender accepted by the District Council in connection with Road No. 57 in the District Register, 260 perches, was irregular, the Council referred same back to the District Council, and placed the road in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £4.

Work No. 58 in District Register—a double gullet at Woodfield—was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £20 0s. 0d.

As the Tender accepted by the District Council in connection with Work No. 59 in District Register—damaged gullet at Ballinabarney Gap—the Council referred the work back to the District Council.

NAAS No. 2 R.D.:

Nil.

RATHDOWN No. 2 R.D.:

Work No. 533 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £12 10s. 0d.

Contract for Work No. 532 in District Register, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM R.D.:

Road No. 67 in District Register, 238 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £11 18s. 0d.

Road No. 68 in District Register, 1,081 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £54 1s. 0d.

Work No. 69 in District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £70.

The Contract for Road No. 463 in District Register, 238 perches, Contractor Peter Kenny, Glenealy (taken at February Quarterly Meeting, 1915), was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor, and the road was given into his charge until 30th September, 1917, expenditure on same not to exceed £5 4s. 4d.

SHILLELAGH R.D.:

The Contract for Road No. 192 in the District Register, 1,131 perches, Contractor John Toole, Whiterock, Tinahely (taken at February Quarterly Meeting, 1914), was cancelled at the request of the County Surveyor, and the road was given into his charge until 30th September, 1917, expenditure on same not to exceed £53 0s. 6d.

Road No. 287 in the District Register, 1,381 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £69 1s. 0d.

Road No. 288 in the District Register, 1,131 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £169 13s. 0d.

The Council rejected the Contract entered into by the District Council with Thomas Southern, Cronyhorn, Carnew, in respect of Road No. 289 in District Register, 713 perches, and referred the road back to the District Council to be brought forward at their next Quarterly Meeting.

It was proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy:—That the Contract No. 72, District Register No. 160 in Shillelagh Rural District, 713 perches, Tomacork to Cronyhorn Crossroads, be cancelled, and given in charge of the County Surveyor from this date to the 30th September, 1917.

As an Amendment, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne, and Resolved—That Contract No. 72, District Register No. 160, Shillelagh Rural District, 713 perches, be not cancelled.

On a show of hands the Amendment was declared carried by four votes to three.

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

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we now sign and Seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a Sealed Order from the Local Government Board, dated 17th August, 1917, No. 42,399/1917, extending, from the 15th August, 1917, to the 31st August, 1917, the period within which a Special Meeting of the County Council might be held to consider the Estimate by the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee, under the Naval and Military War Pensions, Etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Estimate of Administrative Expenses under the Naval and Military War Pensions, Etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917, submitted as approved and adopted by the County Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee at its Meeting held on the 27th July, 1917, and amounting in all for the unexpired balance of the current Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918, to a sum of £220 10s. 0d., and that we hereby authorise the Common Seal of the Council to be affixed to the said Estimate under authority of special Sealed Order issued by the Local Government Board, No. 42,399/1917, dated 17th August, 1917. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor D. J. Cogan be appointed to represent the County Council on a Deputation to wait upon the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer with reference to the Capitation Grants in aid of the Maintenance of Lunatics in the District Asylums of Ireland. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That all the Members of the County Council for the time being be re-appointed to constitute the County Old Age Pensions Committee for the ensuing three years. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That the following be appointed as the Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Newcastle for the three years commencing 1st October, 1917:—

Rev. N. Russell, C.C., Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.

John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, do.

William Fenelon, Kildea, do.

R. W. Condell, Warble Bank, do.

Thomas Byrne, Killadreenan, do.

Passed.

The Council referred the question of drafting a suitable scheme for the Hiring-out of the County Council's Road Engines for Threshing purposes to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Mr. Terence Doyle, Solicitor, Tullow, appeared before the Council on behalf of a number of Contractors, and pointed out to the Council that these Contractors were seriously affected by the high prices of all the necessities of life, and the difficulty of procuring labour owing to the War, and that it became necessary for them to request the Council to consider their present position, and, if possible, to grant them some relief in respect to their contracts.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That owing to the difficulties involved the County Council are unable to sanction any formal alteration of the contracts, but that, having regard to the increased cost of labour and materials generally, the County Surveyor be empowered to take these questions into consideration when determining the money to be withheld on account of the short or late supply of material, particular attention to be paid to the condition of the road and to each contractor's record; and further, that any contractor who holds a contract, running for at least two years, may find himself unable to complete same be at liberty to surrender same on the 1st April, 1918, subject always to the consent of the County Council and Local Government Board, and to that of the Council of the Rural District in which the road is situate, provided that notice of the intention to do so be given by registered post and received by the County Surveyor not later than 1st day of December, 1917.

The Council, however, do not bind themselves to accept a surrender of any contract unless upon the March inspection the road is found in thorough and proper repair to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Passed.

Messrs. Bateman (Chairman), Geoghegan, Everett, and O'Reilly (Secretary) appeared as a Deputation from the County Insurance Committee and applied to the Council to make a contribution towards the funds of that body, which, they alleged, were becoming depleted.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—

"I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) shall be granted to the County Insurance Committee for the year 1917-18 to enable them to carry on their work, provided that they get a similar grant from the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to Mr. J. T. Fenton, of Ballinalea House, Ashford, subject to a satisfactory Report being received from the Constabulary Authorities as to the suitability of his premises. Passed.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row, Dublin,

11th June, 1917.

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, 1917.

39 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:

Article.	Number.
Butter	11
Milk	8
Whiskey	4
Margarine	4
Sugar	3
Lard	2
Tea	2
Flour	1
Cheese	1
Rum	1
Oatmeal	1
Drug	1
Pepper	1
Total	39

They were all pure.
For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.
For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.
For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed and were correct.
There were three fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.
For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-one drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.
Total Analyses—90.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
10th August, 1917.

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, 1917.

101 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:

Article.	Number.
Butter	29
Milk	23
Margarine	17
Whiskey	9
Tea	4
Cheese	4
Cocoa	3
Sugar	2
Coffee	2
Buttermilk	2
Dripping	2
Lard	1
Beef Suet	1
Fat	1
Drug	1
Total	101

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Kerins, Baltinglass, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 50 per cent. of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Davey, Arklow, for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 27 per cent. of added water exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Glynn, Wicklow, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 11 per cent. of added water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-seven drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following compositions.

One Imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1	No. 2.
Total solid matter	7.000	18.2000
including		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009	0.058
Saline Ammonia	0.008	0.008
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.090	2.180
Colour	very light yellow.	light yellow.

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

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union three drugs and a specimen of margarine were analysed. One drug was incorrect.

One specimen of water analysed for the Rural District Council, Baltinglass, had the following composition.

One Imperial gallon contained in grains—

	22.400
Total solid matter	22.400
including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.980
Colour	almost colourless.

A good water.

For the County Committee of Agriculture one fertilizer was analysed.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, two fertilizers were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-five drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

Total Analyses—166. Adulterated and defective articles—6.

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 the Poor Rate Collections were submitted.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the following be appointed Members of the County Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee to fill the vacancies existing on that Body:—

- (1) Colonel G. Rowan Hamilton, Wilford, Bray (in succession to Mrs. R. M. Dowse, resigned).
- (2) Miss E. C. Le Fanu, Ballymorris, Bray (in succession to Countess of Wicklow, deceased).

(3) Mrs. E. Chatterton, Kilgarron, Enniskerry (in succession to Mrs. Deverell, resigned).
Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby tender to our Secretary, Mr. S. J. Doyle, and the members of his family, an expression of our sympathy on the recent death of his brother. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 28,857/1917. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th June, 1917.—Sealed Order continuing for a further year the Council's representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum.

No. 27,747/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th June, 1917.—Placing before the Council the Board's Views on the proposed Bonus to the Contractor for County Printing.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee; Copy to be sent to Contractor.

No. 112/M/1917. Circular. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th June, 1917.—Circular letter enclosing copy of the Naval and Military War Pensions, Etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917, and a Sealed Order issued by the Board thereunder.

No. 33,867/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th July, 1917.—Approving of the appointment of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., as Assistant Co. Surveyor, at a salary of £156 per year, and an allowance of £24 per annum for the running expenses of a Motor Bicycle.

No. 34234/1917. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th July, 1917.—Dealing with the urgency of reducing to a minimum the consumption of Timber for all but the most essential needs.

No. S.S. 173/17. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th and 25th July, 1917.—Complaining of the failure of Mr. E. Nichols, V.S., to furnish certain information asked for by the Department on 5th July, 1917.

No. 33/M/1917. National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, 27th June, 1917.—Transmitting copy of Sealed Regulations made extending to 30th June, 1918, the term of Office of the existing Members of County Insurance Committees.

52/17. Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, 8th August, 1917. From the Clerk of the Privy Council—transmitting copy of Orders made on the 29th June, 1917, by His Excellency in Council under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

10th July, 1917. From The Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council emphatically protesting against the County Council's proposal to expend £4,000 on Steam Rollers and Crushers unless such charges are made payable by the Districts benefited.

Order.—Read.

18th May, 1917. From G. Power, Secretary to the Annamoe School Attendance Committee, Glassnamullen, Kilpedder—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Committee recommending that he be granted an increase of Ten Pounds (£10) per annum.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Storey:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of this Council that Mr. George Power, the Secretary to the School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District, be granted the increase of Ten Pounds (£10) per annum recommended to him by his Committee."

3rd July and 10th August, 1917. From Acting Principal and Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow—relative to the attendance of certain of the County Council's Representatives at Meetings of his Committee.

9th August, 1917. From J. Rooke, Resident Engineer, Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy—enclosing copy of a letter from the Acting Manager of the Road Board relative to certain damage caused to the road between Ashford and Wicklow Urban Bounds by extraordinary Timber Traffic.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

15th August, 1917. From James Taylor, Blessington—applying for a Bonus on his Contract to fill the pool under Burgage Bridge, which Work was placed in charge of the County Surveyor on 17th May, 1915, at a cost not to exceed £500.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

112 Gloucester Place,
Portman Square, London, W.,
1st June, 1917.

Dear Mr. Doyle—Will you please convey to the Members of the Wicklow County Council my most grateful thanks for their kind message of sympathy expressed in the Resolution of which you have sent me a copy.

Their kind thought for me in my great sorrow has touched me deeply.

Yours truly,
WICKLOW.

2nd July, 1917. From S. E. Cluff, Secretary to the Ashford and Rathnew Farmers' Association, Killougher, Ashford—enclosing a copy of a Resolution requesting the Council to abstain from adopting any Schemes incurring the expenditure of money, until the War is over, and Taxes have been substantially decreased.

Order.—Read.

30th July, 1917. From Matthew Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Local Technical Sub-Committee, Baltinglass—enclosing copy of a Resolution strongly recommending the Council to surrender the Lease of the Site obtained for the building of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

21st May, 1917. From Irish Maltsters' Association, Secretary's Office, Trinity Chambers, 40 and 41 Dame St., Dublin—putting forward the views of the Association with reference to the drastic Restrictions upon the Brewing, Malting and Distilling Trades.

Order.—Adopted.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

14th August, 1917. From Waterford County Council—Resolution stating the Food Order fixing the Prices for Stall-fed Beef should be in conformity with the existing Prices of Oil Cake, etc., and that, consequently, the cost of production should also be adjusted.

Order.—Adopted.

From Limerick County Council—Resolution pointing out the necessity for County Instructors paying particular attention, when imparting information to the people, to the question of Stacking the Wheat, Oats and Barley, in view of the probable scarcity in the Spring of 1918.

Order.—Adopted.

17th August, 1917. From Carlow County Council—Resolution strongly protesting against the prices fixed by the Food Controller for Beef.

Order.—Adopted.

16th August, 1917. From the National Executive of the Irish Trade Union Congress and Labour Party. — Resolutions dealing with the following subjects—(1) Fair Wages in Public Contracts; (2) Irish Industries; (3) Day Classes in Technical Schools; (4) Automobile Drivers' Licences; and (5) Sanitary and Waste Water Inspectors.

Order.—Approved.

16th August, 1917. From the Executive Committee of the County Wicklow General Labourers' Association—Resolution relative to the proposal of the Irish County Councils' General Council to exclude Ireland from the Provisions of the new Franchise Bill.

Order.—Read.

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19/11/17

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, p.m. on Monday, the 19th November, 1917.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor - Daniel Condren - Chairman.
Councillors - Morgan Travers, Thomas Burke, John Storey, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Wm Costello, Wm Byrne (Coolbeg), Tobias Kinsella, Joseph McCarroll, Edward Byrne, D.J. Cogan, and E.C. Walsh.

A letter was submitted from Councillor John J. Healy in which he expressed his regret that, being under the Doctor's care, he was unable to be present at 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 consider the Proposals for Payment 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 Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To consider Report from the Roads Committee.
- 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 Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor E. C. Walsh—
"I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next Meeting of the Council, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) shall be granted to the County Insurance Committee, for the year 1917-18, to enable them to carry on their work, provided they get a similar Grant from the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury."
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor John Storey—
"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next Meeting of this Council, that Mr. George Power, the Secretary to the School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District, be granted the increase of Ten Pounds (£10) per annum recommended to him by his Committee."
- 13—To fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District caused by the death of the Very Rev. Michael Flood, P.P., Greystones.
- 14—To fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, P.P., consequent upon his transfer to Ringsend, County Dublin.
- 15—To fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, P.P., consequent upon his transfer to Ringsend, County Dublin.
- 16—To fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs. B. M. Kenna, Baltinglass.
- 17—To consider an application from Collector Joseph Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass—No. 1 Collecting District—for an increase in his salary.
- 18—To consider an application from Mr. Thomas Williams, Courthouse Keeper, Wicklow, for a War Bonus.

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- 19—To execute the Bond and Agreement (and counterpart) between the County Council and Mr. Thomas Codd, Drumdangan, Rathdrum, in connection with the Hiring of one of the Council's Engines for Threshing purposes.
- 20—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 21—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 22—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 23—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, the 19th September, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne, (Coolbeg) Presiding Chairman. Councillors E. C. Walsh and Joseph McCarroll.

The Secretary submitted Draft of an Agreement which he prepared to be signed and executed by persons hiring the Council's Engines for the current Threshing Season.

He mentioned that, owing to the fact that three Meetings of the Finance Committee had fallen through in the absence of a quorum, he had submitted this Draft, as the matter was urgent, to Councillors Condren, Cogan, and William Byrne (Coolbeg), who approved of same, and that, following this, Mr. Thomas Codd, of Drumdangan, Rathdrum, had executed the Agreement, and had taken delivery of one of the Engines.

Order—Approved.

9th August, 1917. From J. Rooke, Resident Engineer, Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-mount-Kennedy, enclosing copy of a letter from the Acting Manager of the Road Board, relative to certain damage caused to the road between Ashford and Wicklow Urban Bounds by extraordinary Timber Traffic.

Order—That the Solicitor and the other Officers of the Council be instructed to take necessary legal action to prevent Mr. Sheane using defective wheels on his motor waggons to the damage of the Council's roads, and to check the reckless action of Traction Engine proprietors generally throughout the County.

The consideration of extraordinary Timber Traffic postponed.

30th July, 1917. From Matthew Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Technical Subcommittee, Baltinglass, enclosing copy of a Resolution strongly recommending the Council to surrender the Lease of the site obtained for the building of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass.

Order—The Secretary to obtain the views of the Local Committees of Agriculture and of Technical Instruction.

An application, dated 14th September, 1917, was submitted from Mr. John Roberts, of Callow Hill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking to be allowed to hire the Council's second Engine for Threshing operations.

Order—Applicant stated verbally Engine is not now required.

(Signed) W. BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

6th November, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Wednesday, the 17th October, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg); and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

An application, dated 11th October, 1917, was submitted from Mr. John Roberts, of Callow Hill, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking to be allowed to hire the Council's second Engine for Threshing purposes.

Order—Engine is now required on the existing Road Improvement Scheme, as reported by the Resident Engineer.

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

6th November, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held on Tuesday, the 30th October, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors E. C. Walsh, William Byrne (Coolbeg); James Byrne (Tinnakilly); D. Condren, and John Storey.

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				5215	2	3
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	711	19	6			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	40	10	9	752	10	3
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	244	9	8			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	25	3	1	269	12	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	494	14	4			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	191	14	10	686	9	2
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1019	19	7	1019	19	7
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	475	1	6			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	301	17	6	776	19	0
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				69	12	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				56	7	0
Transfer from Loan Account to Subsidiary Account				100	0	0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				1341	16	0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural Districts 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	1014	0	0
Naas	224	0	0
Rathdown	1283	10	0
Rathdrum	2796	0	0
Shillelagh	1035	0	0

Total £6352 10 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	75	10	0
Naas No. 2	8	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdrum	524	0	0
Shillelagh	25	0	0

Total 764 5 0

The Committee recommended the payment of the following irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

	£	s	d
1. Joseph Doyle	7	4	5
2. Richard Geoghegan	3	16	5
3. Richard Lynch	8	10	10
4. William Burke	4	3	10
5. Michael Kelly	1	10	3
6. Michael McGrath	12	18	9
7. Charles S. Sutton	70	5	4
8. Patrick Mulligan	9	9	10
9. Joseph Keane	24	9	3
10. John Murphy	6	7	8
11. John Kelly	16	6	3
12. Wm. J. Cardiff	3	14	9
13-15. Wm. J. Quinn	13	5	4
14. James Byrne	17	1	
16. Peter P. Doyle	10	17	8
17. Charles Byrne	5	15	6
18. Thomas Fleming	1	16	5

25th October, 1917. From H. Morell, County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow, enclosing a File of Documents with reference to an alleged breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts by Mr John Bergen, of Main Street, Bray, and asking whether a prosecution should be instituted in this case, and by whom.

Order—The case is too doubtful to take any action.

A letter, dated 21st September, 1917, was submitted from the Manager of Artane Industrial School, acting on behalf of these Institutions in Ireland, applying to the Council for a further advance of sixpence per child per week maintained from the County in Industrial Schools. He mentioned that the Government had promised to contribute an additional sixpence provided the County Council also advanced their contribution by sixpence.

Order—We recommend the Council to make the additional grant of sixpence per capita per week during the period of the War, to take effect from the date that the Government's additional Grant is paid.

A letter was submitted, dated 9th August, 1917, from the Resident Engineer on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, giving particulars of damage caused by Tractors to the Bray-Wicklow Road.

In this connection three letters, dated 30th August, 1st September, and 15th October, respectively, were submitted from the Law Agent, from which it appeared that considerable doubt existed as to the ownership of the Engine, or Engines, stated to have caused the damage.

Order—Postponed until the necessity for further action arises.

The Committee had before them a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 6th June, 1917, No. 27,747/1917, placing before the Council the Board's views on their proposal to grant an increase of 33-1-3 per cent. on contract prices for all Printing supplied by the County Printer since 1st April, 1916 and until the termination of the War, or his Contract.

The Secretary mentioned that he understood the Contractor did not wish this matter proceeded with further, having regard to the suggestions contained in the Local Government Board's letter.

Order—Noted.

A letter, dated 15th August, 1917, was submitted from James Taylor, Blessington, applying for a Bonus on his Contract to fill the Pool under Burgage Bridge, which work was placed in charge of the County Surveyor on 17th May, 1915, the cost of same not to exceed £500.

In connection with this application the County Surveyor reported as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
21st day of October, 1917.

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council,

MR. JAMES TAYLOR'S CONTRACT FOR WORK AT BURGAGE BRIDGE.

Gentlemen—

The work of filling pool under Burgage Bridge, in order to protect the piers and foundations, was sanctioned by the Naas No. Rural District Council in Spring 1915, and as no Contractors tendered for the work, it was placed in my charge on 17th May, 1915. Mr. James Taylor, of Blessington, undertook the work, as a "Party Employed," on 2nd of August 1915, for the sum of £500, and after working for some time, he, finding it difficult to get stone at a reasonable cost, asked permission to substitute concrete as provided for in the specification.

This he was permitted to do, and he forthwith continued the work. However, the rise of the river and floods interrupted the work for that season and operations had to be postponed until the summer of 1916, when he again proceeded with the work, wherever the river was sufficiently low to admit of his working.

Again, owing to the state of the river, he was unable to complete the work, and had to wait for the present year (1917), when he completed it in a satisfactory manner.

Mr. Taylor, owing to the delays due to the state of the river, was undoubtedly put to unexpected extra cost by the great increase in the cost of labour and materials.

Unless you obtain special powers you do not appear to be in a position to allow Mr. Taylor any more for the work than that which was sanctioned by the R. D. Council, but, should you find it possible to obtain the necessary authority to do so, it would be reasonable to allow him the difference between the average cost of labour and material during the period through which the work was in progress and the actual cost of labour and materials at the time he undertook the work in August, 1915. This additional sum should be ascertained from Mr. Taylor's labour and material Accounts.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Referred to the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council for their recommendation.

A letter, dated 20th August, 1917, was submitted from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, enclosing Opinion of Mr. E. A. Swaney, B.L., on a Supplemental Case sent to him in connection with the damage caused to the Bray-Wicklow Road by the repeated bursting of the Dublin Corporation's Water-mains.

From the opinion it appeared that the Dublin Corporation were bound to restore any portion of the road which they opened at any time to as good a condition as it was in at the time of the opening of it. Whether they had done that, or not done so, was a question of fact upon which the evidence of the County Surveyor would be of the greatest weight, but not conclusive. In other words, in the event of a conflict of opinion, it would be for the Courts to decide, having heard the evidence of both sides.

Order—Noted.

Correspondence relative to damage caused, as stated, by Messrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick and Sons, of Saw Mills, Kilcock, Co. Kildare, on the road No. 11 in Naas No. 2 Rural District, Tinode to County Kildare Bounds, was submitted.

Order—Counsel's Opinion to be obtained as to the position of the Co. Surveyor and the County Council on the whole question of Timber, and other extraordinary Traffic.

A similar Order was made in connection with a File of Correspondence dealing with damage occasioned, as stated, at the instance of the Timber Supplies Department (Board of Trade), on the road from Kippure to Brittas by abnormal Timber Traffic.

Two letters, dated 10th and 18th October, 1917, were submitted from Mr. W. I. Shannon, Solicitor, Chambers, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, relative to the present financial position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

Order—The Law Agent and the Secretary directed to attend at the forthcoming Arbitration to protect, as far as possible, the interests of the Wicklow County Council. It was further directed that the Secretary write to the Member of Parliament for West Wicklow, asking him to urge upon the Government the desirability of issuing the draft Management Order, with the suggested amendments, so that Wicklow County Council might have some representation in the management of this concern.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that had passed between the Road Board and the County Surveyor with reference to the present financial state of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme. In this connection both the County Surveyor and the County Secretary submitted Reports as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
26th Day of October, 1917.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I beg to submit some communications received from the Acting Manager of the Road Board, from which it is to be inferred that the Road Board contemplates the immediate purchase by the County Council of the Plant on the Bray-Wicklow Road, and also that the Road Board is prepared to give an additional free Grant, equal to 66.9 per cent., and a free loan of 31.95 per cent., of the agreed excess of the actual cost over the original estimated cost of the work—(£19,059).

I consider that the immediate sale of the plant is inopportune because the plant, when sold to the County Council, will be at the disposal of the County-at-large, and must be hired to the Proposal or Rural District in which it is being worked, and therefore must be hired to the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme.

In my opinion this plant should not be purchased until the work is completed.

I submit a list showing the plant which I consider it would be advisable to take over if necessary. Those items which I do not recommend you to purchase, should be sold at the completion of the work, and I also consider certain charges on the plant, such as War risks, carriage, etc., should be charged to the work.

I beg to point out that, until the expenditure account is adjusted and some definite arrangement made regarding the purchase of the plant it is impossible to arrive at the actual sum which will be required in loan or grant. However, to avoid to some extent the delay which might be entailed, I made proposals to Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum R. D. Councils to obtain a loan amounting to £1,625, which I considered might be the maximum sum required.

If you have to take over the plant now you must have some definite purpose in view to utilize it and for this purpose I submit a draft Scheme for your consideration.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
30th October, 1917.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that, in my opinion, the County Council at its forthcoming meeting, should make a definite Order as to the manner in which the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme is to be financed to completion; otherwise the Cash Assets of the Scheme shall soon become exhausted. Definite figures, as you have been informed by the County Surveyor, will not be available until the work is finished, and all adjustments arrived at. In the meantime cash must be provided to carry on the undertaking.

As you may note from the County Surveyor's Report and from the Correspondence submitted, the Road Board have offered to advance to the Co. Council on loan, the required sum—up to £4,000—to purchase the Plant at present in use on the road. This Loan, which will be free of interest, is to be repaid in five years. The proceeds of the sale of the Plant will be credited to the special fund created by the Improvement Scheme and out of which the Plant was originally purchased. But, after this credit has been expended there will remain a deficit to be provided for. This deficit has been estimated by the County Surveyor at £5,085. Of this sum, or of the actual deficit when ascertained, the Road Board are prepared to contribute by way of Grant 66.9 per cent., and to advance a Loan, free of interest and repayable in five years, amounting to 31.95 per cent. You will have observed from the County Surveyor's Report that in order to meet repayment of this Loan, which he estimates at £1,625, he has made the necessary Proposals to Rathdown and Rathdrum Rural District Councils.

Since reading his Report I have carefully considered the position and, after consultation with him, we have agreed that owing to the tedious procedure and the consequent delay in complying with legal and other formalities before the Loan of £1,625 could be obtained, the better course to pursue would be to proceed, at once, with the purchase of the Plant and to raise the required Loan to pay for it. This Loan has been already sanctioned by the Local Government Board, while the other, to meet portion of the ultimate deficit, has not as yet come before the Council. If this suggested course be adopted an important question arises and it should be arranged between the Road Board and the Council. The County at Large, embracing five Rural Districts, following upon the purchase, shall become liable for the repayment of this Loan, and it follows that the Plant will then cease to be the property of the Scheme in which only two District Councils are concerned. Of course you are aware that each Rural District pays for the maintenance of the roads within its own area alone and hence this difficulty.

In order therefore, to complete the work, the County at Large will require to hire the Plant to the Scheme on such terms as may be arranged between the Road Board and the County Council. To illustrate why this is so, I may mention that if the County Council had not agreed to purchase, the Plant would have to be sold to some outsider, and if such a sale took place at this stage, as now proposed, it would have become necessary to hire, from some source, Plant to complete the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement.

So soon as they have completed the purchase on behalf of the ratepayers of the entire Rural County, the County Council will be in the position of trustees for these ratepayers and could not legally allow the Plant to be used free in any particular Rural District without a charge to such District—such charge to be credited to the County at Large.

In order to prevent unnecessary further delay I respectfully suggest that authority ought to be given by the Council to the County Surveyor (with the assistance of a small Committee, if considered advisable) to make and complete the necessary arrangements for the purchase of the Plant, and to fix the conditions upon which it may afterwards be let to the Scheme for the completion thereof.

Yours faithfully

SIMON J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

Order—Reports adopted.

The Secretary read the Local Government Board Auditor's Report on the result of his recent Audit of the Accounts of the Council for the Half-year ended 31st March, 1917, as follows:—

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

August 30th, 1917.

No. 44, 920 : 1917,
Wicklow County.

Gentlemen—

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Co. Council of Wicklow for the Half-year ended March last, and I forward herewith a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order.

With reference to a claim for a bonus payment to the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow the Secretary of the County Council submitted to me his Report thereon, which was of a most exhaustive character, dealing with the said claim in detail. I am of opinion that the Bonus of £258 paid was reasonable, under the special circumstances, and I wish to associate myself with the Report and reasons given for arriving at the said amount paid.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for Audit in a very satisfactory manner.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

C. D. BARRY.

To the Local Government Board, Dublin.

Order—Noted with satisfaction.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,

Chairman.

6th November, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

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

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby delegate to the Chairman of the Council, the Chairman of the Finance Committee, the County Surveyor and the County Secretary all power to make and complete all necessary arrangements on behalf of the Council with the Road Board for the purchase of the Plant now employed on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme and to arrange the conditions upon which this Plant may afterwards be let to the Scheme for the completion thereof. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 19th November, 1917, when the following members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, Daniel Condren, John Storey.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	...	...	...	...	£321 9 11
Same	...	...	...	...	11 14 6
Same	...	...	...	...	1000 0 0
Rathdrum R. D.—District Proposals	...	...	...	...	£1713 8 0

An application dated 10th November, 1917, from Collector Joseph Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass—asking the County Council to alter the conditions of his appointment so that he shall be paid the same Poundage Fees as all the other Rate Collectors, was submitted.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to increase the Collector's salary by Ten Pounds (£10) per annum.

An application, dated 29th October, 1917, was submitted from Mr. Thos. Williams, Court House Keeper, Wicklow, for a War Bonus.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the payment of a War Bonus of Eight Pounds (£8) per annum during the period of the war, to take effect as from 1st October, 1917.

A letter, dated 5th November, 1917 was read from A. J. Smyth, Acting Principal and Secretary, County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, Wicklow, enclosing, at the request of the Architect, Mr Richard Wake, four statements prepared by him with reference to the Building Loans for Arklow and Baltinglass Technical Schools.

Order—The Committee do not consider the Council is liable for payment of the £20 claimed by the Architect, Mr. Wake. The Contractors, Messrs O'Toole, to be paid direct the balance ascertained to be due to them.

A letter was read, dated 30th July, 1917, from Mr. Matthew Byrne, Hon. Secretary, Technical Sub-Committee, Baltinglass, enclosing copy of a resolution passed by his Committee strongly recommending the Council to surrender the Lease of the Site obtained for the building of the proposed Technical School in Baltinglass.

Letters dated 5th and 6th November, 1917, respectively, were submitted also from the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, and from the County Committee of Agriculture, before whom this resolution was laid for their observations.

Order—We recommend that the consideration of this matter be postponed until after the war.

A letter, dated 15th October, 1917, was submitted from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow in which he outlined the steps which must be taken by the Council to compulsorily acquire Kiltimon Quarry.

Order—Council recommended to instruct Solicitor to take the necessary steps to acquire the Quarry.

A letter, dated 7th November, 1917, was read from J. S. Deans, Steam Saw Mills, Glenealy, agreeing to repair the damage to the Deputy's Pass Road caused by his Timber Traffic.

Order—Noted—The Council's Solicitor to embody the conditions in a properly executed agreement.

A letter, dated 10th November, 1917, was submitted from S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor, with which he forwarded a letter received by him from Mr. E. H. Page, the owner of Whiterock Quarry, and which letter raised the question as to whether it is necessary to effect further Insurances in connection with the risks involved by Contractors who may find it necessary to quarry stones.

Order—The Council is recommended to refer the matter to their Solicitor to get Counsel's Opinion on the subject in all its phases, and that a Policy covering this special risk be taken out. Secretary to reply to Mr. Page on receipt of Counsel's Opinion.

A letter was read from C. H. O'Hara, D.L., R.I.C., Wicklow in which he stated that the Verification Punches for Arklow and Shillelagh Districts, under the Weights and Measures Acts, are worn out, and asking for authority to procure new ones.

Order—New Punches to be procured.

A letter was also submitted, dated 11th November, 1917, from C. H. O'Hara, D.L., R.I.C., Wicklow, with certain enclosures relative to the necessity for providing an Office, Fittings and Storing accommodation for the County Standards under the Weights and Measures Acts.

Order—Postponed.

A letter, dated 7th November, 1917, was read from Mr. J. T. Donovan, M.P., 39 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin, acknowledging the Council's letter requesting that he should press upon the Government to put in force the Draft Order—amended as suggested by the Council—establishing the future control and Management of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

Order—Noted.

A letter, dated 15th November, 1917, was submitted from Mr. Wm. J. Shannon, Solicitor, Chambers, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, containing certain suggestions as to financing the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

Order—Secretary to issue Paying Orders up to the limit of the Arbitrators' Certificate.

Applications for increases in their Salaries were submitted from the following Veterinary Inspectors—

- Edward Nichols, V.S., Dunlavin.
- W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle.
- Aiden F. Walshe, V.S., 35 Dublin Street, Carlow.
- George Newsom, V.S., Ballintekin, Wicklow.

Order—Consideration postponed until next Quarterly Meeting of this Committee. Secretary to communicate with the Rural District Councils on the subject in the meantime.

Application from the County Analyst, Sir Charles Cameron, 27 Raglan Road, Dublin, for a temporary addition to his Salary until the prices of Chemicals, etc., becomes more moderate.

Order—Noted.

CANCELLATION OF PAYING ORDER.
The Cancellation is recommended of Paying Order No. 518, drawn in favour of Collector W. J. Quinn for £13 5s. 4d., in respect of Rates claimed as Irrecoverable, the Local Government Board having struck out £1 10s. 1d., no receipt having been produced.

REPRESENTATION OF THE PEOPLE BILL.
The Secretary submitted a Notice by the Commissioners under the above Bill intimating the proposed Boundary for the Parliamentary Division of East Wicklow.

Order—Noted.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

19th November, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby, adopted.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor William Costello:—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be amended by substituting a payment of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound Poundage to Mr. Joseph Doyle for the recommendation of Sixty Pounds (£60) a year salary.

On a show of hands being taken by the Chairman, the Amendment was declared to be lost. The original Motion, adopting the Finance Committee's Report No. 4, was then put and carried.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—“I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I will move a Resolution that Mr. Joseph Keane, Poor Rate Collector, of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be granted a Poundage of sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of £110.”

The Secretary submitted an Agreement that had been entered into between the County Council and Mr. J. S. Deans in connection with the Deputy's Pass Road.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by *Joe Byrne*. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Agreement entered into between the County Council and Mr. John S. Deans in connection with the Deputy's Pass Road, and that the Seal of the Council be attached thereto, in duplicate. 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 Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,215 2s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

COUNTY AT LARGE:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £321 9s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £752 10s. 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 T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Thos. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £269 12s. 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 John Storey, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £686 9s. 2d. (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 (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,733 7s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £776 19s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £69 12s. 0d. (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 Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 7s. 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. Costello, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment out of Loan Account to credit of Subsidiary Account, amounting to £100. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £1,011 14s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. 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:—

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The Second Meeting of the Roads Committee—constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 14th May, 1917—was held on Tuesday, the 30th October, 1917, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Presiding Chairman; Councillors E. C. Walsh, William Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne (Tinnakilly), Daniel Condren and John Storey.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT
To
ROADS COMMITTEE, WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
23rd day of October, 1917.

Gentlemen—

I recommend that proceedings be taken under Sec. 17 of the Act 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, to compel the proper repairs of the following Roads to be carried out by the Contractors:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R. DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
85	79	675	(Griffinstown—Rathsallagh.) Insufficient metal. (Winter, 1913.)
120	111	693	(Between Kill and George's Bridge.) Road absolutely neglected. No metal supplied. (Spring, 1913.)
12	217	1113	(Rathsallagh to 3 roads at Ballynure and Branches.) No metal supplied out of 150 cubic yards specified. (Spring, 1915.)
135A	7	430	(Miss Anderson's to Rampere Crossroads.) Part of road neglected. Scored by running water. (Spring, 1916.)

NAAS No. 2 R. DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
42	4	236	(3 roads at Wilmount to bounds of R. District.) No metal supplied out of 20 yards specified. Road quite neglected. (Winter, 1914.)
37	62	1312	(3 roads at Lamb—Woodend 3 roads and branch.) Not edged or drained. No metal supplied. (Spring, 1913.)
11	26	252	Neglected. (Lamb to Kilteel.)

RATHDOWN No. 2 R. DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
19	476	875	(Glencormick to Tinnehinch.) No metal supplied. Road neglected. (Winter, 1915.)
21	478	633	(Glencormick to Killough.) Road neglected. (Winter, 1915.)

RATHDRUM R. DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
15	250	875	(Five Mile Point to Leabeg Bridge.) Bad surface, not drained, cleaned, or edged. 126 yards short out of 200 yards. Winter, 1913.)
16	251	777	(Leabeg Bridge to Three Trout Bridge.) Surface not properly repaired where cut up. Not drained or edged. No material supplied out of 190 yards specified. (Winter, 1913.)

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Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
32	259	858	(Roundwood to Sally's Bridge.) Track-ed surface not attended to. 65 yards short out of 300 yards specified. Metal supplied, spauls and "bruss." (Winter, 1913.)
33	260	843	(Sally's Bridge to R. D. Bounds at Calary.) Bad, rough surface, not properly repaired. 66 yards short out of 300. (Winter, 1913.)
34	261	816	(Boleyhorrigan Bridge to Sallygap.) Bad, rough, dangerous surface. Not edged. No work done. (Winter, 1913.)
131	281	1104	(Shraughmore 3 roads—Boleyhorrigan Bridge.) Bad surface. 75 yards short out of 100. (Winter, 1913.)
191	290	692	(Balleece Schoolhouse to Rockstown road.) Surface not fully repaired. Not cleaned or edged. Drains and outlets not cleared. Road getting narrow. (Winter, 1913.)
63	342	1155	(Kilmacurragh 3 roads to Glasnarget 3 roads.) Not drained. Not edged. No material supplied out of 140 yards specified. (Winter, 1914.)
99	365	919	(3 roads at Toherbeg to 3 roads at Edward Mason's.) Very bad surface on hills. Road in bad condition. Drains and outlets not cleaned. No edging done. (Winter, 1914.)
150	380	139	(Kilbride Church to Kilboy.) Road in bad state and not repaired. (Winter, 1914.)
2	4	1152	(Kilbride to Redcross.) Road utterly neglected. Bad surface. Drains and outlets not cleared. No edging done. No material supplied out of 120 yards specified. (Winter, 1917.)
167	35	845	(Annacoe to Roundwood.) Surface bad and rough. Not properly repaired after flood. Half drained and half edged. (Winter, 1917.)
185	38	700	(Between Glasnarget and 3 roads at Bahana.) Surface cut up, tracked, rutted and holed. Bad state. No repairs. 40 yards short out of 60. (Winter, 1917.)
181	397	1472	(Aughrim Crossroads to Moneymee and branches.) Surface bad where torn by flood and not properly repaired. No material supplied out of 140 yards specified. (Winter, 1914.)

SHILLELAGH R. DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, Etc.
6	209	1182	(Tinahely 3 roads—Coolalug 3 roads.) Bad surface—dirty and neglected. Drains and outlets only partly cleaned. Insufficient metal. (Winter, 1915.)
19	221	1240	(3 roads at Coolballintaggart and 3 roads at Ballymaghroe.) Totally neglected. No metal supplied. (Winter, 1915.)
67	155	1349	(Knockloe Bridge to Coolkenno.) No material supplied. Road neglected. (Winter, 1913.)
76	164	154	(Rathduffmore Bridge to R. D. bounds at Kilcarney.) Surface worn and rough. No material prepared for repairs. (Winter, 1913.)

WORK.

Register No. 276 (Shillelagh). Double gullet at Slieveroe. This work was taken in Autumn, 1916, and the contractor has not yet commenced.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Order.—The necessary proceedings to be taken in every case.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN,

Presiding Chairman.

8th November, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Report from the Roads Committee be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
14th November, 1917.

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that since the last Meeting of the Road Committee the following Roads have been neglected by the Contractors, and I recommend that you direct immediate proceedings to be taken under 19 & 20 Vic., cap. 63, sec. 17, to enforce the proper fulfilment of the Contracts:—

NAAS No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.

Index.	Reg.	Pers.	Description, etc.
18	51	1043	Humphreystown to Poulapucha, etc. (Taken Spring, 1916.)
31	69	967	Kippure Bridge to Cloghlea Bridge. (Taken Winter, 1917)

1076

The Tender for a work—to replace gullet at Woodfield—is unsigned by the Contractor tendering for the work.

If you are unable to approve of the Contract, I recommend that the work be placed in my charge as it is of some urgency that the gullet be repaired.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Legal proceedings to be taken against the Contractors and their Sureties for the two roads referred to; the work of replacing a gullet at Woodfield to be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Nil.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R.D.:

Work No. 64 in District Register, repairing a gullet at Woodfield, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £25.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2 R.D.:

Work No. 73 in the District Register—repairs, etc., to Ballyward Small Bridge—was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £26.

RATHDOWN No. 2 R.D.:

Road No. 535 in the District Register, 83 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £6 4s. 6d.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

The following Resolution, as sent forward from the Rural District Council, was approved and confirmed:—

Proposed by Mr. Breheny, seconded by Mr. Chatterton. Resolved—That this Council authorise the County Wicklow County Council to raise a Loan of not exceeding Four Hundred and Seventy-Five Pounds (£475) from the Road Board to supplement the money already provided for the improvement of the Bray-Wicklow Road, and as provided in the Scheme for the Improvement of said Road. Carried.

(Signed), JOHN J. HEALY,

Presiding Chairman.

8th October, 1917.

RATHDRUM R.D.:

Road No. 71 in the District Register, 1,336 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £233 16s. 0d.

Work No. 73 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £21.

Work No. 75 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £4 10s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

The following Proposal, No. 76 in the District Register, as submitted, was approved and confirmed:—

To supplement the fund provided for the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement by the raising of a Loan of not exceeding £1,150 from the Road Board. The loan to be for 5 years, free of interest, and repayable in five equal annual instalments. Not to exceed £1,150.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John Storey:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the County Council that, in accordance with the Proposals adopted by Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural District Councils, We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the Proposals to borrow an aggregate sum of £1,625 (£475 proposed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and £1,150 proposed by Rathdrum Rural District Council) from the Road Board, London, said sum to be repaid in five years by equal half-yearly instalments of Principal, free of interest, and to be devoted to the completion of the work of improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, now in progress, and which road passes through the aforesaid Rural Districts—as provided in the Scheme for the Improvement of said Road."

An application, dated 20th September, 1917, was submitted from Lewis G. N. Kemmis, Langara, Wicklow, for permission to erect a Private Weighbridge on the Ball-Acton Estate beside the public road at a point near the Lower Kilmacurragh Gate Lodge—indicated on accompanying sketch.

Order.—Permission granted.

Letters dated 29th August and 15th September, 1917, were submitted from The Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District—in which he stated that his Council are of opinion that it is clearly the duty of the County Council to take the legal proceedings necessary in connection with the breach made in the parapet wall forming the road fence opposite the Catholic Church on the Rathdrum-Glen-dalough road.

Order.—Referred to the County Surveyor to take whatever action he thinks right.

SHILLELAGH R.D.:

Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

A letter, dated 13th November, 1917, was submitted from W. H. Croker, Beaufield, Newtownbarry, Co. Wexford, in which he drew the Council's attention to the scandalous way the road is kept from Coolmelagh, at the County Bounds at Upper Bullingate, for a distance of about a mile and a half.

Order.—Referred to the County Surveyor.

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

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

No applications were received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

D. & S. E. RAILWAY COMPANY.

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
17th November, 1917.

To Chairman and Members of Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

The Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company have published a notice of their intention to make application to Parliament in the next Session for leave to bring in a Bill to empower them to make certain diversions in their main line.

As the Proposals contained in the Bill may interfere with Roads and Bridges in the County Wicklow, I consider it advisable to bring the matter to the notice of the Council so that they may take the necessary action to protect their interests in this connection.

The Plans, etc., indicating the Proposed diversion will, on or before 30th November inst., be deposited for public inspection in the Office of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, Wicklow.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order—The Co. Surveyor to Examine Plans and Report to the Council and if necessary a Special Meeting to be convened to deal with the matter.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th day of November, 1917.

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

To Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that on the 13th inst. I carried out the Annual Inspection of the Dublin and Blessington Permanent Way and Works.

The Line and Sidings in the Terenure Depot are in very poor condition generally. Some repairs to the platform walls at the loading bank are in progress.

The depot and workshops at Templeogue are in very fair condition. The workshops present a neat and efficient appearance, and the power plant appears to be in good working order. No. 3 Engine is being repainted, generally repaired, and overhauled. The Petrol Electric Cars are in the sheds undergoing some small repairs.

Several Passenger Coaches and some goods and cattle trucks are also undergoing repairs or in the sheds awaiting same.

On the whole, the rolling stock appears to be kept in running order, though much of the woodwork of the goods and cattle trucks requires patching and repairs, and most of the coaches and wagons require repainting; also, one large engine requires overhauling at an early date.

Considerable repairs have been carried out on the permanent way, but much more requires to be done on that portion of the line from the County Bounds to the Lamb. Some work has been done in clearing isolated lengths from weeds, and a few new sleepers have been placed, but generally, on this length, the sleepers are very decayed on the surfaces showing, and most of the fastenings and connections require tightening up.

That portion from the Lamb to Tinode is apparently in better order, and the connections are tighter, but the sleepers at the points to the siding at the Lamb are some inches deep in mud and water.

From Tinode to near the 121 m. distance post a good number of new sleepers have been placed, but some of them require attention in the way of packing.

From the 121 distance post to Hempstown is very much weed-grown, with only occasional short lengths where the ballast has been loosened and an occasional new sleeper placed. The other sleepers generally, as far as could be seen with the grass and weeds, are not quite so bad, though the fastening and joint connections are somewhat loose.

From Hempstown to some few hundred yards East of the Slate Quarry stopping place, some little weeding has been done, and, from thence to Cross Chapel the whole line is cleared and stripped, and a gang at work replacing the worst of the sleepers by new timbers, and generally repairing the line.

The remainder of the line is, with the exception of a few odd rail lengths, grass grown, and, except for an occasional new sleeper, is much the same as from the 121 distance post to Hempstown.

In general, the line requires to be pulled in order to get out various kinks and even up the curves.

The whole of the County Wicklow end of the line requires good clean ballast, and, from what could be seen of the under ballast, the latter is very bad—being clay loam and a little gravel.

More attention has been given to the drainage, which is much improved. The new sleepers appear to be oak or other hard wood, but are being put down untreated with any preservative. Although creosote may be unobtainable, at least a coating of ordinary tar and pitch might be used, and would help to prolong the life of the sleepers. Many of the sleepers, although they may be strong and sound enough in the core, are quite decayed on the surface (the natural decay of sap wood in untreated timber). This decay conduces to the loosening of holding-down bolts, and thence to wear in the holes for fish-plate connections, ultimately producing undue wear of the rails and a bad uneven line which reacts on the rolling stock, causing an increase in the repair account.

Considering the extreme difficulty in obtaining labour and material, I consider that within the last year more work and attention have been given to the betterment of the line than have been observed throughout the whole of the period during which I have had the honour to report to you.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) be granted to the County Insurance Committee, for the year 1917-1918, to enable them to carry on their work, provided they get a similar Grant from the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury. Passed.

On the Motion of Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry)—The Council decided to grant Mr. George Power an increase of Five Pounds (£5) per year in his salary as Secretary to the School Attendance Committee for Annamoe Dispensary District. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Very Rev. Patrick Flavin, P.P., Greystones, to fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, caused by the death of the Very Rev. Michael Flood, P.P., Greystones. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Thos. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the Very Rev. Fintan Carroll, P.P., of Avoca, to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, P.P., Avoca, consequent upon his transfer to Ringsend, Co. Dublin. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. G. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the three vacancies on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, caused by the resignation of the Very Rev. T. P. O'Byrne, P.P., Avoca, and the disqualification of Mr. James Byrne, J.P., Tinnakilly Lower, Aughrim, and Mr. William Osborne, J.P., Ballyknockan House, Blessington, for non-attendance, be hereby filled by the following gentlemen—

Very Rev. Fintan Carroll, P.P., Avoca.
James Byrne, J.P., Tinnakilly Lower, Aughrim.
William Osborne, J.P., Ballyknockan House, Blessington.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mrs. Cruise, of Parkmore, Baltinglass, to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs. B. N. Kenna, of Baltinglass. Passed.

The application from Collector Joseph Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass—No. 1 Collecting District—for an increase in his salary, was dealt with in the Finance Committee's Report No. 4.

The application from Mr. Thomas Williams, Court House Keeper, Wicklow, for a War Bonus, was also dealt with in the Finance Committee's Report No. 4.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Agreement (and Counterpart) between the County Council and Mr. Thomas Codd, of Drumdangan, Rathdrum, in connection with the Hiring of one of the Council's Engines for Threshing purposes, be now signed by the Chairman, and sealed with the Seal of the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to Councillor Martin Langton, J.P., on the death in action of his son, Private John Langton; and also to our Accountant, Mr. Thomas Langton, brother of the deceased. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, desire to extend our heartfelt sympathy to our Chief Clerk, Mr. P. T. Healy, on the occasion of the great bereavement in his family caused by the recent deaths of his mother, Mrs. M. J. Healy, and his brother, Mr. William H. Healy. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 43491/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th August, 1917.—Approving of the Estimate, amounting to £220 10s. 0d., of the Administrative Expenses of the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, Etc., Committee for the period commencing 17th May, 1917, and ending 31st March, 1918, as approved and adopted under Seal by the County Council.

No. 129 M/1917. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st September, 1917.—Transmitting copy of the Local Government (Allotments and Land Cultivation) (Ireland) Act, 1917, for the information of the County Council.

No. 45086/1917. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th September, 1917.—Expressing the Board's sanction to the County Council's proposal to raise a Loan of £4,000 for the purchase of Steamrollers and other Machinery, repayment to be spread over a period of five years, and the Loan to be obtained from the Road Board.

File of Circulars, etc., issued by the Local Government Board for Ireland dealing with the Provision of Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention of Venereal Diseases.

From Department of Agriculture—Leaflet dealing with the Disposal of Grain Crops, 1917-18. Minimum and Maximum Prices for Grain, as prescribed by the Corn Production Act (1917), and the Food Controller's Grain (Prices) Order, 1917.

C.O. 761 Office of National Education, Dublin, 28th September, 1917.—Giving the names and addresses of the Members of the New School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Newcastle for the period commencing 1st October, 1917.

31st August, 1917. From Edward Nichols, V.S., Dunlavin—Letter of explanation with regard to the Department's letter of the 25th July, 1917, No. S.S. 173/17, complaining of his failure to furnish certain information asked for by the Department of Agriculture on 5th July, 1917.

28th August, 1917. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, 4 Church Street, Wicklow—Reporting that Decrees were obtained against each of the 3 persons prosecuted in Collector McGrath's Collecting District, for refusing to pay Rates consequent upon the increased Tramway Rate.

27th September, 1917. From Same—Reporting that a Decree for £11 2s. 5d. was given at Balinglass Quarter Sessions against Road Contractor Laurence Brady and his Sureties.

8th and 9th October, 1917. From Same—Reporting that the application for Compensation for Alleged Malicious Injury made by McCann, Rathnew, was refused by the County Court Judge, but that Applicant has served Notice of Appeal. Further Reporting that in the Sheane Malicious Injury Claim Compensation was awarded, but that as Sheane is not the owner of the two engines damaged, but has them hired from the owner, it would appear he is not entitled to be compensated, and consequently Notice of Appeal has been served on the Council's behalf.

6th November, 1917. From Same—Reporting (1)—That the Recorder of Dublin had awarded the Trustees of Lord Massey £200 in their Malicious Injury Claim for £1,000, of which £200 half is to be paid by Wicklow Co. Council, to be levied off the County-at-Large; (2)—That the claim of the Trustees of the Goff Estate for £61 was dismissed; (3)—That £50 was allowed the Trustees of the Goff Estate in their claim for £184, £25 of which is to be paid by the Wicklow County Council, to be levied off the County-at-Large; and (4)—That £25 was allowed in the Sealy Malicious Injury Claim for £150, £12 10s. 0d. of which is to be paid by the Wicklow County Council, to be levied off the County-at-Large.

Letters dated 7th, 8th, 9th and 15th November, 1917, from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—further reporting on certain cases placed in his hands where proceedings were to be taken against defaulting Road Contractors and their Sureties.

11th September, 1917. From H. Morell, County Inspector, R.I.C.—Asking the County Council to appoint Sergeant Thomas Stapleton, R.I.C., as Inspector of Food and Drugs for Balinglass Petty Sessions District; and to appoint Sergeant Jeremiah Moynihan, R.I.C., as Inspector of Food and Drugs for Blessington Petty Sessions District.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Sergeant Thomas Stapleton, R.I.C., of Kiltegan, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts, for the Petty Sessions District of Balinglass; and, further, that we appoint Sergeant Jeremiah Moynihan, R.I.C., of Blessington, as Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts for the Petty Sessions District of Blessington. Passed.

6th November, 1917. From Councillor Daniel Condren, J.P., Chairman of the County Council, 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow—Enclosing correspondence received by him relative to the Estates Commissionership now vacant.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, request the Government that in filling the Estates Commissionership now vacant, a practical man of experience in Land Purchase work, and conversant with the wants and circumstances of the people, should be appointed; and that, in equity, the position should be filled by a Catholic. That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P. Passed.

18th October, 1917. From Town Clerk, City Hall, Dublin—Summary for the Council's information, of the reasons given by the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer for refusing to meet a Deputation from the County Borough and County Councils in Ireland relative to the maintenance of Lunatics.

27th August, 1917. From Publicity Department No. 26, Ford Motor Company (England) Limited, Trafford Park, Manchester—Acknowledging, with thanks, receipt of the Council's permission to allow Direction Posts to be erected and maintained by the Company, on condition that an Agreement be entered into protecting the Council's interests.

Order.—The Secretary to write to the Ford Motor Company asking them to have the names bi-lingual if possible.

30th August, 1917. From Hon. Secretary, Irish Technical Instruction Association, Zymere, Blackrock, Co. Dublin—Enclosing copy of statement pressing the Special Claims of Technical Instruction in Ireland for largely increased Endowments.

Order.—Adopted.

17th October, 1917. From Joseph T. Dolan, Ardee—Pointing out the advantages that would accrue if the Allotments Act were applied to Ireland, and County Councils were thereby enabled to buy up large grazing farms for resale in small lots.

Order.—Noted.

19th November, 1917. From P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant County Surveyor, Abbey Street, Wicklow—asking to be allowed to take in winter time the holidays to which he may be entitled annually.

Order.—Leave granted for three weeks, subject to arrangement with the County Surveyor.

15th November, 1917. From Tobias Halpin, Secretary to the Blessington Committee of the United Irish League—asking permission for the use of the District Council Chamber in Blessington to hold meetings of the United Irish League in.

Order.—Permission granted, subject to their meetings not clashing with meetings of the District Council.

18th November, 1917. From Joseph S. Murphy, Hon. Secretary to the Committee of the Tinahely Sinn Fein Club, asking for the use of a room in the Courthouse, Wicklow, for meetings of that body.

Order.—Leave granted.

Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of the Wicklow Fever Hospital for the year ending 31st March, 1917.

RESOLUTIONS OF VARIOUS BODIES.

22nd August, 1917. From Kildare County Council.—Resolution suggesting the appointment to the vacant Estates Commissionership of a practical man of experience in Land Purchase work, and conversant with the wants and circumstances of the people.

Order.—Adopted. (See Resolution thereon passed at this Meeting.)

28th August, 1917. From The Institution of Electrical Engineers—Dublin Section—Resolution requesting the Board of Trade Electrical Committee to take steps to ascertain the various places in Ireland where Hydro Electric Power is obtainable.

Order.—Adopted.

30th August, 1917. From Dublin Chamber of Commerce—A Statement on Commercial and Industrial Policy for Ireland, prepared by an Advisory Committee appointed by the Council of that Chamber.

Order.—Adopted.

20th September, 1917. From Limerick County Council—Resolution viewing with genuine alarm the proposal of the Food Controller as to the appropriation of Foodstuffs.

25th September, 1917. From South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association—Resolution emphatically protesting against the Government's treatment of the Members of that Association in connection with the Scheme for the purchase of Army Cattle.

Order.—Adopted.

6th October, 1917. From the County Wicklow Committee of the Gaelic League—Resolution calling on the County Council to refuse to grant the permission sought by the Ford Motor Company in connection with the erection of Direction Posts until such time as the Company agree to have the information afforded by these Posts given in both Irish and English.

9th October, 1917. From the Tinahely Branch of the Gaelic League—Similar Resolution.

29th October, 1917. From the Arklow Branch of the Gaelic League—Similar Resolution.

(Note.—An Order on the subject matter of these three letters was made on the letter from the Ford Motor Co. also submitted to this Meeting.)

W.B. Byrne
18/2/18.

Special Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock, p.m. on Thursday, the 3rd January, 1918.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor - W^m Byrne (Coolbeg) - Presiding Chairman.
 Councillor F. S. Dobbs, James Byrne (Ballinderry),
 William Costello, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan,
 Edward Byrne, Morgan Travers, and John Storey.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, in which he expressed his regret that, owing to a prior engagement, he was unable to be present at the Meeting.

Business.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
 Secretary's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,
 21st December, 1917.

To Each Member of the Wicklow County Council.

DEAR SIR—
 SPECIAL MEETING OF COUNCIL.

The subjoined letter from the Chairman, convening a Special Meeting of the Council for Thursday, 3rd January, 1918, fully explains the purpose for which it is required. As the business to be transacted is of much public interest, a full attendance of Councillors is most desirable.

Yours faithfully,
 S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

81 Lower Main Street,
 Arklow,
 17th day of December, 1917.

DEAR SIR—
 The Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company having given public notice of their intention to apply to Parliament at next Session for an Act authorizing them to divert the main line of Railway, roughly between Greystones and Killougher in this County, and as such proposed diversion may materially interfere with the public roads and bridges in the districts affected, it has become necessary, in the public interest, that the County Council, as the legal owners of these roads and bridges, should immediately take steps to protect their interests and the interests of the public.

As the authority for calling a Special Meeting of the Council is vested in me under Article 3 of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, I hereby beg to convene a Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at One o'clock on Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1918, for the purpose of considering the Plans and Reference Book deposited by the said Company in connection with the proposed undertaking. Also, for the purpose, if considered necessary, of presenting a Petition against and opposing the said Bill; taking the requisite steps relative thereto, including the Sealing of the said Petition; and considering and providing for the expense involved.

You are, therefore, requested to attend the aforesaid Meeting on the date and at the place mentioned.

Yours faithfully,
 DANIEL CONDREN,
 Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Court House, Wicklow,
 27th December, 1917.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

DEAR SIR—
 Summonses have already been issued convening a Special Meeting of the County Council for Thursday, 3rd January, 1918, at One o'clock.
 Following upon the business for which the Meeting has been called, Notice is hereby given that the Meeting will be required to consider and, if approved of, adopt an agreement between the Road Board and the County Council containing the terms upon which the Council agree to purchase the plant at present in use on the Bray-Wicklow Road, and to authorise the Seal of the Council to be attached to the said agreement.

Yours faithfully,
 S. J. DOYLE.

To each Member of the County Council.
 Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council, hereby extend to the Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, our sympathy and condolence on the occasion of the recent bereavement in his family caused by the death of his daughter, Mrs. Cantwell. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby offer to our colleague, Councillor William Osborne, and the members of his family, our sincere sympathy on the occasion of the irretrievable loss they have sustained in the recent death of Mrs. Osborne. Passed.

The Secretary submitted the above Notices summoning the Special Meeting of the Council. Further, he read the following Advertisement which he had caused to be published in papers circulating in the County, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
 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 Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at one o'clock, in the afternoon of Thursday, the 3rd day of January, 1918, to consider the propriety of opposing in Parliament the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Bill, Session 1918, and also to consider, and if approved, adopt a resolution or resolutions in reference to opposing and the expenses of opposing the said Dublin and South Eastern Railway Bill, Session 1918.

By Order,
 SIMON J. DOYLE,
 Secretary to the County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
 19th December, 1917.

The Secretary also submitted a number of communications received from Messrs. W. H. Fry and Son, Solicitors, 14 Lower Mount Street, Dublin, Solicitors for the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company. These Notices intimated that the Company intended to make application to Parliament in next Session for an Act under the name of "Dublin and South Eastern Railway (New Works)" to authorise them to make and maintain a diversion Railway, construction of Roads and widening of Bridges, and taking of Lands in the County Wicklow; and further intimating that the property mentioned in the annexed Schedules (mainly Roads), or some part thereof, in which the County Council are interested, would be liable to be taken compulsorily for the purposes of the undertaking.

The County Surveyor's Report, which had been previously circulated amongst the Members of the Council, was read by him as follows:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,
 3rd day of December, 1917.

REPORT ON THE PROPOSED NEW WORKS (1918) BY D. S. E. RAILWAY COMPANY.

To Wicklow County Council,
 Gentlemen—

In obedience to your explicit directions given to me on 19th November, 1917, I examined the Plans of the proposed new Works on the Dublin South-Eastern Railway, and beg to report thereon.

The proposed New Works consist in constructing 10 miles, 3 furlongs, 54 chains of Railway, apparently to substitute practically the same length of the existing Railway, between a point about 1.3 miles North of the Greystones Railway Station and a point about two one-sixth miles North of Wicklow Railway Station, and also in constructing two New Roads at Greystones, and in stopping a portion of Road No. 33, Rathdown No. 2 R. District (Church Lane)—a road diversion to be made so as to connect Road 33 with one of the New Roads (Road No. 1) to be constructed by the Railway Company.

There are also certain Bridges to be widened in Bray Urban District. By the construction of the proposed New Works the following existing County Roads will be crossed, altered, or otherwise interfered with:—

- 1—At about 0 miles 6 furlongs from the Northern starting point the Railway crosses Road No. 23 (Rathdown No. 2) at a point about 40 perches East of the three roads on Kindlestown, near Blacklion. The Railway is to be carried across the road on a Bridge, 25ft. span and 15ft. high, and the level of the road is not to be interfered with. As this is a leading road into Greystones from Bray, I consider the headway under the Bridge over the central 12 feet of the roadway should be at least 16 feet.
- 2—At about 0 miles 74 furlongs the Railway is to cross Road 33 (Rathdown No. 2, "Church Lane") at about 20 perches from the junction of this Road with Road No. 16—Rathdown No. 2—near Kindlestown National School. The Railway Company propose stopping this end of Church Lane, and, instead of the portion so stopped, constructing, in substitution therefor, a road from the point of stoppage to give access to Road No. 16, Rathdown No. 2.

This diversion would run parallel with the Railway until it meets the New Road No. 1 to be constructed by the Railway Company, and the passage, from the diversion to County Road No. 16, would be over the end portion of this New Road No. 1.

As New Road No. 1 will be the property of the Railway Company, the Company can stop or regulate the traffic, especially so regarding a Bridge carrying the road over the Railway on this road, thus indirectly controlling the free use of Church Lane by the public.

I consider that steps should be taken to insure free access from Church Lane to Road No. 16 at all times. Also, I think the Road substituted for the stopped part of Church Lane should be constructed to a Plan and Specification agreed on between the Company's Engineer and myself.

No exception can be taken to the gradient of the proposed diversion.

3.—New Road No. 1. This is an altogether New Road to be made by the Railway Company. It is to lead from Church Road, Greystones, to Road No. 16—Rathdown No. 2 (Windgates to Killincarrick).

No exception can be taken to the gradient on this road.

The New Road No. 1 crosses the Railway by a Bridge near where it joins the Windgates-Killincarrick Road.

Since the Railway Company contemplate the maintenance of this New Road No. 1 by the County, it is of the utmost importance to make provision that, if the Road is taken over by the County, the Company abandon all rights over it, and, further, that the Bridge over the Railway be constructed of sufficient strength so as to carry any traffic likely to cross it.

New Road No. 2 is a branch of New Road No. 1, joining the latter with a road on the Burnaby Estate not at present maintained by the County. No exception can be taken to this road, but the remarks regarding the rights of the Railway Company, in the event of maintenance by the County, apply.

Regarding both roads, I consider it reasonable that, in view of the proposed maintenance by the County, these roads should be constructed to Plans and Specifications to be agreed on between the Company's Engineer and myself.

4.—At about 1 mile 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs the Railway is to cross Road No. 11—Rathdown No. 2 (Greystones to Killincarrig and Delgany), at a point about 50 perches from Killincarrig Crossroads.

The Railway is to be carried across the road by a Bridge, 25 feet span and 15 feet high, and the County Road, at and about the Bridge, is to be lowered 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet.

The Bridge, I consider, should give 16 feet headway over the central 12 feet of Road, and the lowering of the Road will seriously affect the drainage of the Western portion of Road No. 11, Rathdown No. 2, and also those parts of Roads Nos. 13 and 16, Rathdown No. 2, about Killincarrig Crossroads. Therefore, I consider the Railway Company should be asked to construct some additional drains to prevent disturbance of the present drainage arrangements.

5.—At about 3 miles 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs the Railway is to cross Road No. 190—Rathdrum (Lott Lane), by a level crossing. As this Crossing is near the extreme end of a branch of Lott Lane I do not consider that the level crossing would cause any serious interference with the traffic.

6.—At about three miles 7 one-third furlongs the Railway crosses Road No. 46—Rathdrum R.D. (Kilcoole to the Sea), at about 50 perches from Kilcoole Three Roads. The crossing is to be by a Bridge, 25ft. span and 15ft. high, and the road is to be lowered 1 $\frac{1}{2}$ ft. at the crossing; the gradient of the road remaining the same, but particular care should be taken to ensure that the drainage of the road be not interfered with at this point, as appears probable from the cross sections.

7.—At about six miles three one-eighth furlongs the Railway crosses the Road No. 104, Rathdrum (Newcastle to the Sea), at about 40 perches from the three roads at Newcastle.

The Crossing is to be a level crossing. The public road is to be raised five feet, and the gradient on the road at the Crossing increased from 1 in 65 to 1 in 30.

Although much of the traffic from Newcastle end to the present Railway Station will cease on the completion of the new line, nevertheless a level crossing at this place might prove a danger and inconvenience, and I do not consider it unreasonable to ask the Railway Company to substitute a Bridge at this point, especially as the Railway gradients on both sides of the Crossing are comparatively flat.

In dealing with this I take the cross section No. 5 as referring to this place, as it is the only road crossing shown, although another accommodation road is crossed at about six miles two and one-third furlongs.

These are the only County Roads interfered with, although it crosses two other public (and sometimes) County Roads, viz.—From the three roads at Grange North to Five Mile Point, and from Killougher crossroads to the sometime Railway Station at Killougher (both in Rathdrum R.D.). The first is to be crossed by a Bridge and the second by a level crossing.

The Public Works to be altered, etc., in Bray, not being under my supervision, I have not dealt with.

The Railway Company also seek powers to construct and maintain New Groynes, or other Sea Protection Works, etc., between Greystones Railway Station and a point opposite the Signal Cabin at Wicklow Junction.

These works will be most proper, but a definite assurance should be given that sufficient works be constructed and maintained in order to protect the Eastern ends of Roads Nos. 46 and 104, Rathdrum R.D., from being damaged or injured by the encroachment of the Sea at Kilcoole and Newcastle present Railway Stations.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.

The Secretary read the following Resolution received from A. P. Keene, Esq., Hon. Secretary to the Newcastle (County Wicklow) Farmers' Association, calling upon the County Council to oppose the Bill:—

“Resolved—That we ask the County Council to oppose the Bill for the abandonment of the old Line, unless proper precautions are taken to protect the interests of landowners and occupiers whose lands would be affected in the District, the necessary precautions to include the maintenance of the present embankment and fence, the keeping clear of the opening into the sea known as The Breaches, to prevent the silting up of same by sand, gravel, or other material, and to prevent the choking of the drain running North and South from said opening.”

The Law Agent to the Council, J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, produced a copy of the proposed Bill, and explained in detail how it was proposed under the provisions of same to cross, divert, and otherwise interfere with several public roads in the county of which the Council, as Highway Authority, were the owners. Further, he read the following Draft Petition prepared by Senior Counsel, S. L. Browne, Esq., K.C., on instructions, which set forth the grounds upon which the Council might offer opposition to the Bill in order to safeguard their interests as a Highway Authority:—

IN THE HOUSE OF
SESSION 1918.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY (NEW WORKS) BILL,
1918.

PETITION PRAYING TO BE HEARD BY COUNCIL AGAINST THE
BILL.

To

The humble Petition of the County Council of the County of Wicklow under their Common Seal sheweth as follows:—

1.—Your Petitioners are the County Council of the County of Wicklow, and as such, are the Highway Authority for the said County.

2.—A Bill (hereinafter called the Bill) promoted by the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company (hereinafter referred to as the Company) has been introduced and is now pending in your Honourable (Right Honourable) House entitled the Dublin and South Eastern Railway (New Works) Bill, 1918.

3.—The Bill is promoted by the Company for several purposes, the principal purposes being to enable the Company to construct a Diversion Rail-

way for a distance of upwards of ten miles between Bray and Wicklow, in the said County of Wicklow, and to construct certain specified new roads and to vest same in your Petitioners as such Highway Authority as aforesaid. AND to enable the Company to cross, divert, alter, use, stop up, or appropriate all such highways and roads as may be necessary for the purpose of making and maintaining the said diversion Railway and proposed new roads; And to enable them to abandon and relinquish the portion of their existing Railway Line between the points of commencement and termination of the proposed diversion Railway, And on such relinquishment the Company seek to be relieved of all future liability in respect of their portion of their existing line so relinquished.

4.—In the construction of the proposed diversion Railway the Company will cross or otherwise interfere with several public roads now vested in your Petitioners as such Highway Authority as aforesaid. The Company propose to carry the railway across some of those roads by means of Bridges, and across others by means of level crossings.

5.—Your Petitioners submit that the proposed level crossings will be a source of serious danger and inconvenience to the public, and that power ought not to be conferred on the Company to enable them to cross any public road by means of such crossings.

6.—The Company propose to carry the diversion Railway across certain other public roads by means of bridges 15 feet in height. As some of the roads in question are important thoroughfares, your Petitioners submit that the proposed bridges would not be of sufficient height to accommodate the traffic along such roads, and they submit that such bridges should be at least 16 feet high.

7.—At a distance of about 1 mile and 7 $\frac{1}{2}$ furlongs from the point of commencement of the proposed diversion Railway it is proposed to carry the same over the public County Road No. 11, leading from Killincarrig to Greystones, by means of a bridge, and the surface of the road at and about the bridge is to be lowered by about 3 $\frac{1}{2}$ feet, and it is also proposed to lower the surface of certain other roads. Your Petitioners submit that the lowering of the surfaces of the roads in question will seriously affect the drainage of the said roads and also of certain other roads adjacent thereto, and your Petitioners accordingly submit that provisions should be vested in the Bill to compel the Company to construct sufficient drains to provide for the proper drainage of all the roads in question in so far as such drainage is affected by the proposed interference with the surface of the said roads.

8.—The Company seek powers to enable them to construct two new roads and, on the construction thereof, to hand them over to your Petitioners as the Highway Authority, to be by them maintained as public roads, and one of the proposed new roads is to be carried over the diversion Railway by means of a bridge. In as much as the proposed new roads are to be maintained by your Petitioners, it is submitted that they should be constructed in accordance with plans and specifications to be approved of by your Petitioners' County Surveyor, and that the said Bridge should be constructed according to plan and specification similarly approved of, so as to secure that the said bridge will be of sufficient strength to carry such traffic as is likely to pass along such road. When new road No. 1 is constructed, that at all times the public shall have free access over new road No. 1 between the point where the diversion of county road 33 adjoins the said new road No. 1 and the junction of new road No. 1 with county road No. 16. That if at any time the Road Authority undertake the repair and maintenance of new roads Nos. 1 and 2, the Company shall surrender all rights over the control of the traffic on said roads, and the Company shall be liable to maintain all bridges on said roads.

9.—On the completion of the diversion Railway, the Company seek powers to enable them to abandon and relinquish the portion of their existing line which will be rendered unnecessary by the new line, and therefrom they seek to be relieved of all future liability in respect of the said portion of the existing line. And the Company further seek powers to enable them to construct and maintain new Groynes and other sea and coastal protection works and to hold and maintain the existing groynes and other sea and coastal protection works between Greystones and Wicklow. In the event of the embankment on which the Company's existing line runs between the aforesaid points being abandoned and not kept in repair, your Petitioners submit that a serious encroachment of the sea will take place and that the Eastern portion of the County roads No. 46 leading from Kilcoole to the sea, and No. 104 leading from Newcastle to the sea, will be damaged and rendered impassable by such encroachment. Your Petitioners accordingly submit that provisions should be vested in the Bill providing for definite coastal protection works between these points and imposing on the Company an obligation to construct and maintain such works and providing for the enforcement of such obligation.

10.—The Bill contains divers other clauses and provisions which will prejudicially affect the rights, property, jurisdiction and interests of your Petitioners and of the public whom they represent, and your Petitioners submit that the Bill (if any), before being passed into law, should be amended so as to include other clauses and provisions for the protection of your Petitioners and of the public whom they represent as aforesaid.

11.—The preamble of the Bill is incapable of proof.

YOUR PETITIONERS therefore humbly pray your Honourable (Right Honourable) House that the Bill may not be allowed to pass into law as it now stands, and that your Petitioners may be heard by themselves, their Counsel, Agents and Witnesses before the Committee of your Honourable (Right Honourable) House to whom the Bill may be referred against the preamble, and if the same do pass, against the clauses and provisions for their protection and that such other relief may be given to your Petitioners in the premises as your Honourable (Right Honourable) House may seem meet.

AND your Petitioners will ever pray.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That the Council resolve to present a Petition on the merits against the Dublin and South-Eastern Railway Bill, 1918: that we hereby authorise that the Petition be executed and the Seal of the Council be attached out of Meeting; that the limit of expenditure be fixed at Twelve Hundred Pounds (£1,200), which is to be a County-at-Large Charge. Passed.

At this stage the Secretary pointed out that to be effective the Resolution should have been passed by "an absolute majority of the Governing Body," as required by Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, as applied to the County Council by Section 17 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. As the matter stood, only eight Councillors out of the nine present had voted for the Resolution.

The Law Agent of the Council contended that this requirement was not necessary, and the Council acquiesced in the Law Agent's view.

The Meeting next proceeded to consider the Report of the Finance Committee dealing with the negotiations that had taken place between the Council and the Road Board with reference to the purchase of Steam-rolling Plant at present in use on the Bray-Wicklow Road.

The Report was as follows:—

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 3rd January, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that had passed between himself, the County Surveyor and the Road Board, with reference to the proposal to purchase by the Council the Plant at present in use on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

In this connection he explained the various stages of the negotiations, and submitted Notes of the terms and conditions of the Agreement arrived at by the Officers of the Council and the Road Board.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to approve of the action of the Secretary and County Surveyor in negotiating terms of purchase of the Plant on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and to approve of the heads of Agreement for such purchase arrived at between them on the Road Board. The Committee also recommend the Council to authorise its Chairman and Vice-Chairman, with the assistance of the Secretary, County Surveyor and Solicitor, to execute the Agreement with the Road Board, and to affix the Seal of the Council thereto out of Meeting.

A letter was submitted from J. H. Gadsen, of Rossanagh, Rathnew, dated 29th December, 1917, relative to the tree known as "the Duke's Elm," in Tighe's Avenue, on the road from Ashford to Rathnew, which was blown down across the road during the recent storm.

Order.—Secretary to inform Mrs. Gadsen that the County Council don't claim the tree.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

3rd January, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

W.T.B.

W. Byrnes

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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 18th February, 1918.

The following Members attended:—

Councillor — W^m Byrne (Coolbeg) — Residing Chairman.
Councillors — Martin Langton, John V. Gahan, John J. Ahealy, Morgan Travers, Thos. Burke, William Byrne (Kilmurray), John Storey, W^m Costello, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), Tobias Kinsella, J. W. Reigh, P. J. Carey, Edward Byrne, E. J. O'Kelly, 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 for Payment from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider the Proposals for Payment from the five Rural District Councils.
- 5—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 6—To consider proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 7—To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1919.
- 10—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11—To frame a Supplemental Scheme to give effect to the provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1917, by the appointment of additional Members on the County Local Pensions Committee.
- 12—To consider the position of the Council in relation to the proposed opposition to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company's Bill in the coming Session of Parliament, and to take such action herein as the Council may decide; and otherwise to transact such business in this connection as might have been transacted if the Special Meeting of the Council, called for the 8th February, 1918, had been held.
- 13—To consider, and, if approved of, to adopt, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, an Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the Insurance Committee for the County, forwarded by the National Health Insurance Commissioners, in connection with the Administration of Sanatorium Benefit for the year 1918.
- 14—To appoint two Members on the Council of Agriculture for three years, commencing 1st April, 1918, in succession to the two retiring Representatives of the Council.
- 15—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John Storey:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move at the next meeting of the County Council that, in accordance with the Proposals adopted by Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural District Councils, We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the Proposals to borrow an aggregate sum of £1,625 (£475 proposed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and £1,150 proposed by Rathdrum Rural District Council) from the Road Board, London, said sum to be repaid in five years by equal half-yearly instalments of Principal, free of interest, and to be devoted to the completion of the work of improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, now in progress, and which road passes through the aforesaid Rural Districts—as provided in the scheme for the Improvement of said Road."
- 16—To appoint the County Council's moiety of the new School Attendance Committee for the Shillelagh Rural District for the three years commencing 1st April, 1918.
- 17—To fill the vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Annamoe, caused by the transfer of Rev. E. Trainor, C.C., from Roundwood.
- 18—To fill the vacancy existing on the County Local War Pensions, etc., Committee caused by the resignation of Colonel G. Rowan-Hamilton.
- 19—To pass a Resolution applying to the Local Government Board for sanction to the extension of the limit of Road Expenditure in each of the Five Rural Districts in the County.
- 20—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers:—"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I will move a Resolution that Mr. Joseph Keane, Poor Rate Collector, of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be granted a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of £110."
- 21—To consider, and, if necessary, to act upon, correspondence received from the Local Government Board in connection with the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Diseases) (Ireland) Act, 1917.

- 22—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
23—To consider Reports from County Officers.
24—To consider Official Correspondence.
25—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings were read and signed.

A letter was read from the Chairman, Councillor D. Condren, regretting his inability to be present, and suggesting that it would be wise to obtain an Indemnity from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, against surcharge in case the legal steps he had recommended the Council to take in connection with the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company's Bill should prove to be wrong.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

The Monthly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 20th December, 1917, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly) and Joseph McCarroll.
The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 23rd November, 1917, from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—enclosing copy of Opinion of Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., as to the powers of the County Council in connection with the Public Roads Act, 1911, and damage caused to roads by Timber Traffic.

Order.—Referred to Quarterly Meeting of Finance Committee.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

I beg to inform you that a large tree growing between the footpath and road on "Tighe's Avenue" (Road from Rathnew to Wicklow) was blown down across the road by the gale of the 16th inst.

The tree is being removed from across the road by Mr. Clarke, of Rathnew, who informed me that he has purchased it from the local representatives of Mr. Tighe, Rosanagh.

As I understand that the ownership of this tree has been frequently in dispute, I should be glad to know whether or not the County Council put forward any claim to ownership.

I may add that there are several other trees on this same road growing within the road fences between the roadway and footpath.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

18th December, 1917.

Order.—That the County Surveyor permit the tree to be removed off the road.

The Secretary mentioned that, pending the completion of negotiations with the Road Board for the raising of a Loan to purchase the Plant on the Bray-Wicklow Road, the Special Account connected therewith might be temporarily overdrawn. Accordingly, he suggested that the Treasurer be asked to give an Overdraft if required.

Order.—The Treasurer to be asked to give an Overdraft on the Subsidiary Account No. 2 not exceeding Five Hundred Pounds (£500).

(Signed) W. BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved.—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No 2.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 29th January, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors P. J. Carey and Joseph McCarroll.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

PURCHASE OF STEAM ROLLING PLANT.

To the Chairman and Members of Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—

You will remember that at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee I submitted correspondence that had passed between the Road Board and your officers dealing with the proposal of the County Council to purchase the Steam Rolling Plant at present in use on Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme. This correspondence included a document drawn up by the Road Board, dated 20th December, 1917, and headed "Notes of Agreement with regard to the purchase and hire of Plant in use upon Bray-Wicklow Road," and the terms of which had been arranged between the Road Board on their own behalf, and by your County Surveyor and myself on behalf of the County Council. It also included a telegram, dated 31st December, 1917, from the Road Board intimating that the price of the Plant proposed to be purchased by the Council would amount, according to the terms of the Agreement, to Four Thousand and Ninety-Six Pounds. The Finance Committee approved of the action of the Secretary and of the County Surveyor and recommended the Council to adopt the terms of purchase set out in the headings of Agreement. This the Council did.

As the purchase price exceeds the loan sanctioned to meet it by a sum of £96, the Finance Committee considered it would be advisable to pay this relatively small sum out of revenue, so as to avoid the long delay that would be involved in obtaining a loan to meet it. Accordingly, the County Surveyor is putting forward to-day a formal proposal for authority to provide a sum of £96 for the purpose. The documents referred to are set out in detail hereunder.

I may add that the Agreement to be entered into by the Council, undertaking to repay the Loan of £4,000 in five annual instalments—and which had not been received at date of last meeting—has since been received; has been duly executed and sealed (on 18th January, 1918) by Council, under authority of resolution passed on 3rd January; stamped with a 2s. 6d. per cent. stamp; and returned to the Road Board.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to County Council.

29th January, 1918.

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD IMPROVEMENT SCHEME.

NOTES OF AGREEMENT WITH REGARD TO THE PURCHASE AND HIRE OF PLANT IN USE UPON THE BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

1.—That the items of plant set forth in Schedule "A" be purchased by the Wicklow County Council (County-at-Large) from Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and that the purchase price of same to the Wicklow County Council be the purchase price of same to the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme "At Works," less a deduction at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum for the period dating from the purchase of the various items by the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme up to and including 16th day of November, 1917, on and from which date the Wicklow County Council shall be sole owners of the plant set forth in Schedule A.

2.—That on and after 16th November, 1917, the Items of Plant set forth in Schedule A shall be deemed as hired by the County Council to the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme in consideration of a payment by the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme to the Wicklow County Council at the rate of 10 per cent. of the total expenditure on the work of improvement and charges incidental thereto of the Bray-Wicklow Road under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

Further, that as from the 16th November, 1917, the cost of all necessary repairs and renewals to the plant included in Schedule A, and all Insurance charges upon same, shall be borne by the Wicklow County Council, but that all other charges incurred in working such plant until the completion of the works shall be chargeable to the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

3.—That certain items set forth in Schedule B, being more in the nature of consumable stores, but which are included in the expenditure of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme as Plant, shall all (or all of which may be then unexpended) at the termination of the period of use on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, be sold, and the sum realised by such sale shall be credited to the funds of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

4.—That certain items in Schedule C, which are included or charged in the expenditure of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme as Plant, shall be charged to the general expenditure on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

THE ROAD BOARD,

20th December, 1917.

THE ROAD BOARD,

Manager and Engineer's Office,
35, Cromwell Road, South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.,

20th December, 1917.

DEAR SIR—

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

I beg to acknowledge your letters of the 14th and 15th instant relative to the purchase of plant in use upon the above road.

I note you agree that the purchase price shall be the actual cost of the plant "at works," less 5 per cent. per annum from the date of purchase of the various items to the 16th November, 1917, but that, as regards the hire charges from the 16th November onwards, you are of opinion that this should be at the rate of 10 per cent. upon the actual expenditure incurred between that date and the completion of the works.

The Board are prepared to agree to the 10 per cent. charge, upon the understanding that the cost of repairs and renewals to the plant is borne by the County Council, and also the cost of insurance, in accordance with the usual practice. The cost of fuel, oil, etc., will, of course, be chargeable to the scheme.

The Board also agree to the items set forth in Schedule B being chargeable to the Scheme, upon the understanding that they are sold on completion of the works and the sum realised credited to the scheme.

With regard to the items included in Schedule C, the Board feel that, strictly speaking, they should be included in the purchase price of the plant to be paid by your Council, but having regard to the small amount in question, and the desirability of settling the question of the loan without delay, they are willing to agree to the cost of these items being chargeable to the Scheme.

I enclose herewith Amended Notes of Agreement, and shall be glad to hear that you concur.

I agree that the question arising upon "maintenance" may be allowed to stand over until the question of the purchase of plant has been settled.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. KILLICK,

Acting Manager.

The County Surveyor, Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

South Kensington.

Handed in at 4 p.m., 31st Dec., 1917. Received at 5 p.m. on Monday, 31st Dec., 1917.

To County Secretary, Wicklow.

Re purchase of Plant, Bray-Wicklow Road. Purchase price, less five per cent. per annum, amounts to four thousand and ninety-six pounds. Will your Council sign two undertakings for four thousand pounds and ninety-six pounds respectively, or one undertaking for four thousand pounds and agree to send cheque for ninety-six pounds from Revenue or other account? Assume that form of agreement referred to in last paragraph of 27th instant is undertaking to repay and not notes of agreement for purchase and hire of plant. Board considers formal agreement for latter unnecessary.

ROAD BOARD.

THE ROAD BOARD,

Manager and Engineer's Office,
35, Cromwell Road, South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.,

2nd January, 1918.

DEAR SIR—

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

Adverting to your letter of the 27th ultimo, and my telegram of the 31st, relative to the purchase by the Wicklow County Council of the plant in use upon the above road at a cost of £4,096, I beg to inform you that, up to the time of writing, the formal sanction of the Treasury has not been received to the proposed loan to your Council. No difficulty in obtaining such sanction is, however, anticipated, and in order that the matter may be dealt with by your Council at their meeting to-morrow, the Undertakings required by the Board for the repayment of the money are enclosed herewith, and so soon as the Treasury sanction is received, I will immediately advise you.

As it would appear that Local Government Board sanction has, so far, been given for the raising of a loan of £4,000 only, and in order to avoid unnecessary delay in placing funds at the disposal of your Council, it seems desirable for two separate loans to be made by the Board, viz., one for £4,000 and another for £96. I understand from your telegram of yesterday that this course is quite agreeable to your Council, and the forms of Undertaking enclosed herewith should be returned to this Office, duly completed and stamped with an ad valorem duty at the rate of 2s. 6d. per cent., together with a copy of the consent of the Local Government Board to the borrowing of the money.

Upon receipt of the Undertaking in respect of the £4,000, and copy consent of the Local Government Board, arrangements will be made for a cheque to be sent to you immediately.

The second Undertaking in respect of the £96 can be forwarded when the consent of the Local Government Board is received to the borrowing thereof.

Yours faithfully,

J. S. KILLICK,

Acting Manager.

The County Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Wicklow.

THE ROAD BOARD,
Manager and Engineer's Office,
35, Cromwell Road, South Kensington,
London, S.W.7.,
10th January, 1918.

DEAR SIR—

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.
PURCHASE OF PLANT.

In reply to your letter of the 2nd instant, I enclose herewith, as requested, certified copies of the Schedules A, B and C, as agreed between us.

Yours faithfully,
J. S. KILLICK,
Acting Manager.

The County Surveyor, Wicklow County Council,

Court House, Wicklow.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
12th day of January, 1918.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

PURCHASE OF PLANT.

DEAR SIR—

I enclose documents received from the Road Board by this morning's post. I have checked over the items with a copy of the lists which I sent to the Road Board, and I find them correct.

On my return from West Wicklow I will check over the total sum to be deducted for depreciation; I have already done so and found that the Road Board have allowed us a slightly larger sum, apparently, than that which my calculation shows.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

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	7940	18	1
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	981	16	3
Proposals Committee's Proposals	19	1	6
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	328	12	0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	15	16	6
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	650	11	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	21	9	6
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	2198	18	0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	300	14	0
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	553	3	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	67	6	9
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	38	13	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	16	5	0
Transfer to Credit or Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)	1613	8	5

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	1160	0	0
Naas	272	5	0
Rathdown	1477	10	0
Rathdrum	2917	0	0
Shillelagh	1067	10	0
Total	6894	5	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.		£	s	d		
Baltinglass No. 1	590	0	0
Naas No. 2	135	15	0
Rathdown No. 2	1046	10	0
Rathdrum	1079	10	0
Shillelagh	616	10	0
Total	3498	5	0

A letter, dated 19th January, 1918, was submitted from the Executive Committee of the Irish County Councils' General Council containing a suggestion that each County Council should contribute a sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum for the purpose of enabling a Chair of Scientific Agriculture to be established in University College, Dublin.

The principle was approved by the Committee, and the communication was referred to the Scholarships Committee of the Council, to be re-considered when that Committee is preparing the Scholarship Scheme for the ensuing Scholastic Year 1918-1919.

The Secretary submitted the annual estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1918-1919, to provide for the liabilities and requirements of the Council, and for sums to be supplied to other public bodies. Further, he submitted the Estimate of Rates required to be raised during the same period for Separate Charges throughout the County.

In his Report on the Rate Estimate (copy of which Report is attached), the Secretary explained in detail the different items, and the deviations in the rates required in the ensuing year from those assessed for the current Financial Year.

The Committee recommend the Council to adopt the Estimates as submitted.

The Secretary submitted a Report on his Estimate of the Rate required to meet the Guarantee in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway for the ensuing Financial Year, 1918-1919 (This Report is separately circulated herewith.)

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 7th January, 1918, from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, asking to have submitted to them copy of the Estimate of the Blessington Tramway Rate.

The Committee made no Order thereon.

The Committee recommended payment of the following amount of Rates claimed as irrecoverable for the Half-year ending 31st March, 1918, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

No. 9. Collector Joseph Keane ... £24 8 9

An application was submitted from Mr. P. T. Healy for payment of a sum of Twenty-Five Pounds (£25), portion of Salary lost by him in consequence of the Restrictions imposed by the Government on the sale and use of Petrol during the year ending 31st March, 1917.

Owing to the same cause Mr. Thomas Langton's salary was reduced for the corresponding period by Thirteen Pounds (£13). He also applied to the Committee for payment of this sum.

The Secretary stated that the Salaries of these two Officers had unquestionably been reduced owing to the well-known fact that the Restrictions imposed by the Government upon the sale of Petrol had the effect of causing owners of motor cars to dispose of them, or to dismantle them, pending the discontinuance of the Restrictions.

The Committee recommend the Council to recoup to Mr. Healy Twenty-Five Pounds (£25), and to Mr. Langton Thirteen Pounds (£13), respectively lost to them under the circumstances mentioned in their applications.

The following applications were submitted from the Secretary and the Staff engaged in the Council's Offices:—

Court House, Wicklow,
28th January, 1918.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—

In conjunction with the other Members of your Office, I beg to apply for a War Bonus.

As you will remember, the War broke out immediately after my promotion, and its results upon the cost of living affected me as adversely as they have affected all persons dependant upon an income fixed in the normal period prior to the War.

This, in the fourth year of the war, is the first occasion upon which I have made an application of the kind.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

County Council Offices,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
28th January, 1918.

Gentlemen—

This time last year the Finance Committee granted us a War Bonus, for the year 1917, towards meeting the enhanced prices of necessities consequent upon the war. Conditions and prices have become more aggravated since, and, consequently, we would respectfully make application for a War Bonus for the year 1918.

We are, Gentlemen, your obedient servants,

P. T. HEALY,
THOMAS LANGTON,
LAURENCE WOLAHAN,
GARRETT BYRNE.

To the Presiding Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to grant to the applicants, as a War Bonus for this year, a sum equal to one month's current remuneration in their respective offices.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Board, dated the 23rd January, 1918, stating that the Council's Resolution adopted at the Special Meeting of the Council on the 3rd January, 1917, and purporting to decide that opposition should be entered by the County Council to the Bill proposed to be introduced into the next Session of Parliament by the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company, did not comply with the requirements of Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, as applied to the County Council by Section 17 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, inasmuch as it was not passed by "an absolute majority of the whole number of the governing Body."

It was further pointed out in the Local Government Board's letter that if in the judgment of the County Council it is necessary, for the protection of the interests of the Ratepayers, to present a Petition to Parliament against the Bill, it would be open to them to take further steps to comply with the Statute.

The Committee, having considered other correspondence on the subject forwarded through the Law Agent, and also having heard that Officer's arguments on the legal questions involved, decided to ask the Chairman to convene a Special Meeting of the Council, to be held on Friday, the 8th February, 1918, to consider what action should be taken under the circumstances that had arisen.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 7th December, 1917, from the Chief Inspector of Reformatory and Industrial Schools, Dublin Castle—intimating that an increase to the Treasury Grant by One Shilling (1/-) per head per week in respect of children in Reformatory and Industrial Schools has been sanctioned for the current calendar year on conditions that the County Councils increase their contributions by a similar amount.

Order.—Noted.

A File of Correspondence dealing with several cases of Timber and other extraordinary Traffic on the roads of the County was postponed for consideration to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee.

In connection with this matter, the Law Agent was authorised to obtain a Supplementary Opinion from Counsel on certain legal points which the County Surveyor desired to have cleared up.

Consideration of an application from James Taylor, Blessington, for a bonus on his contract for the repair of Burgage Bridge was also postponed.

The Secretary submitted an Opinion from Counsel (Albert D. Bolton, Esq.) in which was outlined the procedure to be followed in carrying out the Council's Order to compulsorily acquire Kiltimon Quarry.

Order.—Noted.

The Committee recommend to the County Council for Taxation two Bills of Miscellaneous Costs submitted by J. H. McCarrroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, (1) from 16th April, 1917, to 12th November, 1917, amounting to £217 14s. 10d., and (2) from 19th November, 1917, to 22nd January, 1918, amounting to £141 7s. 7d.

Correspondence relative to a proposed Forestry Scheme was adjourned for consideration to the next Meeting of the Committee.

A letter, dated 7th January, 1918, was submitted from Mrs. J. H. Gadsen—presuming that the Council is responsible for the repairs of damage caused by the fall across the road of the tree at Tighe's Avenue known as "The Duke's Elm," during the recent storm.

No order.

The County Surveyor reported that, as instructed, he had inspected the old Jail, and, as a result of his inspection, he was of opinion that there was no room therein suitable for the requirements of the Weights and Measures Inspector as a Store Room, Workshop, etc.

The Committee directed the County Surveyor to report to the next Meeting as to the best means to acquire accommodation for the carrying out of the duties of this Officer.

The Committee regret that they cannot recommend the Council to comply with the application from H. Morell, Esq., County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow, on behalf of Sergeant P. Wall, R.I.C., Bray, Inspector under the Foods and Drugs Acts, for a Bag for his use when taking Samples.

Applications, dated 17th December, 1917, and 12th January, 1918, were submitted from Sir Charles A. Cameron, in which he applied for a temporary addition to his Salary as County Analyst until the price of Chemicals, etc., became more moderate.

Order.—Postponed.

Applications from the Veterinary Inspectors in the County for increases in their Salaries, and other correspondence connected therewith, were postponed for consideration to the next Meeting of the Committee, as were also the applications received from the Court Keepers at Bray and Baltinglass for War Bonuses.

The Committee had under consideration a letter, dated 28th January, 1918, addressed to the Chairman, from Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, again asking to have his remuneration as Rate Collector fixed at Sixpence in the Pound (Poundage), the same as the majority of the other Collectors in the county.

The Committee referred the letter to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council, when the subject will come up for consideration on a Notice of Motion already handed in by Councillor Morgan Travers.

An application was also received, dated 26th January, 1918, from Collector Joseph Doyle, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, again applying for the same rate of remuneration as the majority of the other Rate Collectors in the County, viz.—Sixpence in the Pound (Poundage).

Order.—The Committee regret they cannot recommend the Council to comply.

A letter, dated 22nd January, 1918, was submitted from the Secretary of the South Wicklow National Teachers' Association—asking the Council to appoint a Representative to act upon a Delegation arranged to wait upon the Chief Secretary in support of the Teachers' demand for better treatment from the Government.

Order.—The Chairman of the Council to be asked if he could arrange to accompany the Deputation.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,

Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Travers, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. 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 John Storey, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, we now sign and seal the Requisitions to tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's two Bills of Miscellaneous Costs (1) from 16th April, 1917, to 12th November, 1917, amounting to £247 14s. 0d., and (2) from 19th November, 1917, to 22nd January, 1918, amounting to £141 7s. 7d. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 18th February, 1918.

The following Councillors were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors P. J. Carey, J. W. Reigh, John Storey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£1073 7 8
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The Committee recommend payment of the following amount of Rates claimed as Irrecoverable for the half-year ending 31st March, 1918, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board:—

No. 7. Collector C. S. Sutton	£71 11 8
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(Signed),

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

18th February, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. 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 J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,940 18s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.
BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurry), seconded by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £1,004 17s. 9d. (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 Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £344 8s. 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. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District amounting to £672 9s. 8d. (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 John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,499 12s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £820 9s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £38 13s. 0d. (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. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 5s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £1,073 7s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurray). 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:—

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Meeting of the ROADS COMMITTEE—which was constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their May Quarterly Meeting, 1917—was held at 1 o'clock p.m., on Thursday, the 20th December, 1917.

The following Members were present:

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly) and Joseph McCarroll.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO ROADS COMMITTEE, WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
14th December, 1917.

Gentlemen—

The Contractor for Road No. 51, Rathdrum Rural District, 1,000 perches, Balinacash three roads to Moneymeen three roads, having failed to comply with the Magistrates' Order to repair his contract road, in accordance with the Specification, before 1st December, it will be necessary to take further proceedings against this Contractor and his sureties.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Proceedings to be taken at next Petty Sessions against the Contractor and his Sureties, and the County Surveyor, if so advised by the Law Agent, to serve a Ten Days' Notice, and repair the road, under Section 54 of the Grand Jury Act.

(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,

Presiding Chairman.

20th December, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costello. Resolved—That the Report of the Roads Committee of the 20th December, 1917, be, and it is hereby confirmed and adopted. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
18th February, 1918.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Mr. E. J. O'Kelly, having been absent, consecutively, from Meetings of the Council for more than twelve months, in the absence of an explanation satisfactory to the Council, his seat on the Council will become vacant. I am, herewith, submitting a letter from Mr. O'Kelly on the subject.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

A letter dated 13th February, 1918, was submitted from Mr. E. J. O'Kelly, Main Street, Baltinglass, explaining that owing to the illness of a member of his family he was unable to attend the Meetings of the Council for the past eight or nine months.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray), seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, having heard the explanation submitted for his absence for over twelve months from consecutive Meetings of the Council by Mr. E. J. O'Kelly, hereby approve and order that the same constitutes a sufficient reason for his absence, within the meaning of Section 12 (9) of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898. Passed.

A letter, dated 15th February, 1918, was submitted from Councillor Michael Kelly, Englishstown, Kiltegan, stating that, owing to ill health, he regretted that he was unable to attend the Meetings of the Council. He therefore asked the Council to accept his resignation.

The Council decided that, under the circumstances, they would not accept Mr. Kelly's resignation, as his explanation was considered sufficient.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

ROAD CONTRACTS.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

There are six sets of Tenders and Contracts sent up by Rural District Councils, set out hereunder, which appear to me to be informal or invalid for the reasons stated, viz.:

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.—District Register Number, 71 (74 perches). The period for which the contract proposes to run is not stated in Tender. Further, the Bond is signed by the contractor as a "marksman," but the Tender is not signed in this manner.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT.—District Register Number, 100 (950 perches). The Bond is signed by the contractor as a "marksman," but the Tender is not so signed. District Register Number, 133 (1,387 perches). The foregoing remarks apply in this case. District Register Number 136 (1,228 perches). The tender is written in ordinary black lead pencil. District Register 153 (622 perches). Tender purports to be signed by contractor as a "marksman," but this form of signature is not witnessed. District Register Number 156 (326 perches). The foregoing remarks apply also in this case.

With reference to the County Surveyor's Report and to resolution from the Rural District Councils of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2 and Shillelagh, now to be submitted to County Council, asking for an order sanctioning or authorising the surrender of certain Road Contracts, I believe that under the terms of their resolution of 20th August last the County Council cannot, at this Meeting, authorise such surrender, as it is expressly stated in the resolution that "The Council, however, do not bind themselves to accept a surrender of any contract unless upon the March inspection the road is found in thorough and proper repair to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor."

Obviously the County Council cannot determine in February the condition that may exist in any particular case when the next inspection takes place.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

18th February, 1918.

The County Council decided to pass over the irregularities complained of for the present, and directed the Secretary to communicate with the Clerks of the Rural District Councils concerned, and to ask them to see that all the Tenders and Contracts are properly filled up and signed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th day of February, 1918.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,
Quarterly Meeting, 18th February, 1918.

Gentlemen—

An exceptionally large number of new contracts come before you for approval, but only one proposal and contract requires note, viz., a proposal and contract in Rathdrum Rural District, based on my application, "To build a gap in the wall opposite the R.C. Church, Rathdrum." This gap in the parapet wall, resting on the retaining wall which sustains that part of the road from Rathdrum to Laragh immediately opposite the R.C. Church in Rathdrum, was opened without authority given either by the County Surveyor or by the present day equivalent of a Presentment.

At a later date an application, by Notice of Motion of a Rural District Councillor, was put forward to permit a gate to be placed in the gap so opened, but this application was rejected by the Rathdrum K. D. Council.

As the gap must be in some manner closed, the only alternative is to rebuild the wall where broken, and, as far as I can see, the actual building of the wall is a work coming within the scope of Section 56 of the G. J. Act, 1836 (as adapted).

The owner of the land states that this gap is necessary to enable him to have access to the public road from his land.

In accordance with the terms of resolution passed by you on 20th August, 1917, the Contractors for the undermentioned roads have notified me that they wish to surrender their Contracts on 1st April, 1918, viz.:

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R. DISTRICT.

Index No.	Register No.	Contract Taken.
4	143	Winter, 1914.
86	160	Summer, 1914.
13	169	Winter, 1915.
14	170	Do.
17	173	Do.
30	183	Do.
31	184	Do.
32	185	Do.
44	192	Do.
45	193	Do.
48	196	Do.
29	218	Spring, 1915.
59	1	Spring, 1916.
41	190	Winter, 1915.

RATHDOWN No. 2 R. DISTRICT.

4	444	Winter, 1914.
5	445	Do.
10	450	Do.
19	476	Winter, 1915.
21	478	Do.

(In Nos. 10, 19 and 21 the Notices were sent by the representatives of the Contractor who are doing the work, the actual Contractor being away serving in the Army.)

SHILLELAGH R. DISTRICT.

4	207	Winter, 1915.
15	218	Do.
30	231	Do.

In addition to above, applications were also received from a number of contractors in Rathdrum Rural District, but as the District Council would not agree to the breaking of the Contracts, no action will be necessary.

The R. District Councils of Baltinglass No. 1, Rathdown No. 2, and Shillelagh have expressed their willingness to have broken those contracts in the Districts they represent, subject to the terms of your resolution.

I beg to report that the road, No. 36, Reg. No. 251 (Spring, 1915), Shillelagh R. District, from the crossroads near Cronyhorn Bridge to the County Wexford bounds at Ballingate, is not being satisfactorily maintained, and I recommend that authority be given to proceed as indicated in Sec. 54 of the G. J. Act, 1836.

Proceedings were taken against the Contractor and his Sureties on Road No. 51, Reg. No. 270 (Winter, 1913), Rathdrum R. District, from Ballinaclesh 3 roads to Moneymeen crossroads, and branch to lower road on Ballard, and a Decree for £43 2s. 10d. obtained.

I recommend that authority be given to expend, in repairing the road, the amount of the Decree as soon as the money is lodged to your credit.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

The Council approved of the taking of proceedings recommended in the case of Road No. 36, District Register No. 251, taken Spring, 1915, Shillelagh Rural District.

The Council directed the County Surveyor to expend the amount recovered in the case of Road No. 51, District Register No. 270, taken Winter, 1913, Rathdrum Rural District.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

An application from the County Surveyor for authority to purchase additional Steam-rolling Plant, at a cost not exceeding £96, was approved.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 65 in the District Register, 140 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed 17s. 6d.

Road No. 67 in the District Register, 1,162 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £48 8s. 0d.

Road No. 68 in the District Register, 784 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £8 19s. 6d.

Road No. 72 in the District Register, 675 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £7 0s. 6d.

Road No. 73 in the District Register, 368 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £3 16s. 6d.

Road No. 74 in the District Register, 432 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £3 12s. 0d.

Road No. 75 in the District Register, 740 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £21 11s. 0d.

Road No. 78 in the District Register, 412 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £12 0s. 0d.

Road No. 79 in the District Register, 760 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £6 6s. 6d.

Road No. 81 in the District Register, 376 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £2 14s. 9d.

Road No. 84 in the District Register, 650 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £5 8s. 3d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

Two Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Board, dated 6th February, 1918, No. 4002/1918 (Naas No. 2 Rural District)—enclosing copy of a letter received from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, relative to the construction of a Bridge across the Liffey at Ballinabrockey, together with a copy of the Board's reply thereto.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th day of February, 1918.

S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Wicklow.

Dear Sir—

In reference to a suggested Bridge over the river Liffey at Ballinabrockey, in Naas No. 2 R. District, in connection with which the L. G. Board have communicated with you, I beg to inform you that no Proposal was before the Naas No. 2 R.D.C., but that a deputation of parties interested waited on the R. D. Council at the Quarterly Meeting, on 15th January last, asking the Council to take steps to have a footbridge built at Ballinabrockey to replace a footbridge washed away by floods.

As there is no road leading to or from the footbridge, it was pointed out to the Deputation—

(1) That a new road would have to be constructed leading to and from the proposed bridge.

(2) That, as the river at the site of the bridge was unfordable, a "Road" bridge would have to be constructed.

(3) That the probable cost of the road and bridge would be over £1,000, exclusive of cost of land required for road.

The result of the discussion was that a Committee consisting of the members of the Deputation, certain members of the R. D. Council, and local residents, was appointed to meet at the site and discuss the feasibility of the project.

The Committee met on 19th January, and Mr. Ramsay, Assistant Surveyor, attended to point out to the Committee what would be required, with the result that the Committee decided to ask the L. G. Board to receive a Deputation which would ask them (the L.G.B.) to allow the R. D. Council to expend about £50 from the rates in building a footbridge without constructing a road leading to and from same.

I may remind you that some time in May or June, 1911, the County Council approached the L. G. Board regarding a proposed expenditure of £15 on a footbridge at Ballinabrockey, in Rathdrum R. District, and Mr. Wynne informed me in a letter ("A 142. of 30th June, 1911) that the L. G. Board had replied to the effect that "It does not appear that the County Council have any power to incur the expenditure, nor are the Board empowered to sanction the Council's proposal."

I think a similar ruling would apply to Ballinabrockey Footbridge.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Approved.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Road No. 82 in the District Register, 1,152 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £14 8s. 0d.

Road No. 84 in the District Register, 1,122 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £11 13s. 9d.

Road No. 97 in the District Register, 1,110 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £55 10s. 0d.

Road No. 99 in the District Register, 604 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £3 2s. 11d.

Road No. 101 in the District Register, 923 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £9 12s. 3d.

Road No. 104 in the District Register, 800 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £12 10s. 0d.

Road No. 114 in the District Register, 771 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £8 0s. 7d.

Road No. 116 in the District Register, 860 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £8 19s. 2d.

Road No. 117 in the District Register, 339 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £47 3s. 3d.

Road No. 123 in the District Register, 298 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £1 13s. 6d.

Road No. 126 in the District Register, 892 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £19 10s. 3d.

Road No. 128 in the District Register, 866 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £43 6s. 0d.

Road No. 131 in the District Register, 440 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £3 13s. 4d.

Road No. 132 in the District Register, 326 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £1 13s. 11d.

Road No. 138 in the District Register, 510 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £7 8s. 9d.

Road No. 151 in the District Register, 545 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £15 6s. 6d.

Road No. 158 in the District Register, 244 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £1 15s. 7d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 298 in the District Register, 596 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £6 4s. 2d.

Road No. 306 in the District Register, 1,349 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £29 10s. 2d.

Road No. 313 in the District Register, 1,253 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £27 8s. 2d.

Road No. 315 in the District Register, 154 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £1 15s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

The Secretary's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1918-1919, as submitted to the Finance Committee, and appearing on the Minutes of their Proceedings, and circulated with their Report to the Members of the County Council, was taken as read.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY GUARANTEE.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

GENTLEMEN—

I find that the Estimate of 3s. 6d. in the pound adopted by the Council to meet their obligations under the above Guarantee for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918, will result in a debit balance of £695 4s. 1d. For the half-year ended 30th June, 1917, the Council paid on Demand to Tramway Company a sum of £1419. The amount to be demanded for the half-year ended 31st December, 1917, and chargeable against current rate, has not yet been ascertained by the Committee of Management in charge of the concern. Thy inform me, however, that it will amount to at least as much as that paid in respect of June half-year. For the estimate I have no option but to take this figure, namely, £1,419. Further, the management inform me that the probable demands for the ensuing Financial Year will show no diminution upon those for the current one. Under these circumstances I have estimated for a sum of £2,838.

Against this I have credited the usual Government Grants, which reduce the net estimated requirements for the year 1918-19 to £2,101, to raise which a rate of 2s. 9d. will be required.

The detailed figures upon which the estimate is based are set out hereunder.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
24th January, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That, in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Committees) Act, 1917, we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby amend the Scheme drawn up by this Council on the 14th August, 1916, under the Provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, and direct that the Supplementary Scheme now submitted, increasing the number of Members of the original County Local War Pensions Committee from twenty-one (21) to twenty-four (24) be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY (NEW WORKS) BILL, 1918.

The following letter was read:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 23rd January, 1918.

No. 3319/1918. Wicklow County.

Sir—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 18th instant, and the accompanying documents, relative to the proposal of the Wicklow County Council to enter a formal opposition to the Bill which the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company intend to promote in the ensuing Session of Parliament; and I am to point out that the resolution passed by the County Council on the 3rd instant does not comply with the requirements of Section 5 of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, as applied to the County Council by Section 17 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, as it is not "a resolution of an absolute majority of the whole number of the governing body." Nine Members were present out of a total of twenty-seven, and of these nine, one member appears to have dissented from the resolution.

If, in the judgment of the County Council, it is necessary for the protection of the interests of the ratepayers to present a petition to Parliament against the Bill, it is open to them to take fresh steps to comply with the Statute.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court House, Wicklow.

The County Surveyor's Supplemental Report was submitted as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th day of February, 1918.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT ON D. & S. E. RAILWAY NEW WORKS BILL, 1918.

TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

GENTLEMEN,

On examining the D. & S. E. Railway New Works, 1918, Bill I notice that the Clause relating to New Roads Nos. 1 and 2 appear to be mandatory on the County Council and R. D. Council to take over, maintain, and keep in repair the said roads, and that the R. D. Council of Rathdown No. 2 and the County Council are thereby deprived of the right given to them, under the L. G. (Ireland) Act, 1888, to accept, or otherwise, the responsibility of maintaining these roads as Public Works.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

A resolution from Newcastle Farmers' Association, asking the Council to oppose the Bill, and other general correspondence connected with the subject were submitted.

The Secretary mentioned that the Special Meeting of the Council, summoned for the 8th February, 1918, to consider the Local Government Board's letter, and the general question arising thereunder, fell through in the absence of a quorum of Members. He added that as the time under the Standing Orders of the Parliamentary Committee within which opposition could be lodged was running short, he on that date consulted the Finance Committee as to what action he should take in the matter, the Council having on the 3rd January, 1918, authorised the Sealing of the Petition.

The Finance Committee, having considered the entire question in all its bearings, made the following order:—

"That, having regard to the Special circumstances that have arisen in connection with the proposed opposition to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company's Bill, we consider it advisable that, pending the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, the Petition should be sealed and formally deposited, subsequent action to be decided by the County Council at their Meeting on the 18th February, 1918."

Acting on the advice of the Finance Committee the Petition was duly sealed, and handed over to the Law Agent for deposit in Parliament.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke.

Resolved—That we hereby ratify the Resolution of the 3rd day of January, 1918, relative to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Bill, 1918, and that we appoint Messrs D. J. Cogan, William Byrne (Coolbeg), J. J. Healy, and J. W. Reich, a committee with full power to deal with the matter, and, in conjunction with the County Secretary, County Surveyor, and Solicitor, to submit draft Clauses for the protection of the County Council, eliminating from the Petition any reference to the proposed site of the new Railway Station at Greystones, and to the protection of owners of property, and we direct the Seal of the Council to be attached thereto, and to the said Resolution of the 3rd day of January, 1918.

Passed.

At the request of the Meeting Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Law Agent, handed in a guarantee, of which the following is a copy:—

"I guarantee that the County Council cannot be legally surcharged in connection with the opposition to the Dublin South Eastern Railway Bill, 1918.

(Signed)—J. H. McCARROLL,

Solicitor,

Date—18th February, 1918. Wicklow."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy.

Resolved—That in order to give effect to the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 19th November, 1917, agreeing to pay to the Insurance Committee for the County of Wicklow, for the Year 1917-1918, a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200), to enable the Committee to carry on their work of Domiciliary Treatment, etc., on condition that a similar Grant be made by the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury, be it resolved, in pursuance of Section 17 of the National Health Insurance Act of 1911, that the Scheme indicating the estimated Expenditure and Receipts by the Committee now submitted from the Insurance Commissioners for the said year 1918, be, and it is hereby adopted.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan.

Resolved—That the following be re-appointed to represent the County Council on the Council of Agriculture for a term of three years commencing 1st April, 1918:—

D. J. Cogan, 115 Thomas Street, Dublin.

P. J. Carey, Tomanierin, Aughrim.

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey.

Resolved—That, in accordance with the Proposals adopted by Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural District Councils, We, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the Proposals to borrow an aggregate sum of £1,625 (£275 proposed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and £1,350 proposed by Rathdrum Rural District Council) from the Road Board London, said sum to be repaid in five years by equal half-yearly instalments of Principal, free of interest, and to be devoted to the completion of the work of improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, now in progress, and which road passes through the aforesaid Rural Districts—as provided in the scheme for the improvement of said road."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Tobias Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan.

Resolved—That the following be re-appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for Shillelagh Rural District for a period of three years, commencing 1st April, 1918:—

J. V. Gahan, J.P., Boley, Shillelagh.

Tobias Kinsella, Umrigar, Carnew.

Edward Byrne, J.P., Muskeagh, Tinahely.

E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, do.

R. W. Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers.

Resolved—That the vacancy existing on the School Attendance Committee for the Dispensary District of Annamoe, caused by the transfer of the Rev. E. Trainor, C.C., from Roundwood, be filled by the appointment of the Rev. Joseph Fay, B.A., C.C., Glendalough.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan.

Resolved—That the vacancy on the County Local War Pensions, etc. Committee caused by the resignation of Colonel G. Rowan Hamilton, be filled by the appointment of Mrs. Sadie J. Hopkins of Ballykelly, Shillelagh.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray).

Resolved—That, in compliance with the requests submitted from the five Rural District Councils in this County we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to extend for the ensuing financial year, the limit of Road Expenditure in each of these Districts as follows:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	to	£4,558
Naas No 2	"	1,600
Rathdown No. 2	"	3,700
Rathdrum	"	11,000
Shillelagh	"	2,924

Passed.

In accordance with Notice of Motion it was proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor John J. Healy.

Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Keane, Poor Rate Collector of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be granted a Poundage of sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of £110.

Passed.

The Council referred to the Finance Committee the correspondence received from the Local Government Board in connection with the Public Health (Prevention and Treatment of Diseases) Act, 1917.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll.

Resolved—This Council learns with amazement and indignation of the proposed closing of Kynoch's Munition Works at Arklow, which is a National injustice and a breach of public faith entailing ruin to Arklow and starvation to thousands of people, and calls upon the Government to maintain these works, which are the most important of their kind in Ireland.

Copies to be wired to the Ministry of Munitions, the Prime Minister, John E. Redmond, M.P., the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the County Members of Parliament.

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor William Byrne, (Kilmurray):—

"I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I, or some Councillor for me, will move a Resolution that Mr. Joseph Doyle, Poor Rate Collector, of Tuckmill, Baltinglass, be granted a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of Sixty Pounds (£60) per annum."

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

File of Letters from the Local Government Board, relative to the Rate Collectors and their Collections.

No. 456/1918. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th January, 1918.—Sealed Order fixing the Rural District of Shillelagh as the area of charge for the expenses of improving the Sewerage System of Tinahely.

No. 456/1918. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th January, 1918.—Sealed Order fixing the Rural District of Shillelagh as the area of charge for the expenses of improving the Sewerage System at Carnew.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th October, 1917.—Copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1917."

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th November, 1917.—Copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1917."

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 26th January, 1918.—Copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Temporary) Order of 1917 Extension Order."

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th February, 1918.—Copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1918, No. 2."

Dublin Castle, 14th January, 1918.—From Under Secretary, intimating that from and after 14th May, 1918, St. Brigid's Certified Inebriate Reformatory at Wexford will not longer be open for the reception of Inebriate Females, the Managers having surrendered their certificates as from that date.

Ministry of Reconstruction, 2 Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster London, S.W.1, February, 1918.—From the Minister, Dr. Christopher Addison, to the Chairman—inviting the Council to submit proposals, or a scheme, relating to the problem of Rural Development in the United Kingdom after the cessation of hostilities.

8th February, 1918.—From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council, strongly recommending the County Council to put the roads not contracted for in charge of the County Surveyor, to be maintained by direct labour.

Correspondence from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—reporting the results of the prosecutions instituted by the Council against defaulting Road Contractors and their Sureties.

2nd January, 1918.—From Chief-Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—enclosing copy of a Memorial addressed by the Joint Committee to the Chancellor of the Exchequer, praying for an increased Government Contribution towards the maintenance of Lunatics in Irish District Asylums, and asking for the Council's co-operation in pressing for a re-adjustment of the existing "grant-in-aid."

18th January, 1918. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, enclosing copy of the Finance Committee's Report, containing details of the estimate and demand for the year 1918-1919 adopted by the Joint Committee.

15th January, 1918.—From the Secretary Dublin County Council, 11 Rutland Square, Dublin—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council, pressing for an increase in the Government Grant for Maintenance of Lunatics to half the maximum cost per patient, in lieu of a fixed sum per head; and for a payment of a sum of £6,000 arrears of payment of Capitation Grant due to his Council.

27th November, 1917.—From London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Ltd., 66/67 Cornhill, London, E.C.3—giving three months' notice of their intention not to renew after the 31st March, 1918, the Rate Collector's Bond which they entered into with the Council, as the Company has decided to cease to transact business of this class.

29th November, 1917.—From the Ford Motor Company (England) Ltd., (Department No. 26), Trafford Park, Manchester—stating that every effort will be made to meet the Council's desire to have the wording on the proposed Direction Posts in Irish as well as English.

21st January, 1918. From H. Morrell, County Inspector R.I.C., Wicklow—nominating Acting-Sergeant Thomas Shea, R.I.C., Redcross, for appointment as Inspector of Food and Drugs.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor William Costello.

Resolved—That Acting-Sergeant Thomas Shea, R.I.C., Redcross, be hereby appointed Inspector under the Food and Drugs Acts.

Passed.

10th December, 1917. From the Manager, "Free Press" Offices, 59 South Main Street, Wexford—further letters in connection with the Council's proposal to grant him, as County Printers, an increase of 33 1/3 per cent. on his contract prices, which proposal the Local Government Board refused to sanction.

8 Auburn Villas, Bray.
20th December, 1917.

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Please convey to the Members of the Wicklow Co. Council my sincere thanks for their Resolution of Sympathy with me on the death of my son, John, who was killed in action in France.

I am obliged to yourself and the members of Staff for kind references to me in my bereavement.

Yours very faithfully,
MARTIN LANGTON.

Arklow,
19th January, 1918.

Dear Mr. Doyle,

I feel deeply grateful to the Members of the Council for their very kind and thoughtful expression of sympathy in my recent bereavement.

I need not say I am very grateful to yourself and the Staff for the manner in which they associate themselves with same. It is only in keeping with the courtesy and kindness which I have always received from you and them.

Yours truly,
DANIEL CONDREN.

S. J. Doyle, Esq.

Ballyknockan House,
Blessington,
30th January, 1918.

Dear Mr. Doyle,

Please convey my sincere thanks to the County Council for their kind Resolution of sympathy with me in my recent great bereavement.

Yours faithfully,
WM. OSBORNE.

4th December, 1917. From Secretary, "The Limerick City Housing Committee" 14 Upper Denmark Street, Limerick—Circular letter dealing with the urgent necessity for the provision of better housing accommodation for the working classes.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

19th November, 1917. From County Kerry Insurance Committee—Resolution requesting the Government to take immediate steps to provide a grant for the provision of suitable institutions for the proper treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis, and also to take effective steps to improve the housing conditions in this country.

22nd November, 1917. From Waterford County Tuberculosis Committee—Resolution submitting suggestions in reference to the domiciliary treatment of patients suffering from tuberculosis.

30th November, 1917. From County Waterford Insurance Committee—Resolution urging the absolute need for provision of special nourishment for insured and exempt persons treated for tuberculosis.

4th December, 1917. From Cavan County Committee of Agriculture.—Resolution demanding from the Treasury increased Funds to be devoted to Educational Schemes promoted by County Committees.

1st January, 1918. From Cork County Council—Resolution suggesting the setting up of a Committee (similar to the Craig Committee) to advise the Irish Government on all questions arising in connection with the National Teachers' remuneration.

17th January, 1918. From the Board of Guardians of Clones Union—Resolution denouncing the Government's action in connection with the Pig Industry.

28th January, 1918. From the County Council of King's County—Resolution urging that Scholars of the Irish Universities should get preference in all public appointments.

13th February, 1918. From South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association—Resolution urging the Government to order that the slaughter of all cattle of both sexes under two years old be immediately stopped.

Daniel Condren
27/5/18

Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow at 1 pm o'clock on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1918.

The following Members attended:—
Councillor Wm Byrne (Coolbeg) - Presiding Chairman.
Councillors J. S. Dobbs, James Byrne (Dinnakilly), James Byrne (Ballinderry), D. J. Cogan, Joseph McCarroll, John J. Nealy, and John Storey.

Letters were submitted from Councillors D. Condren (Chairman), and E. J. Byrne—regretting their inability to be present at the Meeting.

Business.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
Court House, Wicklow.
22nd February, 1918.

To Each Member of the Wicklow County Council.

DEAR SIR—

You are hereby requested to attend a Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1918. The subjoined letter from the Chairman gives the reason why this Meeting has become necessary.

In order that no hitch may occur in making the necessary arrangements to regularly and legally set the new Franchise Laws in operation in the County, it is earnestly to be hoped that a Quorum of Members shall find it convenient to attend.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

81 Lower Main Street,
Arklow.
22nd February, 1918.

To Each Member of the Wicklow County Council.

DEAR SIR—

The Local Government Board for Ireland, having issued a Circular drawing attention to the Provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, and in which they point out that special provision is made in regard to the division of Parliamentary Constituencies into Polling Districts, and for the appointment of Polling Places by the County Council, it will become necessary that a Special Meeting of the County Council should be held to consider this important subject

As the Authority for calling a Special Meeting of the Council is vested in me, under Article 3 of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, I hereby beg to convene a Special Meeting of the Wicklow Co. Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 1 o'clock on Wednesday, the 6th March, 1918, for the purpose of considering and dealing with the before-mentioned Circular letter, and to transact any other business that may be placed on the Agenda to be submitted to said Meeting.

Yours faithfully,
DANIEL CONDREN,
Chairman of the Wicklow Co. Council.

The Secretary submitted a Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated the 20th February, 1918, in which it was pointed out that it was the duty of the County Council, under the Provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1918, to divide the Parliamentary Constituencies for East and West Wicklow into Polling Districts and to appoint Polling Places for the Polling Districts in such manner as to give all Electors in each constituency such reasonable facilities for voting as were practicable, and subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

The letter also pointed out that the Council should—not later than the 6th March, 1918—take into consideration the division of the County, as aforesaid; and further, attention was drawn to the fact that, under the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918, recently passed by Parliament, the portion of Bray Urban District locally known as "Little Bray"—which hitherto formed portion of the Parliamentary Constituency of South Dublin—had been attached to the hitherto existing Constituency of East Wicklow.

The Council having carefully considered a draft scheme submitted by the Secretary, adopted the following Resolution:—

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan; seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly)—

RESOLVED—That we, the Wicklow County Council, under authority of the Provisions of the Representation of the People Act, 1918 and of the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918, hereby decide as follows:—

- (a)—That Bray No. 1 District be included in the Polling District of Bray.
- (b)—That each District Electoral Division in each Parliamentary Constituency be the Registration Unit, and be entirely included in one Polling District.
- (c)—That the Polling Places and Polling Districts hitherto existing be continued, subject to the establishment of three additional Polling Districts—one in East Wicklow, consisting of the Electoral Divisions of Delgany, Greystones, and Kilcoole, to be called Delgany Polling District, with a Polling Place at Delgany; and two in West Wicklow, to be known respectively as Shillelagh Polling District, consisting of the District Electoral Divisions of Coolattin and Shillelagh, with a Polling Place at Shillelagh; and Hollywood Polling District, consisting of the District Electoral Divisions of Hollywood Lugglass, and Togher, with a Polling Place at Hollywood.
- (d)—Each District Electoral Division hitherto divided between two or more Polling Districts to be included in one Polling District, the rearrangement of such divided Districts to be made according to the attached Schedule.

SCHEDULE.

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY OF EAST WICKLOW.

Name of Polling District.	Polling Place.	District Electoral Divisions comprising Polling District.
Arklow	Arklow	Arklow Rural, Arklow Urban No. 1, Arklow Urban No. 2, Kilbride
Bray	Bray	Bray No. 1, Bray No. 2, Bray No. 3.
Delgany	Delgany	Delgany, Greystones, Kilcoole.
Enniskerry	Enniskerry	Enniskerry, Kilmacanogue; Powerscourt (Part I.), consisting of the Townlands of Aurora, Bahana, Ballinagee, Ballintekin, Ballybawn Lower, Ballybawn Upper, Ballycoble, Ballyclerane, Ballyorney, Ballyreagh, Ballyremon, Commons, Ballyross, Charleville Demesne, Coolakay, Crone, Deepark, Glebe, Killough Lower, Killough Upper, Longhill Commons, Newtown, Powerscourt Mountain, Powerscourt Paddock, Stilebawn, Tinnehinch.
Newtown-Mt. Kennedy	Newtown-Mt. Kennedy	Altidore, Calary, Newcastle Lower, Newcastle Upper, Togher (Part II.), consisting of the Townlands of Ballinrush, Mullinaveigue, Slemaine or Ballinvalach, and Shraghmore.
Redcross	Redcross	Avona, Ballyvarthur, Cronebane, Dunganstown East, Dunganstown South, Dunganstown West, Ennereilly; Rathdrum (Part II.), consisting of the Townlands of Bahana, Balleese Lower, Balleese Upper, Balleese Wood, Ballinakill, Ballinastraw, Ballindorle, Barnbawn, Drumdangan, Garryduff, Glasnarget North, Glasnarget South, Keelogue, Kingston, Mountlusk, Moytiagh, Slieveroe, Stump of the Castle, Tielash, and Timullin.
Wicklow	Wicklow	Ballycullen, Glenealy, Killiskey, Moneystown; Trooperstown (Part II.), consisting of the Townlands of Cronybyrne, Cronybyrne Demesne, and Glenwood; Wicklow Rural, Wicklow Urban (Abbey Ward), Wicklow Urban (Castle Ward), Wicklow Urban (Kilmartin Ward).

PARLIAMENTARY CONSTITUENCY OF WEST WICKLOW.

Name of Polling District.	Polling Place.	District Electoral Divisions comprising Polling District.
Annamoe	Annamoe	Brockagh, Glendalough, Oldtown; Togher (Part I.), consisting of the Townlands of Ashdown or Ballinamunshogue, Ballynamina, Carrigroe, Togher Beg, and Togher More.
Anghrim	Anghrim	Anghrim, Ballinaclash, Ballinacor, Killballyowen.
Baltinglass	Baltinglass	Baltinglass, The Grange, Hartstown, Stratford, Talbotstown, Tuckmill
Blessington	Blessington	Blessington, Burgage, Kilbride, Lackan; Powerscourt (Part II.), consisting of the Townland of Kippure East.
Carnew	Carnew	Ballingate, Carnew, Coolboy.
Coolkenno	Coolkenno	Aghowle, Cronlela, Killinure, Money, Rath.
Dunlavin	Dunlavin	Donard, Dunlavin, Rathallagh, Tober
Hollywood	Hollywood	Hollywood Lugglass, Togher.
Knockanarrigan	Knockanarrigan	Donaghmore, Eadstown, Inaal North, Inaal South.
Rathdangan	Rathdangan	Ballingule, Coolballintaggart, Humewood Rathdangan.
Rathdrum	Rathdrum	Ballinderry, Knockrath; Rathdrum (Part I.), consisting of the Townlands of Avondale, Ballinacarrig Lower, Ballinacarrig Upper, Ballycarrigeen, Ballygannon, Ballyknockan Lower, Ballyknockan Upper, Ballyteigue, Ballytarsna, Corballis Lower, Corballis Upper, Garrymore Lower, Garrymore Upper, Knockadosan, Meetings, Rathdrum, and Tanseyclose; Trooperstown (Part I.), consisting of the Townlands of Ballard, Ballardpark, Ballying, Ballynsk, Clarabeg North, Clarabeg South, Claramore, Lickeen, and Trooperstown
Shillelagh	Shillelagh	Coolattin, Shillelagh.
Tinahely	Tinahely	Ballinglen, Ballybeg, Kilpipe, Tinahely.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—This Council learns with the utmost sorrow of the death of the illustrious Leader of the Irish people, Mr. John E. Redmond, M.P., and desires to place on record, at the earliest possible moment, its sense of the great loss to the Irish Nation and cause in the present crisis of one who has devoted to it his life, and accomplished so much for the emancipation of his countrymen, and brought the National movement to the threshold of victory. We tender to his wife and family our deepest sympathy in their great affliction.

Passed with sorrow.

Daniel Condren
27th May 1918

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock p.m. on Monday, the 27th May, 1918.

The following Members attended:—COUNCILLORS: Councillor D. Condren, Chairman; Councillors J. V. Gahan, J. J. Healy, William Byrne (Coolbeg), William Byrne (Kilmurray), E. J. O'Kelly, Tobias Kinsella, William Osborne, Morgan Travers, D. J. Cogan, E. C. Walsh, John Storey, James Byrne (Ballinderry).

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 Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
4-To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
5-To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
6-To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
7-To make the Rates for the financial year, ending 31st March, 1919, and sign and seal the Rate Books and the Rate Collectors' Warrants.
8-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.
9-To sign and seal Demands (Form 51) on the Urban District Councils of Arklow, Bray, and Wicklow.
10-To sign applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
11-To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
12-To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurray):—"I hereby give Notice that, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, I, or some Councillor for me, will move a Resolution that Mr. Joseph Doyle, Poor Rate Collector, of Tuckmill, Baltinglass, be granted a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of Sixty Pounds (£60) per annum."
13-To consider a Special Report from the County Surveyor recommending the cancellation of certain Road Contracts, pursuant to, and on the conditions of, a Resolution of the County Council passed at its Meeting on the 20th August, 1917.
14-To sign and seal a Petition to the Local Government Board in connection with the Council's proposal to acquire Kiltimon Quarry.
15-To consider and deal with a letter from Poor Rate Collector Michael Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood (No. 5 Collecting District), tendering his resignation.
16-To fill the vacancy existing on the Local War Pensions, &c., Committee, for the County of Wicklow, caused by the resignation of Mrs. Cruise, Parkmore, Baltinglass.
17-To fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
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 read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 18th February, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors P. J. Carey, J. W. Reigh, John Storey, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and Joseph McCarroll.

EXTRAORDINARY TRAFFIC ON ROADS.

A second Supplementary Opinion, dated 13th February, 1918, was submitted through the Solicitor, from Mr. S. L. Brown, K.C., dealing with the procedure to be adopted in connection with extraordinary traffic, and consequent extraordinary damage to roads in the County.

In this connection correspondence and Reports were submitted:—
(1) Dealing with damage caused to the road from The Lamb to Kiltel, stated to be caused by Messrs. C. W. Kirkpatrick and Sons, Killoek, Co. Kildare.

Order—The Committee recommend that the road be repaired, if necessary, and that proceedings be taken as Counsel advises.

(2) Dealing with Timber Traffic on the road from Kippure to Brittas. The damage in this case is stated to be caused at the instance of the Timber Supplies Department Board of Trade.

Order—The Committee recommend that the Secretary and County Surveyor should be directed to open negotiations with the responsible parties.

(3) Correspondence relative to, and accounts for, additional expenditure on the road between Wicklow Urban District Boundary and Ashford, consequent upon extraordinary Timber Traffic, were considered.

Order—Action postponed.

(4) Dealing with negotiations between Mr. Edward H. Page, of 25 Main Street, Arklow, and the County Surveyor, re Stone-crushing at Whiterock Quarry. It appeared from a statement of the County Surveyor that the Contractor, Kelly, who required the stones from this Quarry, owing to some difficulties that had arisen, would not now require to enter the quarry.

No order.
Correspondence was submitted relative to a claim by the Council against George Bower, Builder and Contractor, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin, for a sum of £1 5s. 0d., due in connection with the opening of the road at St. Valerie, Bray, by Mr. Bower.

Order—Mr. Bower to be sued to recover the expense.

The Committee had before them an application, dated 15th August, 1917, from Mr. James Taylor, of Blessington, for a Bonus on his contract to fill the Pool under Burage Bridge, which Work was placed in charge of the County Surveyor on the 17th May, 1915, at £500.

The County Surveyor's Report on the application was read. Further, a Resolution was submitted from Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, in which it was stated that if the Contractor had carried out the work within the period originally specified therefor, no extra expense would have been incurred by him.

Order—Application refused.

A letter dated 2nd June, 1917, was submitted from the Secretary to the Co. Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow, stating that if the Council can see their way to provide the necessary Funds, his Committee are prepared to carry out a Forestry Scheme, and enclosing circular letters from the Department of Agriculture outlining the Council's powers in that connection.

Resolutions, dealing with the subject, from Organizations in the County were also read.

Order—Postponed.

Correspondence relative to the provision of accommodation for the storage of Weights and Measure, and for the carrying out of the duties of the Officer appointed under the Acts dealing with same, was submitted for consideration. The following Report on the subject, by the County Surveyor, was read:—

County Surveyor's Office, Court House, Wicklow, 8th February, 1918.

Gentlemen, Regarding the proposed Office for the Weights and Measures Officer, I find that the only alternative to building accommodation in the Court House Yard would be to adopt the suggestion put forward by the late District Inspector, viz.—To rent a room for the purpose. Accompanied by Mr. Britten, D.I., and the Sergeant in Charge of the Weights and Measures, I inspected the room suggested at Mrs. Lavery's, Market Square, and consider it suitable. Mrs. Lavery is prepared

to accept Six Shillings (6s.) per week rent. Some improvements will be necessary, such as laying on a Water Supply, and the providing of desks, presses, and working bench. These latter can be made portable, and can be used later for any Offices you may build. It was suggested that iron bars be placed in the windows, but these, I think, could be dispensed with.

Should you approve of the project I will obtain Estimates for the necessary improvements, and make a recommendation to enable you to formulate a Proposal for the expenditure.

Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Adopted.

Letters, dated 17th December, 1917, and 12th January, 1918, were submitted from Sir Chas. A. Cameron, Bart., 27 Raglan Road, Dublin, applying for a temporary addition to his Salary as County Analyst until the prices of Chemicals, etc., became more moderate.

Order—Refused.

The four Veterinary Inspectors, viz.—Edward R. Nichols, V.S., Dunlavin; W. J. Richardson, V.S., Leabeg House, Newcastle; Aiden F. Walshe, V.S., 35 Dublin Street, Carlow; and George Newsom, V.S., Ballintestlin, Wicklow, applied to have their Salaries increased.

At a previous Meeting of the Committee the Secretary was directed to write to the five Rural District Councils to solicit their views on the subject. Accordingly, communications were submitted from Naas No. 2, Rathdown No. 2, Rathdrum, and Shillelagh Rural District Councils, in which the views of these Bodies were expressed with regard to the applications.

The Committee, having fully considered the subject, recommend the Council to increase Mr. E. R. Nichols' Salary to the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum. The Committee regret they are unable to recommend any increase in the existing Salaries of the other Inspectors.

Applications for War Bonuses were received from the Court-Keepers at Bray and Baltinglass, viz.—Mr. Michael Doyle, and Mr. Griffith Jones.

In the case of the former the Committee recommend the Council to pay a War Bonus of Two Pounds (£2). In the latter case, however, they were unable to see their way to recommend the Council to pay a War Bonus.

A letter, dated 7th February, 1918, was submitted from the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, containing copy of a Resolution adopted by that Body asking for certain information in connection with the Estimate to meet the Dividend and working expenses under the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee.

The Secretary stated he had already supplied the information sought.

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), and Daniel Condren.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

Gentlemen,

I beg to report that the Contractor on Road No. 36, Register 251, Shillelagh Rural District, between the crossroads near Cronyhorn Bridge and the bounds of the County Wexford at Ballingate, has failed to satisfactorily maintain the road. I am now, under provisions of Section 54 of G. J. Act, 1836, causing this road to be repaired, and expending thereon the money which would have been paid to the Contractor under his Contract had he done the work.

As this road is under extraordinary traffic the above-mentioned money will be insufficient to repair and maintain the road. Therefore, I request instructions as to whether or not I am to expend such sums as may be found necessary to sufficiently repair the road, as advised by Counsel, in his second Supplementary Opinion on the matter of the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911. About One Hundred Pounds (£100) is provisionally estimated as the extra expenditure.

Your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER.

22nd March, 1918.

Order—Action approved. The necessary sum to be expended by the County Surveyor to put the road in good repair.

A letter, dated 27th February, 1918, was read from Sir Charles A. Cameron, Bart., 27 Raglan Road, Dublin, in which he tendered his resignation as County Analyst, inasmuch as the Council had refused to accede to his request to pay him a War Bonus consequent upon the increased cost of the Chemicals, etc., used in making analysis.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that he had obtained which indicated that if the resignation were accepted by the Council and a new appointment made, the Council would not obtain any person to undertake the duties of the post except on conditions less advantageous to the Council than those for which Sir Charles A. Cameron would continue in the position.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to give a War Bonus of Fifteen Pounds (£15) per annum, to date from the 1st January, 1918.

A letter, dated 6th March, 1918, was submitted from Michael E. Bergin, Slieve-roe, Rathdrum, applying to the Council to hire to him their Traction Engine for the next Threshing Season.

Order—Engine to be hired to the applicant on the same conditions generally as it was hired last year.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

A letter was submitted from Mr. W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, Chambers, 19 Upper Ormond Quay, Dublin, with reference to a sum of approximately £3,000 due to the Royal Bank on foot of an Overdraft at the time that the County Surveyor for Dublin County was appointed, under the Interim Management Order to the control of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Undertaking. Accompanying his letter was a copy of Counsel's Opinion obtained by the Royal Bank on the subject.

The matter was referred to the Law Agent for report to the next meeting of the Committee.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY (NEW WORKS) BILL.

At the conclusion of the Finance Committee's Meeting the Special Committee appointed to deal with the proposed Amendments to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Bill held a Meeting.

The same Members were present, with the addition of Councillor J. J. Healy.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Parliamentary Agents, and also copy of the Clauses suggested by them for incorporation in the Bill to protect the interests of the County Council as Road Authority.

After considering the entire subject, the Law Agent was directed to send copies of the suggested Clauses to the Solicitors for the Railway Company, and to report the result to a subsequent Meeting of the Committee.

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Quarterly Meeting of the Finance Committee was held on Monday, the 29th April, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors Daniel Condren, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg); and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee authorised the cancellation of Paving Order No. 727, in favour of the Road Board, for a sum of £96, being balance due in respect of the purchase of Steam-rolling Plant, the Road Board having intimated that this amount should be transferred to the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme Account.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

Table with 2 columns: Description and Amount (£ s d). Rows include County at Large, Baltinglass No. 1, District Proposals, and Proposals Committee's Proposals.

Naas No. 2—		
District Proposals	343 16 6	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	38 18 1	382 14 7
Rathdown No. 2—		
District Proposals	503 0 4	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	136 11 0	639 11 4
Bathrum—		
District Proposals		
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1003 8 3	1003 8 3
Shillelagh—		
District Proposals	581 0 9	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	303 14 3	884 15 0
Arklow Urban—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals		69 12 0
Wicklow Urban—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals		56 7 0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)		1337 1 0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)		96 0 0

The Committee examined the Union and Rural Districts Demands submitted to them, and recommend the Council to make the following payments on foot of same:—

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass	1110 0 0
Naas	255 15 0
Rathdown	1387 0 0
Rathdrum	2795 0 0
Shillelagh	1047 10 0
Total	6605 5 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS FOR RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

Baltinglass No. 1	13 0 0
Naas No. 2	5 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	156 10 0
Rathdrum	431 10 0
Shillelagh	34 0 0
Total	635 5 0

The Committee recommended the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amount have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

1. Joseph Doyle	13 9 3
2. Richard Geoghegan	3 14 8
3. Richard Lynch	16 10 5
4. William Burke	4 1 8
5. Michael Kelly	2 1 0
6. Michael McGrath	22 17 5
7. Charles S. Sutton	16 13 5
8. Patrick Mulligan	9 4 9
9. Joseph Keane	11 12 0
10. John Murphy	17 15 11
11. John Kelly	3 14 11
12. Wm. J. Cardiff	13 18 0
13-15. Wm. J. Quinn	0 18 4
14. James Byrne	9 12 4
16. Peter P. Doyle	5 1 2
17. Charles Byrne	4 8 1
18. Thomas Fleming	1 1 3
19. Terence Byrne	1 1 3

Correspondence was submitted from Collector John Murphy, (No. 10 Collecting District) and J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, relative to Rates due in respect of a Shooting Lodge, and a Gamekeeper's House, on the Hugo Estate.

The Secretary stated that Collector Murphy wrote to him asking for the assistance of the Law Agent at the Petty Sessions in Rathdrum to obtain an Order for the payment of the Rates in question. As the case was coming on previous to the Meeting of the Finance Committee, he directed the Solicitor to attend, and he now asked the Committee to approve of his action in the matter under the circumstances.

Order—Action approved.

Collector Michael McGrath (No. 6 Collecting District) claimed a Refund of Rates amounting to £145 3s. 11d., due on the Tisdall Estate, Blessington.

The Secretary explained that, in his opinion, the Council at the present stage of the proceedings could not legally refund the Rates claimed, as he believed further proceedings should be taken for the recovery of same.

Order—The Collector to be given the assistance of the Law Agent in collecting the amount of Rates due.

The Committee proceeded to consider and formulate a Scheme covering the Co. Wick University Scholarships for the Year 1918-1919, and approved of the Scheme as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1918.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 3rd July, 1918, and following days:—

- 3 Scholarships of £50 per annum each for three years, and
 - 1 Bursary of £25 per annum, for three years, tenable at the National University College, Dublin, only, and subject to the following conditions:—
1. Candidates, who shall not be more than twenty-one years of age on the first day of the Special Examination, must be the children of parents—

Who have resided in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the date of Examination.

2. The Scholarships will be awarded to Students passing the qualifying Examination, whom the Council decide, owing to their circumstances, to be most deserving provided that preference will be given to such students who give an undertaking to the Council that they will pursue an University Course in Agriculture or Commerce.

3. The Bursary will be awarded in like manner and on the same conditions.
4. The Students must reside in a Collegiate Hostel, when possible; or other place of residence approved by the Deans of Residence, and by the Committee.

The cost of the maintenance of each student is estimated at £31 per Session of 31 weeks, and the Fees for the University Course of each student will amount approximately, to £10. The balance of each Scholarship, £8 or £9, shall be available for travelling or other expenses, £5 of which will be advanced, through the Bursary, at the beginning of each Session, to the Student.

5. The County Council will pay over 50 per cent. of the Scholarships in August of each year to the Bursar of the University, and the remaining 50 per cent. in the following February to be disbursed by him as provided in the foregoing paragraph.

6. The cost of the University Special Examination will be paid independently by the County Council direct to the University Authorities, on receipt of the Account for same.

The Examination Papers will be of Honours Standard. Candidates will be required to answer on five subjects as at Matriculation, and as a minimum qualification for award of a Scholarship, a Candidate must obtain Honours in three subjects.

Candidates to whom Scholarships have been awarded as the result of the Special Scholarship Examination must, in addition, comply with the University Regulations by passing the usual Matriculation Examination, failing which the grant of Scholarship will lapse, and will be awarded to the candidate next in order of merit at the Special Examination, and who Matriculates.

Applications for the renewal of the payments in respect of the Second and Third Year shall be made by each scholar, and no payment will be made in re-

spect of the Second Year in the case of a Scholar who fails to produce a certificate that he has passed the First University Examination and also a Certificate from the College, or the duly authorised Officer thereof, of satisfactory conduct and satisfactory progress during the previous year, and no payments will be made in respect of the Third Year in the case of a scholar who fails to produce such a Certificate of satisfactory conduct and progress in respect of the year previous to the application for renewal.

Any Scholarship in respect of which no application for renewal is received within such time as may be fixed by the Council, of which notice will be sent to each scholar, or in respect of which the Certificate or Certificates, herebefore set out, shall not be produced, shall be deemed to have lapsed.

Application from intending Candidates will be received by the Secretary of the County Council, at his Office, Courthouse, Wicklow, up to 1st June in each year, from whom a Form of Declaration can be obtained which is to be verified by a parent or guardian of the applicant, and a Form of Certificate to be filled up by a Clergyman or Magistrate. These documents, when properly completed, will be submitted to the County Scholarship Committee, and if the application is approved by them, the Secretary will give a card entitling each approved candidate to sit for the Special Examination.

D. CONDREN, Chairman,
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary,
Wicklow County Council.

In connection with this subject a letter, dated 19th January, 1918, was submitted from The Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council relative to the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin, and containing a suggestion that each of the affiliated County Councils should make an annual grant of Twenty Pounds (£20) for this purpose.

Order—The Committee recommend the Council to grant Twenty Pounds (£20) annually towards the maintenance of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture if such Chair is established in Dublin.

Fifteen of the Council's Poor Rate Collectors applied for War Bonuses.

It appeared to the Committee that the Rates having increased since the outbreak of the War, the remuneration received by these Collectors in the nature of Poundage had automatically increased during the same period by a sum equal to about sixty per cent. (60%). Consequently the Committee regretted that they could not see their way to recommend the Council to comply with the applications.

Two of the Council's Assistant Surveyors, namely, Mr. J. J. O. Ramsay, and Mr. Joseph Boyd, also applied for War Bonuses.

The Committee recommend the Council to authorise payment of Ten Pounds (£10) per year to each of these Officers for the period of the War, to take effect from the 1st January, 1918.

Correspondence was submitted from the Controller of Roads and Bridges, War Office, London, S.W. 1, relative to a proposed Meeting in London of County Surveyors to discuss the measures to be taken to secure compensation being paid by the Treasury in respect of roads, damaged by Timber Traffic for the Timber Supply Department (Board of Trade) or the Ministry of Munitions.

Order—Referred to County Surveyor.

DUBLIN AND SOUTH EASTERN RAILWAY COMPANY'S BILL, 1918.
A letter was submitted, dated 28th March, 1918, from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, intimating that he had forwarded the Company's Solicitor the Clauses for the protection of the County Council's interests.

Order—Noted.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.
A letter was submitted, dated 28th March, 1918, from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, stating that he is investigating the facts connected with the claim of the Bank of Ireland in regard to an Overdraft of £3,000 to the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

Order—Noted.

Correspondence was submitted from the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow, stating that if the Council can see their way to provide the necessary Funds, his Committee are prepared to carry out a Forestry Scheme in the County.

Order—Referred to Secretary to Report—with a view to drafting a Scheme—next Quarterly Meeting of this Committee.

Correspondence was submitted from the Ministry of Reconstruction, 2 Queen Anne's Gate Buildings, Westminster, London, S.W. 1—relative to the problem of Rural Development in the United Kingdom after the War.

Order—Referred to Secretary to report on to next Meeting of this Committee.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report, together with a Certificate in accordance with Section 1 (1) of the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911, as to damage caused by Messrs George Morgan and Sons, Timber Merchants, Crief, in haulage of Timber on the road between Croneyhorn Bridge and the County of Wexford Bounds.

The Secretary mentioned that he had been in communication with this Firm, and an appointment had been arranged between their Representative, the County Surveyor, and himself, to take place at an early date, with a view to arranging the claim of the Council against the Firm.

Order—Noted.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. John Deans, Saw Mills, Glenealy, and the Assistant Controller of Timber Supplies, Board of Trade (Timber Supply Department), 6 Hume Street, Dublin, with regard to the damage caused by the Timber Traffic on portion of the road between Kippure and Brittas.

Order—Noted.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
29th April, 1918.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,
The Resident Engineer, Bray-Wicklow Road, reports that late on the night of the 26th inst. a Military armed party seized all the explosives at Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Quarry, and, as I understand, most of the explosives at Glen of Downs Quarry.

The Acting Manager of Road Board was informed of this by telegram from the Resident Engineer on 27th inst.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Correspondence Circulars, etc., were submitted from the Local Government Board, relative to the Treatment, etc., of Venereal Diseases.

Order—The Committee are of opinion that the local Sanitary Authorities should deal with this subject.

The Auditor's Report to the Local Government Board on his audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the half year ending 30th September, 1917, was submitted as follows:—

No. 12,690/1918, 14th March, 1918.
Wicklow County.

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. 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 remark on my part.

I have the honour to be, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
Signed—C. D. BARRY, Auditor.

The Local Government Board,
Dublin.

Order—Noted.

With reference to the payment of certain Witnesses' Expenses to the Secretary, and also to the Chief Clerk, for attendance to give evidence on behalf of the Council in support of prosecutions instituted on their behalf, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren; seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll.

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the payment of the Witnesses' Expenses to Mr. S. J. Doyle, Secretary, and to Mr. P. T. Healy, Chief Clerk, set out in our Law Agent's two Bills of Miscellaneous Costs at present before the Taxing Master, and we request the Taxing Master to allow these items in the Bills, which have already been submitted to us.

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted, subject to the deletion of the paragraph dealing with the treatment of Venereal Diseases. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor William 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. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, 27th May, 1918, when the following members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman. Councillors D. Condren, E. C. Walsh, John Storey, and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend them to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£288 13 4
do. Rathdrum R.D. Forms 22	£2046 18 2

The Committee had before them a Report from the County Surveyor—and an Account for £34 from Road Contractor Patrick Toomey, Carriglineen, Rathdrum—relative to extraordinary traffic on Road No. 71, Rathdrum Rural District, 880 perches, from three roads at Fairgreen, Rathdrum, to the centre of Greenanne Bridge; also a Certificate in connection with this road from the County Surveyor under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911.

Order—Referred to Secretary and County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor also submitted a Report on Road No. 47, Shillelagh Rural District, 750 perches, from three roads at Balisland to the County bounds at Glenashouk, together with an application for extra remuneration from Contractor Michael Nolan, Ballingate, Carnew, owing to the damage caused by extra traffic over this road.

Order—Noted.

The County Surveyor reported the illness of Mr. J. J. O'Ramsay, Dunlavin, and an application for six months' leave of absence was received from this Assistant Surveyor in consequence of the state of his health, supported by a Certificate from Dr. Edward Lyons, Dunlavin, that it is absolutely necessary that Mr. Ramsay do no work for at least six months.

Order—Leave granted—Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., to be directed to carry out the work at an extra remuneration of Fifty Pounds (£50)—to cover all expenses—for the three months.

Correspondence was read from Francis Kennedy, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, and the Council's Solicitor, J. H. McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow, intimating that the Taxing Master, in striking out the Law Agent's Bills of Miscellaneous Costs, the Witnesses Expenses of the Secretary and Chief Clerk for attendance at Courts at proceedings instituted by the Council, had expressed the view that these Expenses should be paid direct by the Council to these Officers instead of through Bills of Costs.

Order—To be paid.

Correspondence was read from the Council's Solicitor, J. H. McCarroll, Church Street, Wicklow, in which he reported the result of his investigation in connection with the Overdraft of £3,000 due to the Royal Bank by the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.

Order—Noted.

Bills of costs were submitted from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, amounting to £62 1s. 8d., and from his Parliamentary Agents, Messrs. J. H. McDonnell and Co., 8 Victoria Street, Westminster, London, S.W.1, amounting to £39 11s. 10d. in connection with the Council's opposition to the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Company's Bill, 1918—now stated to be withdrawn.

Order—To be Taxed.

As directed by the Committee at their last Meeting, the Secretary submitted a Report on the Correspondence received from the Minister of Reconstruction, relative to the problem of Rural Development after the War.

Order—To be printed and circulated amongst the Members of the Council, and to be considered at next Meeting of the Committee.

The Committee, having further considered the Correspondence and Orders received from the Local Government Board relative to the Treatment, etc., of Venereal Diseases, resolved to rescind its former Order on the subject, and now recommend the Council to put the Act into operation in this County, and further recommend that application be made to the Local Government Board to issue an Order constituting the County Council the authority to execute and enforce the Act. 27th May, 1918. Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby adopted. 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 Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £6,334 0s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurry), seconded by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £358 5s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

NAAS No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £382 14s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £639 11s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £3,050 6s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £884 15s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £69 12s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

WICKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 7s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being additional Proposals, amounting to £288 13s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first intialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). 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.

ROADS COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

A Meeting of the Roads Committee—which was constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their May Quarterly Meeting, 1917—was held at 12 o'clock, noon, on Tuesday, the 26th March, 1918.

The following Members were present:

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the Chair); Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg); Wm. Costello, Daniel Condren, J. J. Healy, and J. V. Gahan.

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th March, 1918.

THE ROADS COMMITTEE, WICKLOW CO. COUNCIL.

Gentlemen,

The following Roads are not being satisfactorily maintained:—

R. District.	Index.	Register.	Description.
Rathdown No. 2	12	510	Killarney Lane to Hollybrooke, three roads.
Rathdrum	13	14	Ballycullen crossroads to Giant's Grave, three roads.
Rathdrum	94	537	Wicklow U. D. Bounds to Rathnew and branch.
Rathdrum	139	33	Garryduff three roads to Ballymaghroe, three roads.
Shillelagh	13	216	Killacloran crossroads to Mucklagh three roads and branches.

The Contracts on Nos. 13 and 139, Rathdrum, expire on the 31st inst. I have sent out Ten-days' Notices requiring the Contractors to repair the roads. Roads Nos. 12 (Rathdown No. 2), 94 (Rathdrum), and 13 (Shillelagh), can best be dealt with under Section 17 of the 19th and 20th Vic., Cap. 63.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

ORDER:—In the case of Road No. 12, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, the Committee directed that proceedings be taken under 19 and 20 Vic. Cap. 63, unless the work is done within ten days.

In the case of Roads Nos. 13 and 139, Rathdrum Rural District, the action of the County Surveyor was approved.

In the case of road No. 94, Rathdrum Rural District, and also in the case of Road No. 13, Shillelagh Rural District, the Committee directed that proceedings be taken also under 19 and 20 Vic. Cap. 63.

Signed—

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Report of the Roads Committee of the 26th March, 1918, be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

The following three Proposals, as submitted, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor, the cost of each not to exceed the price indicated:—

To furnish and fit Rooms as a Weights and Measures Office. Cost of same not to exceed £45.

Repair and upkeep of Plant purchased from Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme. Cost of same not to exceed £200.

Incidental Repairs to County Courthouses. Cost of same not to exceed £100.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Road No. 97 in the District Register, 969 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £6 1s. 0d.

Road No. 98 in the District Register, 290 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £1 16s. 3d.

Road No. 99 in the District Register, 706 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £176 10s. 0d.

Road No. 102 in the District Register, 1,000 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £15 12s. 6d.

Road No. 107 in the District Register, 108 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £3 7s. 6d.

Road No. 110 in the District Register, 754 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £37 14s. 0d.

Road No. 112 in the District Register, 752 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £23 10s. 0d.

Road No. 113 in the District Register, 675 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £9 16s. 9d.

Road No. 114 in the District Register, 1,240 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £23 5s. 0d.

Road No. 116 in the District Register, 432 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £4 10s. 0d.

Road No. 119 in the District Register, 650 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £32 10s. 0d.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2:

The work of repairing the parapets of Cloghlea Bridge was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, cost of same not to exceed £10.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Road No. 160 in the District Register, 1,152 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £57 12s. 0d.

Road No. 170 in the District Register, 771 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £9 12s. 9d.

Road No. 177 in the District Register, 892 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £110 10s. 0d.

Road No. 178 in the District Register, 668 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £150 6s. 0d.

Road No. 186 in the District Register, 743 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £27 17s. 3d.

Road No. 190 in the District Register, 545 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £17 0s. 7d.

Road No. 193 in the District Register, 938 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £11 14s. 6d.

Road No. 194 in the District Register, 244 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £2 0s. 8d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:

Road No. 220 in the District Register, 596 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £7 9s. 0d.

Road No. 321 in the District Register, 1,349 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, expenditure on same not to exceed £168 12s. 6d.

Road No. 323 in the District Register, 154 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, expenditure on same not to exceed £19 5s. 0d.

Work No. 324 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure on same not to exceed £254.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, 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.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th day of May, 1918.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL—Quarterly Meeting, 27th May, 1918.

GENTLEMEN—

I beg to report that the Contractors for the below-mentioned roads, having on their part fulfilled the conditions imposed on them by your resolution of 20th August, 1917, are now entitled, in accordance with the terms of said resolution, and subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to be relieved of their Contracts.

I suggest that the most advisable course for you to adopt would be to direct, by resolution, that the existing contracts be cancelled subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, and that, on such sanction being given, I be authorized to take charge of the roads until 30th June, 1918, expending thereon such sums as would be payable to the Contractors for the Quarter ending 30th June, 1918.

As it was necessary to make provision for the maintenance of these roads in the event of the contracts being cancelled the R. D. Councils formulated fresh proposals on them, and I have inserted clauses in the various specifications providing against the possibility of the sanction of the L. G. Board being refused to the proposed cancellation.

The roads involved are—

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R. DISTRICT.			
Index No.	Reg. No.	Contract taken.	Contractor.
4	143	Winter, 1914.	Peter Clinch, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
86	160	Summer, 1914.	Michael Byrne, Fryanstown, Dunlavin.
13	169	Winter, 1915.	Patk. Bermingham, Rathbran, Grange Con.
14	170	"	Wm. Jackson, Woodfield, Kiltegan.
17	173	"	Chas. Short, Annacorney, Valleymount.
30	183	"	John Murphy, Killalish, Kiltegan.
31	184	"	Peter Clinch, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
32	185	"	John Murphy, Killalish, Kiltegan.
41	190	"	James Hawkins, Rustyduff, Knockenarigan.
44	192	"	Wm. Tutty, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
45	193	"	John Kelly, Tuckmill, Baltinglass.
48	196	"	Michael Ryan, Baltyboys, Blessington.
29	218	Spring, 1915.	John Neill, Newtownsaunders, Baltinglass.
59	1	Spring, 1916.	John Byrne, Woodfield, Baltinglass.
RATHDOWN No. 2 R. DISTRICT.			
4	444	Winter, 1914.	Michael McGuirk, Cloon, Enniskerry.
5	445	"	Same.
10	450	"	Arthur Hicks, Kilmacanogue, Bray.
19	476	Winter, 1915.	Same.
21	478	"	Same.
SHILLELAGH R. DISTRICT.			
4	297	Winter, 1915.	Richard Candy, Kilquiggin, Coolkenno.
15	218	"	John Candy, Kilquiggin, Coolkenno.
30	231	"	Hugh Nolan, Rath, Tullow.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby cancel the Road Contracts mentioned in the County Surveyor's Report, dated 18th May, 1918, pursuant to the terms of the Council's Resolution of the 20th August, 1917, the cancellation, however, not to take effect if the Local Government Board express their dissent. Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
22nd day of May, 1918.

To the Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

I shall be glad if you permit me to take my leave of absence on vacation from 28th May to 5th June (both days inclusive), also from 1st to 13th and from 20th to 31st August.

Should you grant me this leave I request that you authorize and direct the Assistant Surveyors to attend to any urgent matters requiring attention during these periods.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Leave granted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we now Allow and Make the Rates, as assessed in the Rate Books, and sign and seal the Rate Books for the financial year ending 31st March, 1919. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Balderrry). Resolved—That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919, be now signed and sealed; the Warrants not to issue until the several Collectors' Bonds are duly lodged with the Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray), seconded by Councillor John J. Healy. 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 Poor Rate. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow for the amount of £1,455 19s. 11d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Bray for the amount of £4,523 19s. 1d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we now duly sign and seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £1,020 19s. 7d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919. Passed.

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. J. O. Atkinson, M.P.S.I., Medical Hall, Rathdrum, pointing out that he had always a stock of Agricultural Poisons and Sheep Dips and asking to have his letter submitted in the event of anybody applying from Rathdrum for a Licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct that Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to the following:—

- Patrik J. Graham, Knockananna, Hacketstown.
- Miss Mary Byrne, Main Street, Rathdrum.

Passed.
In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Kilmurray), seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That Mr. Joseph Doyle, Poor Rate Collector, of Tuckmill, Baltinglass, be granted a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound instead of a fixed salary of Sixty Pounds (£60) per annum. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we now sign and seal the Council's Petition to the Local Government Board in connection with the Council's proposal to acquire Kiltimon Quarry. Passed.

Harristown, Hollywood,
Naas, 13th April, 1918.

To the County Council of Wicklow.
Gentlemen—

Owing to failing health, I beg leave to tender my resignation of the office of Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District (Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District).

I trust you will accept same and grant me the full pension the law allows after my thirty years' service.

I remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant,
MICHAEL KELLY.

Order.—Accepted, and referred to Finance Committee to fix amount of superannuation.

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the vacancy on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, etc., Committee caused by the resignation of Mrs. Cruise, Parkmore, Baltinglass, be filled by the appointment of Miss E. Barrett, Berestord Terrace, Arklow. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following two gentlemen to represent this Council on the National Defence Committee for Arklow Parish:—
Daniel Condrau, Esq., J.P., 81 Lower Main Street, Arklow.
E. C. Walsh, St. Aidan's Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed to represent this Council on the National Defence Committee for Bray:—

- M. Langton, Esq., J.P., 8 Auburn Villas, Bray.
- Morgan Travers, Esq., Ballynerrin, Killecole.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter dated 22nd May, 1918, from the Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council—in which that body asked the County Council to be so good, when fixing the dates for Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils for the year 1918-1919, to fix dates for his Council so that the same may fall on the ordinary meeting days of that Council, and enclosing List showing same.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals and Finance Committees, and of the County Council for the year 1918-1919:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter, 1918.	Autumn Quarter, 1918.	Winter Quarter, 1919.	Spring Quarter, 1919.
RATHDOWN No. 2	11-30	Mon. July 1	Mon. Oct. 7	Tues. Jan. 7	Tues. April 1
Courthouse, Enniskerry					
RATHDRUM	12-15	Mon. " 29	Mon. " 28	Mon. " 20	Mon. " 28
Courthouse, Rathdrum.					
BALTINGLASS No. 1	12-30	Mon. " 22	Mon. " 14	Mon. " 13	Mon. " 14
Courthouse, Baltinglass					
NAAS No. 2	1-45	Tues. " 23	Tues. " 15	Tues. " 14	Tues. " 15
Courthouse, Blessington					
SHILLELAGH	1	Mon. " 15	Mon. " 21	Mon. " 13	Mon. " 7
Courthouse, Shillelagh.					
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE	2	Tues. " 30	Tues. " 29	Tues. " 28	Tues. " 29
Courthouse, Wicklow.					
COUNTY COUNCIL	12-30	Mon. Aug. 19	Mon. Nov. 18	Mon. Feb. 17	Mon. May 19
Courthouse, Wicklow.					

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That Mr. Simon J. Doyle, of the Ives, Wicklow, be re-appointed Auditor of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the Wicklow County Council, for the year ending 31st March, 1919. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby place on record our most emphatic protest against the inclusion of Ireland in the Man-Power Act recently passed through the British Parliament, and we deny the right of that Parliament to conscript the Irish people against their will, as only a National Legislature representing the Irish people would possess the right to express the nation's opinion on that subject. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That this Council recommends the Joint County Committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to instruct their Secretaries to summon their Meetings for the same day as the Meetings of the County Council whenever it happens that a County Council Meeting is held in the same week as the Committee Meetings. This recommendation is made by the Council owing to the existing and prospective difficulties in regard to Railway accommodation and cost of travelling. Passed unanimously.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
21st March, 1918.

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 September, 1917.

39 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	12
Milk	10
Whiskey	5
Tea	5
Margarine	2
Indian Meal	1
Oatmeal	1
Cheese	1
Rice	1
Cocoa	1
Total	39

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

Three specimens of water analysed for the Rathdrum Rural District Council had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total Solid Matter	11.200	46.900	31.500
Including			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.012	0.009	0.105
Saline Ammonia	0.028	0.010	0.030
Nitric Acid	0.750	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	1.590	8.780	1.790
Colour	light yellow	very light	semi-opaque yellow.

Nos. 1 and 3 were polluted; No. 2 was an inferior water.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three 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	6.300
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.004
Saline Ammonia	0.000
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.890
Colour	Clear

A very pure water.

One specimen of water analysed for Rev. J. M. Robinson, The Rectory, Woodenbridge, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.	
Total Solid Matter	7.700
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.002
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	0.890
Colour	Very Light Yellow.

A good water.

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

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

Total analyses—89.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row,
Dublin,
21st March, 1918.

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, 1917.

86 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	23
Milk	19
Margarine	16
Whiskey	11
Cheese	5
Tea	3
Cocoa	2
Dripping	2
Brandy	1
Rice	1
Bread	1
Lard	1
Rum	1
Total	86

One Certificate was sent to Sergeant Wall, Bray, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent. of added water and one certificate for specimen of butter composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

One specimen of water analysed for Arklow Urban Council had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains.	
Total Solid Matter	21,000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0045
Saline Ammonia	0.0065
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.980
Colour	Light Yellow.

A good water.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twelve drugs and a specimen of milk were analysed. One drug was incorrect. The milk was pure.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, fourteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

Total analyses—120.

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 the Poor Rate Collections, were submitted.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 168M/1917. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th February, 1918.—Copy of "the County Committees (Ireland) Order, 1918," further extending by one year the term of Office of the existing Members appointed by the County Council on all Committees and Joint Committees.

No. 9,585/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th March, 1918.—Approving of the Estimate, amounting to £234 10s. 0d., of the Administrative Expenses of the County Wicklow Local War Pensions' Committee for the year ending 31st March, 1919.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th March, 1918.—Circular letter outlining the manner in which the Registers are to be arranged when the same are in course of preparation under "The Representation of the People Act, 1918."

Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th March, 1918.—Circular letter dealing with the printing arrangements, acceptance of Tenders, Etc., under the "Representation of the People Act, 1918."

Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd April, 1918.—Transmitting copies of the Scales of Registration Expenses framed by the Treasury in pursuance of Section 15 of the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

No. 10,425/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th March, 1918.—Stating the Board have given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting to the following extensions of the Limits of Expenditure for the year ending the 31st March, 1919:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District	£4,558
Naas No. 2 Rural District	1,600
Rathdown No. 2 Rural District	3,700
Rathdrum Rural District	11,000
Shillelagh Rural District	2,924

No. 23 M/1918. Local Authorities. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th March, 1918.—Outlining the arrangements made for the payment of Separation Allowances on the admission of Soldiers' Dependants to rate-aided Institutions in Ireland.

No. 11,513/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th March, 1918.—Enclosing copy of a letter which the Board have received from Mr. Arthur W. Irwin, Hon. Secretary to the Wicklow County Infirmary, relative to the County Council's application for increased representation on the Joint Committee of Management of that Institution.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

No. 8,701/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th March, 1918.—Enclosing copy of letter received from Poor Rate Collector Michael McGrath, relative to the difficulty of collecting the Rates due by Mr. Robert S. Tisdall out of his holdings at Blessington, Naas No. 2 Rural District, together with a copy of the Board's reply thereto.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd May, 1918.—Circular letters (two) outlining the duties and powers of the County Council in connection with the attached copy of the "Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918."

Order.—Referred to the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council.

No. 20,269/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd May, 1918.—Approving of the Council's proposal to pay Collector Joseph Keane in future at a Poundage Rate of Sixpence (6d.) on the amount of his annual warrant.

A. 13,943/1918. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th March, 1918.—Inviting the attention of the Council to the Provisions of attached copy of the "Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909, relating to the destruction of noxious

woods, in the hope that the Council may see their way to consent to Part I of the Act being put into operation in the County.

Copy of a letter, dated 14th March, 1918,—addressed by the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to Alderman Dr. O'Sullivan, Chairman of the Food Supply Committee of the Waterford Corporation—relative to Food Production and Supplies.

28th March, 1918.—Sealed Order—"The Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order of 1918."

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 11th April, 1918.—Giving the names and addresses of the Members of the New School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Shillelagh for the period commencing 1st April, 1918.

National Health Insurance Commission, Dublin, 1st May, 1918.—Stating that the Estimate of Receipts and Expenditure of the County Insurance Committee in connection with the treatment of Tuberculosis during the current year was forwarded by the Commission to the Treasury, whose sanction thereto has not yet been received. The Commission, however, are prepared to advance to the Committee whatever Funds may be required within the limits of the Estimate during the year in respect of the provision of Sanatorium Benefit.

His Majesty's Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, 4th April, 1918.—Memorandum, and printed specimens of work, etc., in connection with the Printing required under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.

His Majesty's Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, 1st May, 1918.—Enclosing copy of a letter which has been sent to Printers who have quoted the Federation Rates for printing the Lists and Registers of Electors.

His Majesty's Stationery Office, Custom House, Dublin, 6th May, 1918.—Intimating that the Tender of the County Printing Works, Ltd., Wicklow, has been accepted for the Printing of the Voters' Lists and Registers for the County of Wicklow.

T.M. 990/32/20. Director of Cross-Channel Transportation and Coal Controller's Department, 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, 28th March, 1918.—Circular letter pointing out, in detail, the urgent importance of taking steps to reduce the consumption of coal in Ireland, consequent upon the necessity of diverting to other work a considerable number of vessels which have been annually employed carrying Coal to Ports in Ireland.

T.D. 2/33. Director of Cross-Channel Transportation and Coal Controller's Department, 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, 11th May, 1918.—Further circular letter asking what steps the Council propose to take to effect economies in Coal Consumption, and to bring the matter prominently before the notice of the public in the county.

Order.—The Secretary to circulate a Poster calling the people's attention to the threatened forthcoming shortage of coal.

T.M. 32/49. Director of Cross-Channel Transportation and Coal Controller's Department, 19 Westmoreland Street, Dublin, 22nd May, 1918. Enclosing for the Council's urgent consideration copy of a Resolution from a Conference in the Mansion House, in which it is suggested that schemes be formulated whereby the labour employed by Irish County Councils could be made available for the purpose of procuring turf in sufficient quantities to meet the anticipated universal shortage of coal.

Order.—Read.

Surplus Government Property Advisory Council, 6 St. James's Square, London, S.W.1, 15th March, 1918. Two Circular Letters from the Secretary—enclosing copies of a Preliminary List of Categories of Surplus Government Stores which may become available on the termination of the War—in respect to which applications to purchase will be received by the Government from County Councils in the United Kingdom before the stores are offered for sale to the public.

2nd April, 1918. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a letter which he had received from his Parliamentary Agents intimating that the Dublin and South Eastern Railway Bill, 1918, has been withdrawn by the promoters.

From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow—Correspondence dealing with the collection of the Rates due by Robert C. Tisdall out of his holdings at Blessington, in Naas No. 2 Rural District.

5th March, 1918. From Eugene McCaffrey, Prospect, Tinahely, Hon. Secretary, Tinahely Technical Instruction Sub-Committee applying for the use of Tinahely Court House for Classes in Domestic Economy by the Instructress under the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

15th March, 1918. From G. M. Meares, Solicitor, 16 Malesworth Street, Dublin—stating that his client, Mr. L. J. Meade, Combre House, Dalkey, does not object to the County Council acquiring the lands on which the Quarry at Kiltimon stands, for the purpose of obtaining road material, without prejudice to his rights as Tenant of the Lands.

28th March, 1918. From Sir Charles A. Cameron, Bart., 27 Raglan Road, Dublin—agreeing to continue in his position as County Analyst on the terms recommended to the County Council by the Finance Committee, i.e., payment to him of a War Bonus of £15 per annum, commencing on 1st January, 1918, in addition to his ordinary fixed salary of £25 per annum.

25th May, 1918. From Councillor Michael Kelly, Englishtown, Kiltegan—intimating that he greatly fears that, owing to declining health and years, he will not be able to again attend Meetings of the Council.

25th May, 1918. From Mrs. L. Dobbs, "Knockrath," Church Road, Greystones—intimating that as Councillor F. S. Dobbs is at present in England he will not be able to be present at the Meeting of the Council convened for the 27th May, 1918.

18th April, 1918. From the Manager, Balmoral Industrial School, West End Park, Balmoral, Belfast—appealing to the Council for a further increase in the Capitation Grant in respect of children committed from the County to his Institution.

Order.—Read.

2nd March, 1918. From George Bower, Builder and Contractor, Ballybrack, Co. Dublin—enclosing cheque for £1 5s. 0d., being refund of expenses incurred by the Council in restoring the steam-rolled road where opened by him at St. Valerie, Bray, and asking the Council to return him 12s. of same, on the ground that the account was exorbitant.

Anonymous letter complaining of the condition of the roads in Shillelagh Rural District.

21st February, 1918. From Messrs. White, Tomkins and Courage, Ltd., Clarendon Mills, Henry Street, Belfast—offering Prizes to the Farmers of Ireland, amounting to £500, for the greatest proportional increase in the area under White Oats as compared with last year.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

25th February, 1918. From Borough Council of Limerick—Resolution re Grants for Secondary Teaching in Ireland.

1st March, 1918. From Letterkenny Rural District Council—Resolution requesting the Food Controller to fix the Retail Prices of Small Farm Seeds.

7th March, 1918. From Kerry County Council—Resolution characterizing the National Health Insurance Act as an oppressive measure, and stating that all Public Bodies should discontinue paying contributions in respect of Insurance under the Act.

7th March, 1918. From Cavan Urban District Council—Two Resolutions dealing with the Controlled Price for Pigs bought dead and with the necessity for securing that a sufficient supply of pigs be retained in this country.

13th April, 1918. From Tralee Board of Guardians—(1) Resolution adjourning their meeting without transacting any business as a protest against the application of the Conscriptio Bill to Ireland.

13th April, 1918. From Tralee Rural District Council—Resolution pledging themselves to resist the Conscriptio Bill by every means in their power, and calling on every Public Body in Ireland to cease to administer Local Government until that Bill is withdrawn.

16th April, 1918. From Kerry County Council—Resolutions with reference to (1) the Professorship of Early and Medieval Irish History in University College, Dublin, and (2) Venereal Diseases.

Handwritten: Paul Condon 19/8/18

The Annual Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock, noon, on Monday, the 19th August, 1918.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman.
Councillors—John J. Healy, Martin Langton, John V. Gahan, William Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne (Ininakilby), J. Kinsella, P. J. Carey, William Halligan, Wm Osborne, J. W. Reigh, J. McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, E. J. O'Kelly, Wm Byrne (Kilmurray), Wm Costello, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Thomas Burke, Morgan Travers, and John Storey.

Business.

- 1.—The Chair to be taken by the outgoing Chariman.
- 2.—To Elect a Chairman.
- 3.—To Elect a Vice-Chairman.

The Chair having been taken by the outgoing Chairman, Councillor Daniel Condren, the Minutes of the previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That, at this the first meeting of the Wicklow County Council since the lamented death of our esteemed colleague, Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P., of St. Mullin's, Tinahely, we hereby extend to his wife and relatives the assurance of our sincere sympathy. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Councillor Daniel Condren be, and he is hereby, elected Chairman of the Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. Resolved—That Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg) be, and he is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman of the Wicklow County Council for the ensuing year and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

3rd June, 1918. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. Wm. Byrne, of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st and 3rd June, 1918. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Telegram and letter notifying the re-election of Mr. William Halligan, Baltyboys, Blessington, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

3rd June, 1918. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1918. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Intimating that the Annual Meeting of his Council fell through on that date, a sufficient number of Councillors not being in attendance to form a quorum.

13th June, 1918. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Intimating that Mr. Patrick J. Carey, J.P., Tomanierin, Aughrim, has been re-elected Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1918. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Intimating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., Muskeagh, Tinahely, has been appointed to represent that District Council on the County Council for the ensuing year.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, p.m. on Monday, the 19th August, 1918.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman.
Councillors—John J. Healy, Martin Langton, John V. Gahan, William Byrne (Coolbeg), James Byrne (Ininakilby), J. Kinsella, P. J. Carey, Wm Halligan, Wm Osborne, J. W. Reigh, J. McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, E. J. O'Kelly, Wm Byrne (Kilmurray), Wm Costello, James Byrne (Ballinderry), Thomas Burke, Morgan Travers, 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 Proposals for Payments from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 4.—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5.—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposal's Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 6.—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 7.—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.
- 8.—To declare two vacancies existing on the Council, and to receive Notices of Motion to have the same filled.
- 9.—To appoint two members on the Proposals' and Finance Committees to fill vacancies existing thereon.
- 10.—To appoint a duly qualified Assistant County Surveyor, in accordance with the Council's Advertisement, for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District and portion of Rathdrum Rural District.
- 11.—To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District.
- 12.—To appoint the Council's Moiety of the New School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No 2 Rural District for the three years commencing 1st October, 1918.
- 13.—To formally cancel the Road Contracts referred to in the Co. Surveyor's Report to the Quarterly Meeting of the Council held on 27th May, 1918, in accordance with the terms of the Resolution of the Council passed at their Quarterly Meeting held on 20th August, 1917.
- 14.—To recommend the Revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 15.—To consider an application from the Insurance Committee of the County Wicklow to have the £200 granted by the Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the year 1918 renewed for the year 1919.
- 16.—To Sign and Seal the Form of Undertaking submitted by the Road Board, London in connection with the repayment of the Loan of £1,569 applied for by the Council for the Completion of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.
- 17.—To approve and execute the new Fidelity Bond submitted by Collector Charles S. Sutton (No. 7 Collecting District).
- 18.—To approve and execute Agreement with Mrs. Elizabeth Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, in connection with the portion of her premises let to the Council for a Weights' and Measures' Office and Store.
- 19.—To consider correspondence with regard to the treatment of Venereal Disease, and to arrange a scheme in connection therewith.
- 20.—To give effect to the terms of Section 1 (1) of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Committees) Act, 1917, by appointing on the County Local War Pensions, etc. Committee, two discharged disabled men, and a woman who is in receipt of a pension as a widow or other dependant of a man who has died from causes out of his service during the present war.
- 21.—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 22.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 23.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 24.—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 25.—To consider General Correspondence.

Shillelagh
1914/18

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Saturday, the 8th June, 1918, when the following members were present:—

Councillor J. W. Reigh, Presiding Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, J. McCarroll, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg).

Five applications were received from Candidates for the University Scholarships offered by the County Council for the year 1918-1919. After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the following Applications, and, further, approve of their admission to the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on July 3rd, 1918, and following days:—

- (1)—Bridget Redmond, Rathdrum.
- (2)—Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
- (3)—Maria Farrington, Newtown, Hollywood.
- (4)—Michael J. Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.
- (5)—Patrick J. Henry, 3 Westview Terrace, Bray.

Signed—J. W. REIGH, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll.

Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby adopted."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met at 12 o'clock noon on Tuesday, the 25th June, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), and John Storey.

An application, dated 17th June, 1918, was submitted from Mr. Thomas Codd, Drumdangan, Rathdrum, in which he asked to be allowed to again hire the Council's Traction Engine for use during the forthcoming Threshing Season.

Order—Engine to be hired if available.

The Committee had before them for consideration all the documents connected with the Council's proposal to cancel certain Road Contracts by mutual consent of the County Council, the District Councils, and the Road Contractors concerned.

Order—The County Surveyor and Secretary to call on the Local Government Board with reference to these Contracts.

Signed—DANIEL CONDREN, Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh.

Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby adopted."

Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Committee Room, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 30th July, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors J. W. Reigh, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg); P. J. Carey, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne (Tinnakilly), and John Storey.

CANCELLATION OF PAYING ORDERS.

The Committee recommend for Cancellation two Paying Orders, Nos. 139 and 148, authorised on 29th April, 1918, in respect of Salary to the late Mr. J. J. O'Ramsay, of £13 per month, for the months of June and July, 1918.

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	7764	15	7
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	735	8	3
Proposals Committee's Proposals	12	6	6
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	258	3	3
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1228	14	11
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	277	16	8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	21	16	0
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals	276	5	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals			
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	507	13	9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	68	10	11
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals			
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals			
Transfer to Credit of Subsidiary Account			
Included in County-at-Large total	1436	18	6
Transfer to Credit of Subsidiary Account			
No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)	789	0	0

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
Naas
Rathdown
Rathdrum
Shillelagh
Total

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1
Naas No. 2
Rathdown No. 2
Rathdrum
Shillelagh
Total

Applications were submitted from Mr. P. T. Healy for £38 12s. 7d., and from Mr. T. Langton for £17 3s. 0d., being the amounts by which their Salaries were reduced in respect to the year ending on the 31st March, 1918, in consequence of the Government's Restrictions on the Sale and Use of Petrol.

Order—To be paid.

COUNTY SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME.

The Secretary submitted a letter from the Registrar of University College, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, dated 22nd July, 1918, containing the results of the Special Examination conducted by the University Authorities in connection with the Applicants for Scholarships under the County Council's Scheme.

Having considered the letter, and the terms of the Scheme, the Committee recommend the following three Students for Scholarships:—

- Bridget Redmond, Rathdrum.
Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
Patrick J. Henry, 3 Westview Terrace, Bray.

and they recommend Michael J. Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry, for the Bursary awarded under the Scheme.

An application, dated 16th July, 1918, was received from Mr. Edward Balfe, Carnew, to have the Scholarship granted to his daughter, Miss Annie T. Balfe, continued for a Fourth Year.

An Application was also received from Mr. John Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow, dated 27th July, 1918, to have his Scholarship continued for a Fourth Year, and, if possible, a Fifth Year.

Order—The Committee regret they are unable to recommend a continuation of these Scholarships for a longer period than the three years decided upon in the approved Scheme.

The following Report was submitted by the County Surveyor:—

County Surveyor's Office
Court House, Wicklow.

26th July, 1918.

Gentlemen,

I regret to report the death of Mr. J. J. O. Ramsay, Assistant Surveyor. The next quarterly inspection will take place in September next, and since the measurement of metal is carried out at this inspection, it is of great urgency that the vacancy caused by Mr. Ramsay's death should be filled as soon as possible.

The duties in the late Mr. Ramsay's district are being carried out up to the 31st proximo by Mr. Foley, but the continuance of this arrangement would be most unsatisfactory and detrimental to the work in the Districts.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

An application, dated 16th July, 1918, was submitted from Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., asking to be transferred from his present District to the District rendered vacant by Mr. Ramsay's death.

Order—The Committee recommend that Mr. Foley be retained in his present position until the 1st September, 1918; that he be then transferred to the District rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Ramsay, on the same terms, and at the same salary as Mr. Ramsay was in receipt of at the time of his death, (i.e., £156 per year, to cover all expenses of postage and travelling incurred in the discharge of his duties), subject to the County Surveyor having a prior claim upon his services at all times; an Advertisement to be issued for an Assistant Surveyor for the District thus vacated by Mr. Foley, on the same terms and at the same Salary as the late Mr. J. Pansing was in receipt of at the time of his death.

An application, dated 25th July, 1918, was submitted from Mr. John Gleeson (at present the holder of a County Council Scholarship), of Stratford-on-Slaney, asking to be appointed temporarily to fill the vacancy caused by the transfer of Mr. P. J. Foley to the district rendered vacant by Mr. Ramsay's death.

Order—Read.

Having carefully considered the Salary and emoluments, derived by Mr. Michael Kelly, late Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District, from his Office during the three years ending 31st March, 1918, the Committee recommend the Council to add ten years to his term Service of twenty-nine years, so as to entitle him to his maximum retiring allowance of £23 18s. 2d., being thirty-nine sixtieths of the average Poundage and emoluments, amounting to £36 15s. 7d., derived by him during the three years ended 31st March, 1918.

Having considered correspondence received from Collector William Burke, Merginstown, Dunlavin, and from Mr. Thomas Kelly, Harristown, Hollywood, relative to the Collection of the Poor Rate in No. 5 Collecting District, following the resignation of Mr. Michael Kelly, the Committee directed the Secretary to again issue an advertisement inviting Candidates for appointment to the vacant District.

The County Surveyor's Report, as to the procedure adopted by the Council with reference to the proposed cancellation of certain Road Contracts by mutual consent of the County Council, District Councils, and the Road Contractors concerned, was submitted; as was also a letter, dated 24th July, 1918, from the Council's Law Agent, enclosing Counsel's Opinion, and a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 4th July, 1918, conveying the Board's views on the proposed cancelling of these Road Contracts.

Order—Noted.

A letter was submitted from the Secretary, National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland), dated 25th June, 1918, conveying the Treasury's sanction to the expenditure by the County Wicklow Insurance Committee of £400, half of which is to be provided by the County Council, and the other half by the Treasury, under Section 17 of the National Insurance Act, 1911.

Order—Noted.

A letter was submitted from Messrs. George Morgan and Son, Wood Merchants, Turrebank Sawmills, Crief, Perthshire, dated 20th June, 1918, confirming the terms of the settlement agreed upon by their Representative, Mr. Morgan, on the 7th May, 1918, in connection with that firm's Timber Traffic on the road between Cronyhorn Bridge and the County Wexford Bounds namely—Messrs. Morgan and Son to pay to the Council Twenty Pounds (£20) to cover all damage on this road up to the date of interview.

Order—Noted.

The Committee had under consideration certain correspondence which had passed between the Council and the Local Government Board, following the Council's third application for a representation of the Joint Committee of Management of the Wicklow County Infirmary more commensurate with their annual contribution towards the upkeep of that Institution, and also the Annual Report of the County Infirmary for the year ended 5th January, 1918.

It was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg)—That the County Infirmary be granted their subscription on this occasion, but that the County Council demand their full representation on the Infirmary Board in the future, otherwise the subscription will not be continued.

As an Amendment it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey, and resolved—This Committee recommends the County Council to suspend payment of the usual Grant to the County Infirmary until the constitution of the Governors is so altered as to give the Council representation proportionate to its contributions.

The Amendment was carried by four votes to three, and was then put to the Meeting as a substantive resolution, and passed unanimously.

Consideration of the Secretary's Report on correspondence from the Ministry of Reconstruction, inviting proposals relating to Rural Development after the War, was postponed to the next meeting of the Committee.

The Committee also adjourned, to their next Meeting consideration of the following Report by the Secretary on Re-Afforestation.

AFFORESTATION.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th day of July, 1918.

To the Chairman and Member of Finance Committee,

Gentlemen—

To a recent meeting of the Finance Committee I submitted voluminous correspondence that had been accumulating in the office since 1910 on the question of Afforestation. This correspondence was referred to me with a direction that I should report thereon to a subsequent meeting of the Committee. Accordingly I have gone through the various documents which include, amongst others, a report of the Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry, circular letters issued by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on 30th April, 1910; 23rd December, 1912, and 30th April, 1917; and also resolution from Local Organisations urging on the Council to take practical steps to encourage Forestry.

So far as I can see the situation has changed very little, if at all, since 1910, when the Co. Council last considered the subject. On that occasion they directed that query forms should be prepared and issued to each member of the Council with a view to eliciting information as to the areas of small woods existing in each county division, and the quantities of land suitable and which might become available for tree planting. These forms were issued but the result was not considered satisfactory, and no further action was taken at the time. I have one of the returns before me and it contains the following information:—Approximate acreage of land in the County Division suitable for tree planting, and which could be acquired by the County Council, and the probable price—(1) 133 acres, fee simple, £700; (2) 158 acres, fee simple, £800. These figures give an idea of the impotency of the County Council, with their existing powers, to promote any scheme commensurate with the magnitude of the problem of afforestation to be solved in County Wicklow.

Most persons will, I believe, agree with this statement contained in the Department's Circular letter of 30th April, 1917, viz:—"The area of woodlands in Ireland has for many years been gradually decreasing and the rate of decrease has of late been considerably accelerated by the cutting down of large quantities of timber urgently required for emergency work in connection with the war. In these circumstances the question of the steps to be taken with a view to the preservation of existing woods and the afforestation of tracts of waste land suitable for the purpose has become one of Extreme National Importance. "If," as stated, "this matter is one of extreme National importance"—and I think everyone acquainted, even slightly, with the subject agrees that it is—the State ought to provide the necessary funds to cope with it. Such, so far at all events, is not the case. The County Councils, with pigmy resources compared with the needs of the case, are asked to undertake this huge task of National importance.

I have, however, only to deal with the position and the powers of the County Council in relation to the subject. There is no doubt that your Council can legally, in pursuance of a scheme to be approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, acquire land for afforestation. Their funds are, however, very limited and it is a question for the Council to decide if it be really worth their while experimenting with these funds. Under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899 the County Council may strike a rate for certain purposes of which this is one, not exceeding one penny in the pound, and under the Technical Instruction Acts of 1889 and 1891, they may strike an additional rate of one penny. At present your Council has commitments under these Acts which absorb 14 pence in the pound leaving available the proceeds of seven-eighths of a penny in the pound leviable off the rural parts of the county, or in round figures £913 per annum.

The Department suggests that Councils should acquire small areas for the purposes of their schemes, the management to be subsequently delegated to the County Committees of Agriculture. They say they will be prepared "so far as the staff at their disposal will admit to afford Councils, who adopt Forestry Schemes, any expert advice which may be necessary." (Vide letter of 30th April, 1910). The Department, further, intimate (letter 23rd December, 1912) that in cases where County Councils are willing to acquire small woodlands under the terms of the Land Purchase Acts the development Commissioners will be prepared to consider application for Annual Advances towards meeting the cost of the maintenance and suitable management of such woodlands. What proportion of the total cost of maintenance and management would be granted is not stated. In fact the letter is somewhat enigmatical on this point.

The foregoing indicates briefly the powers of the Council in relation to the subject, but I think it right to conclude my report by appending the general conclusions arrived at by the Departmental Committee on Irish Forestry, dated 6th April, 1908, which are as follows:—

- (1)—That with the transfer of land under the Purchase Acts to peasant owners, an obligation in respect of existing woods, as well as other obligations connected with landed property passes from the selling proprietors to the State.
- (2)—That a comprehensive Scheme of Forestry, whether undertaken through Local Authorities, private owners, or directly through a Forestry Department, can only be carried out by or under the direction of the State.
- (3)—That an exceptional opportunity, which cannot recur, for acquiring land suitable for forestry, and not suitable for any other use, presents itself now in Ireland, in connection with the Land Purchase Acts; and
- (4)—That such a Scheme, including the preservation and extension of existing woods, and the creation of a new forest areas, is a sound investment for the Nation, necessary for her agricultural and industrial development, and for the provision of an important capital asset which must otherwise be wasted.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON J. DOYLE.

BLESSINGTON TRAMWAY.
SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
23rd July, 1918.

Gentlemen,

On Monday, the 22nd July inst., I inspected the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway undertaking for the half-year ended the 31st December, 1917, at the offices of Mr. W. J. Shannon, Solicitor, 19 Upper Ormond Quay,

Dublin who virtually acts as Manager of the concern, on behalf of Mr. Collen, under the terms of the Interim Management Order, which is still in force.

At the outset I desire to remind you that correspondence came before the Finance Committee some time ago with reference to an overdraft due to the bank by the Company at the time Mr. Collen entered upon the Management. The matter was then referred to your Law Agent for investigation and for advice. After enquiring into the circumstances under which the overdraft was created and the manner in which it was applied by the Company he came to the conclusion that as the money was expended in connection with the business of the undertaking the present Management having taken over the assets and liabilities of the Company were liable to pay the bank. The question as to how the Guaranteeing Counties could legally discharge the liability then arose. Evidently they could only pay on the Certificate of the Arbitrators or in pursuance of a judgment of the Courts.

It was ultimately decided, for reasons into which I need not here enter, that it would be advisable, if possible, to have it paid pursuant to a Certificate of the Arbitrators. Consequently this sum of £2,906 12s. 3d. was included in the accounts which I had under review.

The receipts, under all headings of Account, and including £2,783 2s. 11d. received from Irish Railway Executive Committee, for the half-year, amounted to £6,461 7s. 4d., and the expenditure (including the Bank overdraft) to £9,873 18s. 9d., leaving a deficit of £3,412 10s. 8d. to be contributed by the Guaranteeing areas towards working expenses in addition to £1,000 for guaranteed dividend.

It will be seen, therefore, that the total liability of the Counties for Guaranteed Dividend and for deficit in working expenses reaches £4,412 10s. 8d., one-half of which, namely £2,206 5s. 4d. is due and payable by Wicklow County Council.

This is made up as follows:—Guaranteed dividend £500; one moiety of Bank overdraft £1,453 6s. 1d.; half real deficit on half-year's working (excluding overdraft) £252 19s. 3d.

Yours faithfully,
SIMON J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Signed—
D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg).

Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is 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.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me will move at the next Meeting of the Council—That Scholarships amounting to Fifty Pounds (£50) a year for the next two ensuing Scholastic Years be awarded to Mr. John Duffy, of Wexford Road, Arklow, having regard to the exceptional financial circumstances of his parents, and that all Resolutions of the Council, where necessary, be and are hereby modified to give effect to the terms of this Resolution; and that the necessary provision to meet this expenditure be made in the next Rate Levy."

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—
"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council, propose—That a Retiring Allowance amounting to £23 18s. 2d. per annum, being thirty-nine sixtieths of his average Poundage and Emoluments during the past three years, be and is hereby subject to the approval of the Local Government Board awarded to retiring Poor Rate Collector Michael Kelly, of Harristown, Hollywood."

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 19th August, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor J. W. Reigh, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, P. J. Carey, and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

The Committee had before them the following additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£250 0 0
Same—Rathdrum District Proposals	£1,846 8 6

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 9th August, 1918, from The Registrar, University College, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—Reporting upon the progress made during the past Scholastic Year by the holders of the Scholarships under the Council's Scheme during the past year. Six of these Scholarships and one Bursary were open for renewal, and in respect of all these students the Registrar reported that their attendance and conduct had been most satisfactory.

Order—Renewals for the Scholastic Year 1918-1919 recommended as follows:—

John P. Dunne, (Scholarship).	
John Gleeson	do.
Nicholas Lawler	do.
Bridget Murphy	do.
Ethel G. O'Kelly	do.
Bridget V. Turley	do.
Edward Mulligan	(Bursary).

An application, dated 15th July, 1918, was submitted from Wm. T. Fitzsimons, Avoca, asking to be allowed the cost of Coal supplied by him for use in Avoca Court House.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

An application, dated 16th July, 1918, was submitted from Timothy Long, Court Crier, of Neptune Lodge, Sandycove West, Kingstown, for an increase in his salary, or, in the alternative, for a War Bonus.

Order—Noted.

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 29th July, 1918, from Collector William J. Quinn, No. 13-15 Collecting District, asking for instructions and assistance in connection with the Collecting of certain items of Seed Rate where flat refusals to pay have been given.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

Letters and applications, signed by certain Poor Rate Collectors, were submitted, in which they asked that (1)—Seed Rate be a separate collection from Poor Rate, and that the Collectors be not compelled to close the Seed Rate Collection on September 30th, and (2)—That the rate of remuneration for the collection of Seed Rate be the same as that paid by the Rural District Councils under like Loan, viz.—10 per cent.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

A letter dated 8th August, 1918, was read from The Secretary, Kildare County Council, Court House, Naas, intimating that his Council have prepared a Scheme for the Treatment of Venereal Disease, and suggesting that arrangements should be made between two or three County Councils jointly in regard to the salaries payable to the Medical Superintendent and other Officers.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Committee had under consideration the Secretary's Report on Re-Afforestation, as circulated to the Members of the Council in the Report of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 30th July, 1918.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

The Secretary also submitted his Report (already circulated to the Members of the Council) on the Correspondence from the Ministry of Reconstruction, in which proposals were invited from the Council in connection with Rural Development after the War.

Order—Referred to next Finance Committee Meeting.

Signed—
J. W. REIGH,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh.
Resolved—"That the Finance Committee's Report No. 4 be, and it is hereby confirmed."

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. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large amounting to £7,764 15s. 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 Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor E. J. O'Kelly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District amounting to £747 15s. 9d. (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 Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £1,483 18s. 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 John J. Healy seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £599 12s. 8d. (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 (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District amounting to £2,122 13s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District amounting to £576 4s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £38 13s. 0d. (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. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 5s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor *John J. Healy* seconded by Councillor *John J. Healy*. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposals, amounting to £250 0s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, 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 Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

I regret to report the death of Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's Tinahely, which took place on 6th July, 1918.

I desire, further, to report that Councillor J. J. Reilly, Kilmullen Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, has been absent from consecutive Meetings of the County Council for more than one year.

It will be necessary that the Council should declare a vacancy in the latter case, and take the usual steps to have both vacancies filled by co-option at the next Meeting.

There are at present two vacancies on the Membership of the Finance Committee. Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,

18th August, 1918.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY ON WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by

EDWARD J. BYRNE, Esq., J.P.,
St. Mullins, Tinahely,

to be vacant, in consequence of his death, and we direct that this vacancy shall be 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.

(Signed), DANIEL CONDREN, Chairman
WILLIAM BYRNE (Kilmurray)
E. J. O'KELLY,

Three Councillors of Wicklow County Council.

(Signed), S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to said County Council.

18th August, 1918.

Council Chamber,
Court House, Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

NOTICE OF A VACANCY ON WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the Members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor held by

JOHN J. REILLY, Esq.,
Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy,

to be vacant, in consequence of his disqualification through non-attendance at the Meetings of the Council, and direct that this vacancy shall be 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.

(Signed), DANIEL CONDREN, Chairman,
JOHN STOREY,
JAMES BYRNE (Tinnakilly),

Three Councillors of Wicklow County Council.

(Signed), S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to said County Council.

19th August, 1918.

Council Chamber,
Court House, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following two Members of the Council to fill the vacancies at present existing on the Proposals and Finance Committees:—
John J. Healy, of Ashley, Greystones;
James Byrne, of Ballinderry Rathdrum.

Passed, County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow, 14th August, 1918.
S. J. Doyle, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir—

I enclose herewith an application I have received from Messrs. Henry Fletcher and Co., 14 P'Oliver Street, Dublin, asking for permission to erect a Weigh-bridge on the road from Baltinglass to Saunderson's Grove.

Will you please bring this matter before the County Council at their Meeting on Monday.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Leave granted, on condition that Messrs Henry Fletcher and Co. enter into, at their own expense, a Deed of Indemnity with the Council; the Deed to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Contracts for one year, commencing 1st October, 1918, and expiring 30th September, 1919:—

COUNTY PRINTING.

To Thomas Doyle, The "Free Press," 59 South Main Street, Wexford, for Printing, Providing, and Supplying Requisite 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, at £494 12s. 6d. Guarantors:—The Royal Insurance Company, Ltd., 45 Dame Street, Dublin.

The lowest Tender not having been accepted by the Proposals Committee in connection with the Contract for the County Printing, the Secretary submitted a Special Minute (Form 23) as prescribed in pursuance of Section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

COUNTY ADVERTISING.

To the County Printing Works, Ltd., Main Street, Wicklow, for executing, in the "Wicklow News-Letter," the whole of the Advertising required by the County Council, and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, at four-pence per line of printed matter. Guarantors:—Sylvester V. Delahunty, Abbey Street, Wicklow and Laurence Byrne, Market Square, Wicklow.

To the People Printing Co., Ltd., 11 North Main Street, Wexford, for executing, in the "Wicklow People," the whole of the Advertising required by the County Council, and the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, at four-pence per line of printed matter. Guarantors:—Michael J. O'Brien, Market Square, Wicklow, and James Joseph Fallon, Abbey Street, Wicklow.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

An application was submitted from the County Surveyor for a sum of £250, to supplement the money provided for the upkeep of the Steam-Rolling Plant purchased from the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

Order—Placed in charge of the County Surveyor, expenditure not to exceed £250.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Road No. 134 in the District Register, 276 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £5 3s. 6d.

Road No. 139 in the District Register, 675 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £12 13s. 6d.

Road No. 143 in the District Register, 952 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £23 16s. 6d.

Road No. 145 in the District Register, 608 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £11 8s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:

Road No. 196 in the District Register, 771 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £57 16s. 6d.

Road No. 197 in the District Register, 585 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £14 12s. 6d.

Road No. 203 in the District Register, 1,081 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £13 10s. 3d.

Road No. 204 in the District Register, 244 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £3 1s. 6d.

Work No. 205 in the District Register, to erect about 18 yards of wooden fence at Bawn's Bridge, Glendalough, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor, at One Shilling.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

30th July, 1918. Letter from the Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Strongly recommending an application (attached) from Road Contractor Myles Caulfield, Ballyhad, Rathdrum, to be given additional remuneration for additional work on his Road Contract, No. 459 in the District Register, 825 perches, taken in Winter, 1915, or else asking to be relieved of his contract.

Order—Contract cancelled, and given in charge of the County Surveyor to 31st December, 1918; amount to be expended, £51 11s. 4d.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby confirm the terms of the Resolution of this Council passed at the Quarterly Meeting held on the 27th May, 1918, and now formally cancel, as from 31st March, 1918, the undermentioned road Contracts.

The roads involved are:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R. DISTRICT.

Index No.	Reg. No.	Perches.	Contract taken.	Contractor.
4	143	771	Winter, 1914.	—Peter Clinch, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
86	160	1240	Summer, 1914.	—Michael Byrne, Fryanstown, Dunlavin.
13	169	1020	Winter, 1915.	—Patrick Bermingham, Rathbran, Grange Con.
17	170	969	"	—Wm. Jackson, Woodfield, Kiltegan.
17	173	290	"	—Chas. Short, Annacorney, Valleymount.
30	183	734	"	—John Murphy, Killalish, Kiltegan.
31	184	1090	"	—Peter Clinch, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
32	185	1000	"	—John Murphy, Killalish, Kiltegan.
41	190	842	"	—Jas. Hawkins, Rustyduff, Knockenarrigan.
44	192	794	"	—Wm. Tutty, Kilmurry, Baltinglass.
45	193	568	"	—John Kelly, Tuckmill, Baltinglass.
48	196	108	"	—Michael Ryan, Baltyboys, Blessington.
29	218	706	Spring, 1915.	—John Neill, Newtown Saunders, Baltinglass.
59	1	447	Spring, 1916.	—John Byrne, Woodfield, Baltinglass.

RATHDOWN No. 2 R. DISTRICT.

4	444	754	Winter, 1914.	—Michael McGuirk, Cloon, Enniskerry.
5	445	657	"	—Same.
10	450	340	"	—Arthur Hicks, Kilmacanogue, Bray.
19	476	874	Winter, 1915.	—Same.
21	478	633	"	—Same.

SHILLELAGH R. DISTRICT.

4	207	907	Winter, 1915.	—Richard Candy, Kilquiggin, Coolkenno.
15	218	840	"	—John Candy, Kilquiggin, Coolkenno.
30	231	1129	"	—Hugh Nolan, Rath, Tullow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly). Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two applications for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 17th August, 1918, from Mr. John Byrne, Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, Court House, Wicklow—Notifying a vacancy on his Committee caused by the death of Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely. Order—Adjourned.

The Secretary read the following advertisement, published in the "Irish Times," "Irish Independent," and "Freeman's Journal," for an Assistant Surveyor, and also the names and addresses of the Sixteen Applicants who applied for the position.

The Secretary also submitted a letter, dated 9th August, 1918, from the Ministry of Labour, Appointments Department, 51 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—Urging the special claims of men disabled by War Service to employment by Local Authorities, and enclosing a Special List of ex-officers from which the Council might select a suitable man for appointment to the vacant Assistant Surveyorship.

Order—Noted.

COUNTY OF WICKLOW.

ASSISTANT SURVEYOR WANTED.

The County Council of the County of Wicklow will, at its Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Monday, 19th August, 1918, consider applications from suitable candidates and proceed to appoint a duly qualified person to fill the position of Assistant Surveyor under that body.

The person appointed must satisfy the Council that he is not more than 35 years of age, and that he possesses all the qualifications prescribed by the Local Government Board's Order dated 31st March, 1913. (The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.) He must be prepared to reside at whatever place, within the County, the Council may require, and to immediately take up his duties after the appointment has been sanctioned as aforesaid. Although he will not be required to be a whole-time officer, the County Surveyor shall at all times have first claim upon his services. Further, he will be required to inspect and report upon all roads and works within the district now vacant, and which will be assigned to him by the County Surveyor. Further, he shall be held liable to inspect and report upon roads and work outside said district, when so instructed by the Finance Committee of the Council.

The salary attaching to the appointment is £156 per annum.

The salary mentioned is to cover all expenses of postage and travelling incurred by the Assistant Surveyor in the discharge of his duties.

Applications, in registered letter, stating age of candidate, accompanied by testimonials and certificates as to qualifications, should be addressed to "S. G. Gallagher, Esq., B.E., County Surveyor, Court House, Wicklow," and should reach him not later than 16th August, 1918.

(By Order),

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow.

On a Poll being taken, the Council voted as follows:—

For John Gleeson—Councillors E. J. O'Kelly, D. J. Cogan, Thomas Burke, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray), and Wm. Halligan—5.

For Thomas Meade—Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly), M. Langton, John Storey, J. McCarroll, John J. Healy and Morgan Travers—6.

For E. A. Murphy—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Daniel Condren, Wm. Osborne, J. W. Reigh, T. Kinsella, James Byrne (Ballinderry), J. V. Gahan, P. J. Carey, and Edward Byrne—9.

The Candidate John Gleeson having dropped out, the Council voted as follows in the Second Round:—

For Thomas Meade—Councillors James Byrne (Tinnakilly), E. J. O'Kelly, M. Langton, Thomas Burke, John Storey, J. McCarroll, Wm. Halligan, John J. Healy and Morgan Travers—9.

For E. A. Murphy—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, Wm. Osborne, J. W. Reigh, T. Kinsella, D. J. Cogan, James Byrne (Ballinderry), J. V. Gahan, Wm. Byrne (Kilmurray), P. J. Carey, and Edward Byrne—11.

The Chairman thereupon declared that Mr. Edward A. Murphy had received the support of the majority of the Councillors present.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John V. Gahan. Resolved—That the application of Mr. Edward A. Murphy, of Lenham Lodge, Milford, Carlow, for appointment to the position of Assistant Surveyor, on the conditions mentioned in the published advertisement, and on the terms therein stated, be hereby accepted, subject to the Local Government Board's approval of his qualifications, and that he take up the duties of the position as soon as notified to do so by the County Surveyor. Passed.

The Secretary read the following advertisement, published in the "Wicklow News-Letter," "Wicklow People" and "Leinster Leader," for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District, and one application received from John Farrell, Baltyboys, Vallemount, Blessington, Co. Wicklow.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

POOR RATE COLLECTOR WANTED.

The above-named Council will, at its Meeting, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, on Monday, the 19th August, 1918, proceed to appoint a duly qualified Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Hollywood, Lugglass and Togher, at a remuneration of 8d. in the £ collected and lodged with in 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. The appointment will be subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

Written applications to be lodged in my office not later than 11 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 £700, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £350. Candidates to be in attendance in the Council Chamber at 12 noon, on 19th August, 1918.

By Order,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary to the County Council.

Courthouse, Wicklow,
31st July, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That Mr. John Farrell, of Baltyboys, Vallemount, Blessington, be appointed Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 Collecting District, on the terms of the Council's advertisement, in room of Collector Michael Kelly, resigned, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, at a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the £, and we approve of John Mahon, of Vallemount, Blessington, and Joseph Quinn, of Ballinahoun, Vallemount, Blessington, as his Sureties in a joint Bond in a sum of £700 for the due performance of his duties as Collector; and, further, that the Local Government Board be asked to allow the period of Collection to be extended for the first Half-year's Moiety of Rates from the 30th September, 1918, to the 30th November, 1918. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the following be re-appointed to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 for a period of three years, commencing 1st October, 1918:—

John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones.,
Patrick McGuirk, Tonygarrow, Enniskerry.
John Maguire, Delgany.
Very Rev. P. Flavin, P.P., Greystones.
John Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we have considered the changes and alterations necessary in the Valuation Lists, as given on the accompanying Revision Lists, and we request the Commissioners of Valuation to have the Lists revised accordingly. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a letter, dated 25th July, 1918, from the Clerk to the County Wicklow Insurance Committee, in which that Body applied to have the £200 granted by the Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis in the year 1918 renewed for the year 1919.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. W. Reigh:— "I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) be granted to the Insurance Committee of the County of Wicklow for the year 1918-1919, to enable them to carry on their work, provided they get a similar Grant from the Insurance Commissioners of the Treasury.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we approve of the Form of Undertaking submitted by the Road Board, London, in connection with the repayment of the Loan of £1,569 applied for by the County Council for the completion of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and we direct that the same be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the new Fidelity Bond submitted by Collector Charles S. Sutton, and direct that the same be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Agreement with Mrs. Elizabeth Lavery, Market Square, Wicklow, in connection with the portion of her premises let to the Council for a Weights and Measures Office and Stores, and direct that the same be now signed and sealed. Passed.

The Secretary submitted a File of Correspondence relative to the Treatment, etc., of Venereal Diseases, and also a letter from the Local Government Board, dated 18th July, 1918, No. 29400/1918, enclosing an Order containing Regulations made by the Board with respect to the diagnosis, treatment, and prevention of these Diseases, together with a relative Memorandum of Instructions and conditions of approval.

Order.—That the entire subject be referred to the Finance Committee to draw up a Scheme for submission to the Council at its next Meeting.

The Council adjourned to their next Meeting the question of giving effect to the terms of Section I. (1) of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Committees) Act, 1917, by the appointment on the County Local War Pensions, etc., Committee of two discharged disabled men and a woman who is in receipt of a Pension as a widow or other dependant of a man who has died from causes arising out of his service during the present war.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That we hereby authorise and direct that Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be granted to the following:—

John W. Hanbidge, Dunlavin.

Robert Griffin, 23 Main Street, Bray.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly), seconded by Councillor Denis J. Cogan. Resolved—This County Council, in full meeting assembled, declares that nothing less than Home Rule, with full Fiscal control—including Customs and Excise—will satisfy the people of the County Wicklow. That copies of the foregoing be sent to the Prime Minister, the Lord Lieutenant, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and the Irish Members of Parliament. Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor John J. Healy:— "I hereby give Notice that, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move that after all the necessary arrangements shall have been made, the future Meetings of the Council be held in Bray; that the Offices of the Council (including those of the Secretary and County Surveyor) be removed to that town; that all Resolutions to the contrary be and are hereby rescinded; and that it be a direction to the Finance Committee to procure, subject to the approval of the Council, suitable premises to enable effect to be given to the foregoing proposals."

City Laboratory,

Chatham Row,

Dublin, 16th July, 1918.

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, 1918.

38 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C. as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Milk	15
Margarine	8
Whiskey	4
Tea	3
Porter	2
Butter	1
Buttermilk	1
Cocoa	1
Oatmeal	1
Indian Meal	1
Lard	1
Total	38

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Wall, Bray, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 14 per cent. of added water; one certificate for specimen of milk deprived of at least 46 per cent. of its fats and one certificate for specimen of buttermilk adulterated with at least 15 per cent. of added water exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

Two certificates were sent to Sergeant Jones, Rathnew, for specimens of milk adulterated with at least 6.25 and 21 per cent. of added water, respectively.

One certificate sent to Sergeant Davey, Arklow, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 34 per cent. of added water and was also deficient of at least 40 per cent. of its fats.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs were analysed. Three were incorrect.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen were analysed. One was incorrect.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total Solid Matter	14.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.003
Saline Ammonia	0.0005
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.491
Colour	Colourless.
A good water.	

Six specimens of water analysed for the Urban District Council, Arklow, had the following compositions.

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5	No. 6
Total Solid Matter	37.800	48.300	47.600	64.400	51.800	60.900
Including						
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.006	0.013	0.0065	0.006	0.006	0.006
Saline Ammonia	0.0015	0.049	0.002	0.001	0.0045	0.0025
Nitric Acid	3.500	3.750	0.750	2.000	1.250	1.250
Chlorine	3.890	13.590	5.090	9.380	8.980	6.780

No. 2 was polluted; the others were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union twelve drugs were analysed and were correct.

For the Duplin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, four fertilizers were analysed.

One specimen of milk analysed for Miss A. Cullen, 2 Mountpleasant Villas Bray, was adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent. of added water and was free from preservatives.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twenty-seven drugs were analysed. Two were incorrect.

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

Total Analyses	116
Adulterated and defective articles	12

C. A. CAMERON.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted—

No. 26837/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th June, 1918.—Approving of the proposal of the County Council to pay Collector Jos. Doyle, (No 1 Collecting District) a Poundage of Sixpence (6d.) instead of his present salary of Sixty Pounds (£60) a year.

No. 32933/1918. Dublin County Borough. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th July, 1918.—Enclosing copy of a letter received from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Richmond District Asylum, regarding the Board's Circular of 12th of March, 1918, No. 25M, 1918, relating to the Regulations governing the issue of Separation Allowances and Pensions in respect of persons receiving Treatment in rate-aided Institutions, together with a copy of the Board's reply thereto.

Order.—Noted.

No. 33486/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th July, 1918.—Approving of the Council's proposal to appoint Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, to take charge temporarily of the late Mr. Ramsay's district for a period of three months at remuneration of Fifty Pounds (£50) to cover travelling and other expenses.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th July, 1918.—Memorandum intimating that the Director General of National Salvage, Caxton House, Tothill Street, London, S.W. 1, is desirous, wherever possible, to have a scheme put in operation for the collection of all Fruit Stones (including date stones and hard nut shells) collected and forwarded for an urgent war purpose.

No. A. 20142/1918. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th June, 1918.—Stating that if the original terms of appointment of the Council's representatives on the County Committee of Agriculture and County Joint Technical Instruction Committee did not provide for their remaining in office for such period as the Council hold office, they should now be formally re-appointed for such period as the existing Council remain in power.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. Resolved—That we hereby re-appoint the Representatives of this Council on the County Committee of Agriculture, and on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee, to hold office for such period as the present Council shall continue to hold office. Passed.

No. V.B. 1571/1918. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th June, 1918.—Approving of the Council's proposal to increase the salary of Mr. E. R. Nichols, V.S., Veterinary Inspector, from Ten Pounds (£10) to Twenty Pounds (£20) per annum.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 11th July, 1918.—Enclosing copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Cattle) Order of 1918—Amendment Order."

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th August, 1918.—Enclosing copy of the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) (Lamb) Temporary Order of 1918."

Ministry of Labour, Appointments Department, 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin, 2nd August, 1918.—Circular urging the special claims of men disabled by War Service to employment by Local Authorities and enclosing a list of Ex-Officers and Civilians in Ireland immediately available for any vacant appointments.

Order.—Noted.

Ministry of Labour, Appointments Department, 51 Stephen's Green, Dublin, 9th August, 1918.—Further letter on the same subject, and enclosing a Special List of men disabled by War Service from which the Council might select a man suitable for appointment to the vacant Assistant Surveyorship.

14th June and 16th August, 1918. From J. W. Barrett, Clerk of the Urban District Council, Arklow—Relative to the difficulty which has arisen in the case of poor persons requiring special medical or surgical treatment under the Poor Laws owing to a ruling of the High Courts in connection with the recent practice, and asking what accommodation, treatment, etc., is afforded by the Wicklow County Infirmary.

Order.—Referred to Finance Committee.

10th August, 1918. From Stephen H. Leech, The Waverley Hotel, Glasgow—Dealing with the question of establishing a Pottery or Potteries in Ireland.

25th July, 1918. From the Secretary, The Institution of Municipal Engineers, 39 Victoria Street, London, S.W. 1.—Enclosing a copy of the scale of War Bonuses which have been made to permanent Civil Servants by the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury, for the Council's information when considering the question in connection with their officials.

13th June, 1918. From James Brien, Ballykilmurry, Hacketstown—Asking the Council to grant a Scholarship for the training of his daughter in Domestic Economy in one of the Department's Training Colleges.

Copy of the Poster issued by the Council at the request of the Coal Control Department of the Government on the subject to the probable shortage of coal in the coming winter.

31st May, 1918. From the Secretary, The International Reference Movement, 65 Middle Abbey Street, Dublin—Explanatory statement and covering letter relative to the proposal that the claims of Ireland shall be submitted to the judgment of a competent and impartial non-British International Tribunal.

Resolutions From Various Bodies.

5th June, 1918. From Westmeath County Council—Resolution intimating the steps taken by that Council to deal with Sir Richard Cooper, M.P., owner of Cooper's Sheep Dip, consequent upon the following advice given by him in connection with conscription:—"If the Irish people resist, I say shoot."

2nd August, 1918. From Cork County Council—(1)—Resolution asking the Allies to test English sincerity, when speaking of the rights of small Nations, by the actions of the English Government in Ireland. (2)—Resolution stating, with reference to the repeated declarations of British Statesmen that one of their objects in the European War is the assertion of the rights of small Nations, that the case of Ireland is the same as the case of the small Nations governed by the military forces of Germany.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 o'clock, p.m., on Monday, 18th November, 1918.

The following Members attended—

Councillor D. Condren (Chairman), Councillors Edward Byrne, M. Langton, J. W. Reigh, P. J. Carey, John Storey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), John V. Gahan, William Osborne, Morgan Travers, Joseph McCarroll, and D. J. Cogan.

A telegram was received from Councillor John J. Healy regretting that he was prevented by a heavy cold from attending 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 consider the Proposals for payment from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Advice Notes for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils.
- 6—To consider Reports from the Roads Committee.
- 7—To Seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign Certificates for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To consider Applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 10—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Healy:—"I hereby give Notice that, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move that after all the necessary arrangements shall have been made, the future Meetings of the Council be held in Bray; that the Offices of the Council (including those of the Secretary and County Surveyor) be removed to that town; that all Resolutions to the contrary be and are hereby rescinded; and that it be a direction to the Finance Committee to procure, subject to the approval of the Council, suitable premises to enable effect to be given to the foregoing proposals."
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will, at the next Meeting of the County Council, propose—That a Retiring Allowance amounting to £23 18s. 2d. per annum, being thirty-nine sixtieths of his average Poundage and Emoluments during the past three years, be and is hereby, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, awarded to retiring Poor Rate Collector Michael Kelly, of Harristown, Hollywood."
- 12—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor E. C. Walsh:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will move at the next Meeting of the Council—That Scholarships amounting to Fifty Pounds (£50) a year for the next two ensuing Scholastic Years be awarded to Mr. John Dufy, of Wexford Road, Arklow, having regard to the exceptional financial circumstances of his parents, and that all Resolutions of the Council, where necessary, be and are hereby modified to give effect to the terms of this Resolution; and that the necessary provision to meet the expenditure be made in the next Rate Levy."
- 13—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor J. W. Reigh:—"I hereby give Notice that I, or some Councillor for me, will move, at the next Quarterly Meeting of this Council, that a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) be granted to the Insurance Committee of the County of Wicklow for the year 1918-1919, to enable them to carry on their work, provided they get a similar grant from the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury."
- 14—To consider Proposals adopted by Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural District Councils to borrow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, an aggregate sum of £1,454 (£425 proposed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council and £1,029 proposed by Rathdrum Rural District Council) from the Road Board, London, the aforesaid aggregate sum of £1,454 to be repaid in five years, by equal half-yearly instalments of principal, free of interest, and to be devoted to the completion of the work of improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, now in progress, and which road passes through the aforesaid Rural Districts, as provided in the Scheme of Improvement of the said Road.
- 15—To fill by co-option the vacancy existing on the Council caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely.
- 16—To fill by co-option the vacancy existing on the Council caused by the disqualification through non-attendance, of Councillor John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
- 17—To fill two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely, and the disqualification of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, who has ceased to be a County Councillor.
- 18—To fill a vacancy on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely.
- 19—To fill two vacancies on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the transfer from the County of the Very Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade, and the non-residence in the County of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.
- 20—To fill a vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital caused by the death of Colonel C. G. Tottenham, D.L., Ballycurry, Ashford.
- 21—To fill a vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the disqualification of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, as a County Councillor.
- 22—To execute an Agreement for the Hiring of an Engine for Threshing purposes to Mr. Michael Bergin, Slieveroe, Rathdrum.
- 23—To execute (in duplicate) a Deed of Indemnity entered into by Messrs. Fletcher and Co., Limited, 14 D'Olier Street, Dublin, in connection with permission to erect a Weighbridge beside the public road in the vicinity of Saunderson's Grove, Tuckmill, Baltinglass.
- 24—To give effect to the terms of Section 1 (1) of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Committees) Act, 1917, by appointing on the County Local War Pensions, etc. Committee, two discharged disabled men, and a woman who is in receipt of a pension as a widow or other dependant of a man who has died from causes out of his service during the present war.
- 25—To consider a Supplementary Estimate from the County Local War Pensions, etc. Committee, pursuant to the Provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917, to provide additional Administrative Expenses of the said Local Committee for the current financial year ending 31st March, 1919.
- 26—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 27—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 28—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 29—To consider General Correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby tender to our esteemed colleague, Councillor James Byrne, J.P., Tinnakilly Lower, Aghrim, and to the members of his family, our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement. Passed.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 10th October, 1918, at 11 o'clock a.m., when the following Members were present—

Councillor D. Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg); Joseph McCarroll; and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

The Secretary submitted the following Correspondence with the Local Government Board, relative to the Council's intimation that the Grant to Wicklow County Infirmary is suspended until such time as the Council have representation on the Joint Committee of Management of that Institution proportionate to the amount of their Annual Grant.

Court House,
Wicklow,
5th September, 1918.

The Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin.

Sir,

I am directed by the Wicklow County Council to inform you that the Local Government Board's letter, dated 13th March, 1918, No. 11,513/1918 together with a copy of a letter, dated 6th March, 1918, which the Board had received from Mr. Arthur W. Irwin, Honorary Secretary, Wicklow County Infirmary, were considered at a recent Meeting of the Council.

I am further directed to draw the attention of the Local Government Board to the entire correspondence that has passed between that Body and the County Council on the question of the latter's Body Representation on the Joint Committee of Management of the County Infirmary, viz.—Letter of 12th December, 1911, from County Secretary to the Local Government Board; letter from Local Government Board dated 23rd December 1911, No. 65,527/1911, letter from Secretary, County Council, dated 19th January, 1912, (containing financial statement of Revenue, stated to have been supplied by Secretary to County Infirmary); letter from Local Government Board to County Council, dated 5th March, 1912, No. 10,424/1912; letter of Secretary to County Council, dated 22nd May, 1912, enclosing further Resolution of the Council; letter from Local Government Board, dated 12th June, 1912, No. 27,597/1912; and letter from Secretary, County Council, dated 22nd December, 1917.

With reference to the letter of the Council's Secretary, dated 19th January, 1912, containing account of average contributions for previous three years, supplied by Secretary to Infirmary, the County Council believe the subscriptions set out therein were exceptional and do not convey an accurate idea of the general average amount of annual subscriptions for the period from April, 1901, up to the present, during which the County Council have subscribed £500 a year, in addition to paying the Surgeon's salary of £94 per annum. This view is strongly supported by the Balance Sheet for the Year ending January, 1918, from which it appears that the total revenue from all sources amounted to £654 14s. 6d. of which £500 was contributed by the County Council; the Balance, £154 14s. 6d., consisting of £139 17s. 6d. subscriptions, and £14 17s. 6d., received from other sources.

Further, the County Council consider that Capital expenditure should not enter into the question, or, in the alternative, the capital value of the Council's annual contribution should be considered equally with Capital value of Revenue from other sources.

The statement is made in the Governors' Resolution of 27th February, 1918, that the Council have given no credit to the fact that the Governors are themselves large contributors to the Rates from which the Council's sole claim to representation on the Joint Committee of Management is derived.

The County Council consider that this argument has no relevancy, as the Council in this matter represent the collective Ratepayers of the County, all of whom are interested in the annual contribution to the Infirmary being a County-at-large Charge. In this connection I am to mention that few, if any, persons residing outside Wicklow Town and the adjacent district derive benefit from the Institution. This fact has been the subject of discussion and adverse criticism at the Meetings of the different local authorities in the County, when these Bodies were considering the terms of the Board's Circular letter of the 28th March, 1918, No. 12 747/1918 (Miscellaneous), dealing with a difficulty which had arisen in the case of poor persons requiring special medical or surgical treatment under the Poor Laws.

Finally, I am directed to inform the Local Government Board that the County Council, at its recent Quarterly Meeting, decided to suspend payment of the usual Grant to the County Infirmary until the constitution of the Joint Committee of Management is so altered as to give the Council representation proportionate to its contributions.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
S. J. DOYLE.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
7th September, 1918.

No 42237/1918, Wicklow County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had under consideration your letter of the 5th instant, containing the reply of the Wicklow County Council to the resolution of the Board of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary passed on the 27th February last, in relation to the County Council's application to the Board for an Order increasing the Council's representation on the Committee.

The Board observe that the Council's reply conveyed by you is to a great extent argumentative, and while it deals with facts, it is based on a "belief" that the figures supplied by the Committee of Management in 1912, for a three years' period, were exceptional, though one year's figures are quoted in rebuttal. This assertion of the County Council, if capable of verification, would be a material factor in guiding the Board to a decision as to whether the Council's representation on the Committee was commensurate with their contributions to its funds; and the Board are, therefore, surprised to observe that the Council without affording any opportunity of testing their assertion by an examination of the Committee's receipts over a reasonably long period, and before any decision, other than one based on ex parte statements, could be given by the Board, have resolved to suspend payment of the usual grant to the County Infirmary "until the Constitution of the Joint Committee is so altered as to give the Council representation proportionate to its contributions."

The Board, have, therefore, to point out that the Council's condition is contrary to the law, and consequently cannot be acceded to; as Section 15 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, makes the contribution from County funds only one of the factors which the Board have to consider in fixing the constitution of a Joint Committee of Management.

Moreover, the Board understand that the grant of £500 per annum made by the County Council—although partially payable as a statutory obligation under Section 15 (1)—is in the main an obligation of honour under an Agreement entered into between the Council and the Committee, under which the former promised to pay to the Committee £500 annually in quarterly instalments of £125 each, for and during the term of twenty-one years from the 1st April, 1901.

The Board are loth to believe that a public body like the County Council have knowingly committed a breach of an agreement, deliberately entered into after the other signatory thereto has performed its part; and they therefore trust that the Council will meet its obligation without any further delay, especially in view of the fact that its action has already had the result of constraining the Committee of Management to restrict the use of the Infirmary to cases of serious accidents only.

In the meantime, the Board are asking the Committee for a full statement of receipts, to enable them to ascertain the correctness of the Council's belief that they have been contributing as a rule by far the greater proportion of the Committee's income.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse Wicklow

Court House, Wicklow,
9th September, 1918.

The Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin.

Sir,

I beg to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 7th inst., No. 42,237/1918, dealing with correspondence which has passed between the Local Government Board and the Wicklow County Council with reference to reconstruction of the Joint Committee of Management for Wicklow County Infirmary.

I shall place this letter before the next Meeting of the Finance Committee, which will take place on the 24th inst.

Since communicating the decision arrived at by the County Council at its recent Quarterly Meeting, I have obtained from the Secretary of the Joint Committee of Management of the Infirmary printed copies of the Annual Reports and Balance Sheets issued by that Institution, and herewith I am enclosing a Summary compiled from these Balance Sheets showing the contributions from the County Council, and other monies received by the Institution during the ten years ended the 5th January, 1917.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
S. J. DOYLE.

WICKLOW COUNTY INFIRMARY.

Summary of monies received by Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary for the ten years, from 1908 to 1917 (inclusive) showing separately contributions from Wicklow County Council and those received from other sources:

Year ended 5th January.	County Council Contribution	Subscriptions, Collections, and other sources.	"Special Account."	Total.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1908	500 0 0	284 16 6		784 16 6
1909	500 0 0	203 3 5		703 3 5
1910	500 0 0	155 1 11		655 1 11
1911	500 0 0	163 6 10		663 6 10
1912	500 0 0	241 7 8	245 5 10	986 13 6
1913	500 0 0	204 9 4	0 11 5	705 0 9
1914	500 0 0	191 0 10		691 0 10
1915	500 0 0	167 1 10		667 1 10
1916	500 0 0	174 1 10		674 1 10
1917	500 0 0	183 13 4		683 13 4
	5000 0 0	1968 3 6	245 17 3	7214 0 9

9/9/18. S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary County Council.

No. 4336 : 1918.
Wicklow County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 3rd October, 1918.

Sir

With reference to your letter of the 9th ultimo, relative to the representation of the Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of the Wicklow County Infirmary, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will be good enough to state what action was taken by the Finance Committee of the County Council at their meeting on the 24th ultimo, respecting the Board's letter of the 7th ultimo, No. 42,237/18.

By Order of the Board,
ARTHUR D. CODLING.

The Secretary,
Wicklow County Council,
Courthouse, Wicklow.

Order—The payment is deferred pending the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, and this Committee again call the attention of the Local Government Board to the necessity of complying with the request of the Council to give them proper representation on the Committee of Management, and can have no idea why their reasonable request is refused, the justice of which is borne out by the figures supplied to them on the 9th September, 1918.

A letter, dated 3rd October, 1918, was submitted from Collector Michael McGrath, relative to a sum of £230 17s. 8d., which he had to lodge to close his Half-year's collection, and which sum is still due to him from the Tisdall Estate, Blessington.

In this connection a letter was also read from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, dated 10th October, 1918—Reporting on the steps taken by him to secure payment of the Rates due to Collector M. McGrath by the Tisdall Estate, Blessington.

Order—Noted. The Secretary was directed to ask the Council's Solicitor to expedite the Collection of this money on behalf of the Rate Collector.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 7th October, 1918, from Collector Wm. J. Quinn, Sporting Lodge, Avoca—relative to the Rates due by the Via Gallia Colour Company in respect to their holdings in the Townland of Ballygahan, Electoral Division of Avoca.

Order—The Council is recommended to afford Mr. Quinn the assistance of the Council's Solicitor.

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 1 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 29th October, 1918.

The following Members were present—Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren; William Byrne (Coolbeg); John J. Healy; J. W. Reigh; James Byrne (Ballinderry); John Storey; and Joseph McCarroll.

The Committee recommend for cancellation two cheques, value £15 each, drawn in favour of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., being his Salary for the months of September and October, 1918—the cancellation having become necessary owing to Mr. Foley's transfer to another district at a different salary.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the five Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

County at Large	6229 1 0
Baltinglass No. 1—	
District Proposals	876 13 9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	51 5 10
	927 19 7
Naas No. 2—	
District Proposals	345 19 10
Proposals Committee's Proposals	33 4 2
	379 4 0
Rathdown No. 2—	
District Proposals	490 16 1
Proposals Committee's Proposals	199 0 7
	689 16 8
Rathdrum—	
District Proposals	979 6 0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	
	979 6 0

Shillelagh—		
District Proposals	496 15 5	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	503 15 11	800 11 4
Arklow Urban—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals		68 6 0
Wicklow Urban—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals		56 10 0
Transferred to Subsidiary Account (Included in the total for the County-at-Large)		1281 14 3

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	1110	0	0
Naas	255	15	0
Rathdown	1387	0	0
Rathdrum	2785	0	0
Shillelagh	1047	10	0
Total	6605	5	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	497	10	1
Naas No. 2	105	12	9
Rathdown No. 2	276	3	6
Rathdrum	885	12	9
Shillelagh	402	17	4
Total	2167	16	5

The Secretary submitted the following applications:—
Court House, Wicklow,
21st October, 1918.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee,
Gentlemen,
I beg to apply for an increase in my Salary as Secretary to the Council. The reasons upon which I base this application I have stated in a circular letter addressed to each Member of the Committee, and a copy of which I am attaching hereto.
Thanking you for past favours, and confident that you will deal justly with the subject.
I remain,
Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

COPY OF THE CIRCULAR LETTER REFERRED TO IN THE ABOVE.
Court House, Wicklow,
26th October, 1918.

Dear Sir,
I venture to respectfully address you in connection with the application which the Clerical Staff and myself propose to place before the Finance Committee, for a revision of the Scheme of Salaries under which we were promoted in 1914, and to submit for your kind consideration the following points:—
1. I recognise thankfully the generous action of the Council when arranging that Scheme. The advent of the War, however, a few months afterwards practically nullified the financial advantages which the Council intended that we should have derived from our promotion.
2. I find that in some Counties, where Secretaries were appointed about the same time as myself, or since, the Salaries fixed are considerably higher than mine, which is £175 per year; £100 under the Diseases of Animals Acts; and the Statutory Fees under the Voters and Jurors' Acts. The present Secretary in Co. Limerick, appointed in 1913, has a Salary of £230, compared with my £175, together with fees which are greater than mine. The Secretary in Kilkenny, appointed last year, has a Salary of £250, and Fees; the Secretary in Co. Louth, appointed in 1913, a Salary of £250, and Fees.
3. I am now in my twentieth year of service in the Office, and apart from other duties, I have, during my time in your service, dealt with all the vital accounts of your huge monetary transactions, which amount to approximately £1,900,000 during the period.
4. For these reasons I confidently anticipate that my application will receive sympathetic consideration, and that perhaps the Council would follow the precedent they established in 1913, when dealing with a similar application from the County Surveyor, and fix a Scale of progressive Salary up to a fixed maximum.
Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
County Council Offices,
Court House, Wicklow,
21st October, 1918.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee,
Gentlemen,
We, the undersigned Members of your Secretarial Staff, hereby respectfully beg to apply for increases in our Salaries.
We are extremely obliged to the Committee and the Council for their generous treatment in January, 1914, when our Salaries were last under consideration, but the advent of the War in August, 1914, with the consequent steadily rising prices of all the necessaries of life (now estimated to be 129 per cent. higher than in July, 1914), has completely deprived us of the financial advantages which it was then the Council's intention we should enjoy.
If we be permitted, we most respectfully offer the suggestion that the Committee draft a Scale of increments for the Staff until a fixed maximum salary is reached, and thus put an end to these periodical applications, which are alike unpleasant to the Members of the Council, and embarrassing to the Members of the Staff.
Expressing the hope that our application may receive the favourable consideration of the Committee.
We beg to remain, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servants,
P. T. HEALY,
THOMAS LANGTON,
LAURENCE WOLAHAN,
GARRET BYRNE.

The Committee, having carefully considered the applications, unanimously recommend the Council to increase the Secretary's Salary from £175 per annum to £200 per annum, together with the £100 a year under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and the usual Statutory Fees for the compilation of the Voters' and Jurors' Lists, and the Allowance for the preparation of the Rate Books, which he has hitherto been in receipt of, the said increase to take effect when sanctioned by the Local Government Board; the Committee also unanimously recommend within the Fees hitherto paid to our Chief Clerk Mr. P. T. Healy, for the collection within the County of Motor Licence Duty, amounting to an average of £86 per annum, be in future retained in the County Fund, and that, in lieu of the Salary and Fees hitherto paid him, he be paid henceforth an inclusive Salary of £250 a year; further the Committee unanimously recommend that the Fees hitherto paid our Assistant the Accountant Mr. T. Langton, under the Motor Car Acts, the Explosives Acts, the Poison and Pharmacy Act, etc., be paid into, and retained in, the County Fund, and that in future he be paid an inclusive Salary of £250 per annum; the Committee, further, unanimously recommend the Council to advance the Salary of Mr. L. Wolahan to £200 per annum, and that of Mr. G. Byrne to £120 per annum.

The Committee recommend the payment of the following Irrecoverable Rates to the several Rate Collectors, Paying Orders in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

No.		£	s.	d.
1.	Joseph Doyle	12	17	10
2.	Richard Groghegan	5	11	2
3.	Richard Lynch	9	16	10
4.	William Burke	4	14	9
5.	Michael McGrath	11	5	11
6.	Charles S. Sutton	77	4	9
7.	Patrick Mulligan	3	0	4
8.	Joseph Keane	11	2	7
9.	John Murphy	9	6	11
10.	William J. Cardiff	2	14	6
11.	John Kelly	2	16	1
12.	William J. Quinn	7	19	4
13-15.	James Byrne	1	5	11
16.	Peter P. Doyle	7	8	9
17.	Charles Byrne	7	18	3
18.	Thomas Fleming	1	12	2
19.	Terence Byrne	0	13	10

WICKLOW COUNTY INFIRMARY.

The Secretary mentioned to the Committee that on Saturday, the 26th October, he received a communication from Councillor J. McCarroll, with reference to the non-utilisation of the County Infirmary for Influenza Patients. Thereupon, he added, he wired to Councillor D. Condren, Chairman of the County Council, asking for a direction in the matter.

He submitted the following correspondence bearing upon the subject:—
(1) Councillor J. McCarroll's letter, received on Saturday morning, the 26th October, 1918:—

Wicklow,
26th October, 1918.

Dear Mr. Doyle,
The poor are dying, and the Infirmary practically closed. I advise you to telegraph the Chairman, Mr. Condren, to have Infirmary opened as usual. Not a moment to be lost. He should telegraph Irwin to come in and put all in order. This is life, or our poor dying. It is not clear but you should act immediately yourself and we shall bear your harmless.

Very faithfully yours,
JOSEPH McCARROLL.

(2) Secretary's wire despatched to Councillor D. Condren at mid-day on Saturday, the 26th October, 1918:—

"Councillor McCarroll sent me an urgent note this morning saying the poor are dying; the County Infirmary practically closed. Wire Chairman to issue by telegraph instructions to have the Institution opened as usual. Should I inform Secretary to Infirmary that under the circumstances the Council will make their usual payments under protest. I will act as you may direct.—Doyle."

(3) Councillor D. Condren's wire, in reply, received by Secretary at about 3 o'clock on Saturday, the 26th October, 1918:—

"Better make use of Institution under the circumstances. If Tuesday's Meeting not too late, wait.—Condren."

(4) Secretary's wire to Arthur W. Irwin, Esq., (Secretary to the County Infirmary Joint Committee of Management) despatched, after consultation with Councillor J. McCarroll, at about 3.50 p.m. on Saturday, the 26th October, 1918:—

"Influenza prevalent in Wicklow and District. Arrange to have County Infirmary worked on normal conditions. County Council will pay usual contribution for past half-year, and during continuance of epidemic. Wire Lyndon.—County Secretary."

(5) Councillor D. Condren's second telegram to Secretary, received at about 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 27th October, 1918:—

"Re County Infirmary. Arrange immediately if as necessary as McCarroll writes.—Condren."

(6) Mr. Arthur W. Irwin's wire to the Secretary, also received about 9 a.m. on Sunday, the 27th October, 1918:—

"Not empowered to admit patients. Have summoned Committee for Wednesday.—Irwin."

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll,
Resolved—That we protest against the delay of the Committee in opening the County Infirmary and Fever Hospital for the reception of sufferers from Influenza in the Town and District of Wicklow, the Secretary of these two Institutions having received due notice on last Saturday from our Secretary that the Co. Council would make the usual payment if the Infirmary and Hospital were opened immediately; and we hereby demand that both Institutions shall be opened at once for the reception of all Influenza patients.
Passed unanimously.

The Secretary submitted the Local Government Board Auditor's Report on his Audit of the Accounts of the County Council for the Half-year ended 31st March, 1918, as follows:—
3 Fitzwilliam Square, Dublin,
26th August, 1918.

No. 41,107/1918.
Wicklow County,
To the Local Government Board, Dublin.

Gentlemen,
I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County Council of County Wicklow for the Half-year ended March last, and I forward, herewith, a certified Abstract thereof in pursuance of your Order in that behalf made and provided.

The Accounts were prepared and submitted for Audit in a very 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.
(Signed)—D. J. COGAN,
Chairman of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 2 be, and it is hereby, adopted. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 18th November, 1918, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors D. Condren, J. W. Reigh, Joseph McCarroll, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), and John Storey.

The Committee had before them the following Additional Proposals, and recommend the same to the County Council for payment:—

Additional Proposals	£	s.	d.
Do. Rathdrum Rural District (Forms 22—Pay	1720	14	1
Do. Sheets	1756	5	0
Do. Towards Chair of Scientific Agriculture	20	0	0

The Committee had before them a letter, dated 5th November, 1918, from the Registrar, University College, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin, reporting on the progress made during the Scholastic Year 1917-1918 by the holders of County Wicklow Scholarships.
Order—Noted.

A letter, dated 31st October, 1918, was submitted from Arthur W. Irwin, Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that body in connection with the opening of that Institution for the reception of patients suffering from influenza.
Order.—Noted.

WICKLOW FEVER HOSPITAL.

A letter, dated 31st October, 1918, from Arthur W. Irwin, Secretary to the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital, was also submitted—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that body in connection with the opening of the Institution for the reception of patients suffering from influenza.
Order.—Noted.—Copy to be sent to Wicklow Urban Council.

The Secretary read a letter, dated 4th September, 1918, from the Irish County Councils' General Council—applying for a Paying Order for the sum of Twenty Pounds (£20), to be devoted to the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in University College, Dublin.
Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to make this contribution.

The Committee had before them correspondence, circulars, etc., from the Local Government Board relative to the treatment, etc., of Venereal Diseases.

The Secretary explained that the delay in connection with this matter was due to the fact that Dr. Steevens' Hospital authorities were carrying on negotiations with the Public Health Department of the Dublin Corporation as to the arrangements to be made for the treatment of these Diseases.
Order.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a Report in which he suggested an adjustment in the County Ledger, to bring the outstanding Balance shown therein in connection with Wicklow Harbour Loan into conformity with the outstanding Balance shown in the half-yearly Certificate received from the Office of Public Works.
Order.—To be adjusted in the Books.

A letter, dated 15th October, 1918, was submitted from the Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that Body dealing with the question of payment of certain Road Contractors in that District for extra work and extra materials consequent upon heavy Timber Traffic.

The County Surveyor reported that (1) the extra stone was supplied in accordance with Clause 23 of the Specification attached to the Road Contract; (2) that no payment can be made under the Roads Act, 1911, until the amount recoverable from the "parties responsible for the traffic" is available; and (3) that application has been made to "the parties responsible," and the matter is still under consideration.
Order.—Explanation to be sent.

A letter, dated 17th September, 1918, was read from Collector Patrick Mulligan, The Paddock, Kilpedder—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the users of Ballyremon Commons, in reply to the Collector's demand for the Rates thereon.
Order.—Law Agent's Report adopted. The Secretary to instruct the Law Agent to assist the Collector in recovering the Rates hereon.

Correspondence from certain Poor Rate Collectors was submitted, in which they asked (1) to have the Seed Rate made a separate Collection; (2) to be remunerated at the rate of 10 per cent. for collecting same; and (3) for a direction as to what course they should adopt where the persons rated for this Seed Rate flatly refuse to pay it.
Order.—No change can be made in the existing method of collection or remuneration, and recovery must be made in the usual manner.

A letter was submitted from Rev. P. Kavanagh, C.C., Hollywood, Chairman of the Dunlavin School Attendance Committee—enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by that Committee recommending that the Salaries of their Secretary and of their School Attendance Officer be increased by Ten Pounds (£10) each per annum.
Order.—Noted.

An application for a supplementary Estimate from County Wicklow Local War Pensions Committee was submitted, for a sum of One Hundred and Sixty Pounds (£160), towards the Administrative Expenses of the Sub-Committee for Bray Urban District and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.

Order.—An additional £26 recommended for the second six months of the current financial year.

The Secretary submitted a Report, which had been printed and circulated, on the question of Reafforestation as it affects the County Wicklow.
Order.—Adjourned.

The Secretary submitted a Report, which had been printed and circulated, making certain suggestions touching the question of Reconstruction after the war.
Order.—Report adopted.—Copy to be sent to the Ministry of Reconstruction.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report, dated 12th October, 1918, stating that, under D.O.R.A., the Military Authorities had taken over a 5 horse-power Steam Tractor, at a rental of Four Pounds (£4) per week, and No. 2 Sleeping Van, at a rental of Ten Shillings (10s.) per week, payable monthly.
Order.—Noted.

BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

A letter, dated 30th October, 1918, was submitted from the Acting Manager of the Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W.7—re the cost of maintenance of the Bray-Wicklow Road during the period of reconstruction under the Improvement Scheme.

The Committee had also before them a Joint Report on the subject which had been prepared by the County Surveyor and the Secretary.
Order.—Report adopted.

(Signed).

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

18th November, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report No. 3 be, and it is hereby, adopted. 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 J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £6,229 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 M. Langton, seconded by Councillor Edward Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £227 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

NAAS No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £359 4s. 0d. (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. Travers, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £689 16s. 8d. (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 William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,735 1s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £800 11s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ARKLOW URBAN:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £68 6s. 0d. (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. Travers. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £56 10s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, being Additional Proposals, amounting to £1,720 11s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Additional Proposal, amounting to £20 0s. 0d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. 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:—

COUNTY-AT-LARGE:

No Proposals.

ROAD COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

A Meeting of the Roads Committee—which was constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their May Quarterly Meeting, 1917—was held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 11.15 a.m. on Thursday, the 10th October, 1918.

The following Members were present:—Councillor D. Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow.

4th October, 1918.

To Roads' Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following particulars of four roads on which I consider immediate proceedings should be taken to enforce the contracts:—

(1) Rathdown No. 2 R.D., Index No. 17, Reg. 474—738 perches, Annacreevey 3 roads to 3 roads at Bahana. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—Robert Williams, Ballyross.

Report—Drains neglected, surface in bad condition; sides not edged; metal not supplied.

(2) Rathdown No. 2 R.D., I. 40, R. 484—320 perches, between Onagh road at Iron Bridge and upper Long Hill road at Ballinagee. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—James Pharr, Ballintesklin, Kilmacanogue.

Report—Bady neglected and in bad order.

(3) Shillelagh R.D., I. 55, R. 296—1412 perches, Sandyford 3 roads to Co. Carlow bounds and Branch. Contract from April 1918, to March, 1921. Contractor—Thomas Tallon, Rathbane, Hacketstown.

Report—Road wholly neglected; no work done; no material supplied.

(4) Shillelagh R.D., I. 77, R. 316—850 perches, between Curravanish and Rathshanmore South. Contract—April, 1918, to March, 1921. Contractor—Thos. Tallon, Rathbane, Hacketstown.

Report—Road neglected; no work done; no material supplied.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—No. 1 Road.—County Surveyor to issue a Ten-days' Notice.

Roads Nos. 2, 3 and 4.—Immediate proceedings to be taken against Contractors at Petty Sessions.

(Signed) DANL. CONDREN,

Presiding Chairman.

ROAD COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

A Meeting of the Roads Committee—which was constituted by Resolution of the County Council at their May Quarterly Meeting, 1917—was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 3.30 o'clock, p.m., on Tuesday, the 29th October, 1918.

The following members were present:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, Presiding Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, John J. Healy, James Byrne (Ballinderry); John Storey, J. W. Reigh, Joseph McCarroll, and Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg).

The County Surveyor submitted the following Report:—

County Surveyor's Office, Wicklow.

22nd October, 1918.

To Roads' Committee, Wicklow Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following particulars regarding roads on which I consider immediate steps should be taken to enforce the contracts:—

(1) Shillelagh R.D., Index 5, Reg. 208—263 perches, Co. Wexford Bounds to 3 roads near Carnew. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—James Brennan, Carnew.

Report—Drains not opened; road in bad order; no metal prepared.

(2) Shillelagh R.D., Index 9, Reg. 212—907 perches and footpath, 3 roads at Cool-lattin to 3 roads at Carnew. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—William Edwards, Cronyhorn, Carnew. Road neglected; no metal supplied.

(3) Shillelagh R.D., Index 13, Reg. 216—1300 perches between Killacloran cross-roads and Coolalug House and branch from Gilbert's Bridge to Mucklagh Bridge. Contractor—Peter Troy, Tomnaskela, Tinahealy. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Part of road in bad order; only 56 cubic yards supplied out of 140 cubic yards.

(4) Shillelagh R.D., I. 25, R. 226—1060 perches, Carnew to Bounds of Wexford at Umrygar (both branches); also to Tombrean. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—James Brennan, Carnew. Only 35 (out of 120 cubic yards) supplied; only part of water tables and drains cleared.

(5) Shillelagh R.D., I. 29, R. 230—798 perches, Killinure, 3 roads to Ardoyne 3 roads. April, 1915 to March, 1920. Contractor—Arthur Kinsella, Knockeen, Coolkenno Road neglected; no metal supplied.

- (6). Shillelagh R.D., 1.78, R.245—312 perches, between Iron Bridge at Annacurragh and three roads on Kilpipe. April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—James Mullhill, Kilpipe, Aughrim. Road neglected; no metal supplied.
- (7). Shillelagh R.D.—Work—Reg. 276.—Repair in part the double gullet at Slieveroe on road Askanagap to Moyne. Contract taken November, 1916. Contractor—Daniel Tomkins, Slieveroe, Moyne. Contractor has failed to repair this gullet as directed by Magistrates' Order.
- (8). Baltinglass No. 1 R.D., 1.10, R.1148—750 perches from George's Bridge to Bounds of Barony at Donard Mountain. Contract from April, 1914, to March 1919. Contractor—Denis Toole, Jr., Newtown, Donard. Road neglected.
- (9). Naas No. 2 R.D., 1.9, R.24.—656 perches, Smith's forge at Lackan to 3 roads at Knockieran Upper. Contract from April, 1915, to March, 1920. Contractor—Martin Reid, Shroughun, Blessington. Road neglected.

Your obedient Servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER,

Order—Proceedings to be taken at Petty Sessions in all cases except Nos. 8 and 9.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Presiding Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Roads Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 2 be, and they are hereby, adopted. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
9th day of November, 1918.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL, QUARTERLY MEETING, 18th NOVEMBER, 1918.

GENTLEMEN—

During the past Quarter the amount of work done on the roads was much less than usual, and the measurement of the metal supplied also showed a large shortage. This slackness I attribute to the difficulties encountered by the Contractors in endeavouring to deal concurrently with harvest operations and the roads.

However, I consider the neglect on the undermentioned roads inexcusable, and recommend that proceedings be authorized 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, to enforce the Contracts.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R. DISTRICT:

Index 10. Reg. 148. 750 perches, George's Bridge to Barony Bounds at Donard Mountain. Contract taken Winter, 1914. Contractor, Denis Toole. Road neglected. No material supplied.

Index 81. Reg. 36. 960 perches, 24th Milestone at Dunboyke to 27th Milestone at Merginstown. Taken Winter, 1917. Contractor, Joseph Whittle. Drainage neglected. No metal supplied.

NAAS No. 2 R. DISTRICT:

Index 9. Reg. 24. 656 perches, 3 roads at Lackan to 3 roads at Knockieran. Taken Winter, 1915. Contractor, Martin Reid. No metal supplied. Road neglected.

RATHDRUM R. DISTRICT:

Index 6. Reg. 85. 1,570 perches, Derrybawn to Drumgoff Bridge. Taken Winter, 1918. Contractor, M. J. Davis. Drains neglected and road damaged in consequence.

Index 15. Reg. 93. 875 perches, Five Mile Point to Leabeg Bridge. Taken Winter, 1918. Road neglected. No metal provided. Contractor, John Brady.

Index 16. Reg. 91. 777 perches, Leabeg Bridge to Three Trout Bridge. Taken Winter 1918. Contractor, John Brady. Road neglected. Only 22 cubic yards of metal provided out of 150 specified.

Index 83. Reg. 353. 903 perches, Glebe Bridge to Prettybusk and Kilpedder. Taken Winter, 1914. Contractor, A. Harmon. Road neglected.

Index 104. Reg. 369. 858 perches, Killadrenan to Newcastle Station. Taken Winter, 1914. Contractor, Patrick Cullen. No material provided.

Index 116. Reg. 426. 1,248 perches, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy to Vartry Bridge and Tinnepark. Taken Spring, 1914. Contractor, John Brady. Drainage neglected. No material supplied.

Index 152. Reg. 188. 470 perches, Killadrenan Lane. Taken Spring, 1918. Contractor, P. Cullen. Road neglected.

Index 112. Reg. 424. 774 perches, Meetings Bridge to Corballis. Contractor, William Sheehan. Taken spring, 1914. Road neglected. No material supplied.

SHILLELAGH R. D.:

Road, Index 10. Reg. 213. 1,381 perches, Ballinglen to Ballymanns and branch. Taken Winter, 1915. Contractor, James Hogan. Road now badly neglected. Owing to the urgency of the repairs required a 10 Days' Notice has been sent to Contractor.

I recommend that the sending of the 10 Days' Notice be approved of and that proceedings be taken under 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, to enforce the contract.

A Requisition was received from the Timber Committee for the improvement for future Timber Traffic, of the roads from Brittas to Kippure. The Road Board wrote asking what contribution would be made by the County Council towards this work.

I consulted Naas No. 2 R. District Council and they declined to formulate a Proposal for any expenditure for this purpose.

The estimated cost of this work is between £600 and £700, and I fail to find that any authority lies with the County Council to authorize expenditure for this purpose.

The claim of the County Council for extra cost of maintenance of these roads, on account of the extraordinary traffic has not yet been dealt with by the parties responsible, and the unfortunate Contractors cannot be paid for this extra work until the matter is settled and the money to pay them lodged to your credit.

I have requested the Road Control Officer to endeavour to effect a speedy settlement.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Orders.—Road No. 6. District Reg. No. 85, 1,570 perches, Rathdrum R.D. Contractor M. J. Davis. "Proceedings to be taken if Road not repaired by 12th December, 1918."

Road No. 10. Dist. Reg. No. 213, 1,381 perches, Shillelagh Rural District. Contractor James Hogan. "Approved. Proceedings to be taken if Road not repaired by 12th December, 1918."

Proceedings to be taken on all other Roads mentioned in Report.

Re improvement of roads from Brittas to Kippure for future Timber Traffic. "County Surveyor to send copy of his Report to the Road Board."

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the attention of the Road Control Officer be directed to the Timber Haulage from Laragh and Annamoe to Bray, via Roundwood, Calary, and Kilmacanogue, and that he be requested to cause such steps to be taken to enable the road to be improved to withstand the traffic. Passed.

Councillor D. J. Cogan having drawn attention to the condition of certain roads, the Council made an Order that the Assistant Surveyors be directed to make more constant inspections of Roads, and that they furnish Reports to the County Surveyor within 24 hours after each such inspection.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT:

Road No. 149 in the District Register, 675 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months; expenditure not to exceed £15 9s. 3d. Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

No Proposals.

A letter, dated 31st October, 1918, was read from Contractor James Costello, Ballyknockan, Blessington—stating that owing to the cost of production he is unable to do the necessary work to keep his road in good repair, and asking the Council to accept a surrender of the road contract.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report in which it was stated that the Assistant Surveyor, writing on the 4th October, 1918, intimated that "this road is generally in poor condition; work on drains and outlets badly done; very little edging done; 40 cubic yards of metal short out of the 220 c.y. specified."

The application was marked "Noted."

RATHDRUM No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

Contract, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

The following Proposal, No. 562 in the District Register, as sent forward from the District Council, was approved and confirmed:—

Re Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.—Proposal to supplement a further Free Grant from the Road Board by obtaining power to obtain from the Road Board a Loan not exceeding £425, free of Interest, said sum (or the portion thereof actually obtained) to be repaid in five years. (District Charge.)

Order.—The District Council approve of obtaining a further Loan of £425, free of Interest, and repayable in five years, for the purpose of completing the Bray-Wicklow Improvement Scheme.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:

Road No. 208 in the District Register, 585 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £73 2s. 6d.

Road No. 209 in the District Register, 1,151 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £86 6s. 6d.

Road No. 212 in the District Register, 1,081 perches, placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months; expenditure not to exceed £54 1s. 6d.

Contracts, as submitted, approved and confirmed.

A letter, dated 13th November, 1918, was read from Mrs. Kate Hempenstall, 22 Upper Mount Street, Dublin—complaining of the condition of her holdings at Baravore and Ballygoose, owing to the recent heavy rains, and stating that owing to the Bridge at Ballygoose having been swept away it is now impossible to reach her house.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:—"The Bridge referred to is not a County Bridge. The upper portion of this road, North of Baravore Ford, was suddenly damaged by the recent rains and is now being repaired. The frequent floods in this river are beyond human control. The portion of the road damaged is a cul-de-sac, and has been on the County for the past five or six years."

Order.—Noted.

The following Proposal, No. 214 in the District Register, as sent forward from the District Council, was approved and confirmed:—

To supplement an additional Free Grant of £3,046 from the Road Board, by raising a Loan (free of interest, repayable in five years) of an amount not exceeding £1,029, to be expended in completing the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:

No Proposals.

A letter, dated 14th November, 1918, was read from Contractor James Mulhall, Custodun, Kilarerin, Inch (formerly of Kilpipe, Aughrim)—asking to be relieved of his road contract for 312 perches, District Register No. 245, taken in February, 1915, owing to his having gone to live in Co. Wexford.

The County Surveyor reported as follows:—"This road has been persistently neglected by the Contractor for a long period, and is at present in an absolutely neglected state. The Contractor has been frequently warned but has paid no attention to these warnings."

Order.—Proceedings against Mulhall to be discontinued, provided road is put in fair order by 10th December, 1918.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, 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 J. V. Gahan, seconded by Councillor Morgan Travers. Resolved—That we now Sign and Seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Storey, seconded by Councillor E. Byrne. Resolved—That the Licence held by Mr. James J. Dowling, Blessington, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, be renewed for a further year. Passed.

Councillor John J. Healy being unable to be present at the Meeting, owing to illness, the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was not moved:—

"I hereby give Notice that, at the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, I, or some other Councillor on my behalf, will move that after all the necessary arrangements shall have been made, the future meetings of the Council be held in Bray; that the Offices of the Council (including those of the Secretary and County Surveyor) be removed to that town; that all Resolutions to the contrary be and are hereby rescinded; and that it be a direction to the Finance Committee to procure, subject to the approval of the Council, suitable premises to enable effect to be given to the foregoing proposals."

The following letters which had been received in connection with the subject matter of the Notice of Motion were submitted:—

8th October, 1918. Letter from Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—expressing his Council's approval of the proposal.

25th September, 1918. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Resolution of his Council protesting against the proposal.

5th October, 1918. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Similar Resolution.

20th September, 1918. From Clerk, Wicklow Urban District Council—Similar Resolution.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That a retiring allowance, amounting to £23 18s. 2d. per annum, being thirty-nine sixtieths of his average Pounds and emoluments during the past three years, be and is hereby, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, awarded to retiring Poor Rate Collector Michael Kelly, of Harristown, Hollywood. Passed.

A letter, dated 4th November, 1918, was submitted from the President, University College, 86 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin—recommending the continuation of the Scholarship held by Mr. John Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. C. Condon, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That Scholarships amounting to Fifty Pounds (£50) a year for the next two ensuing Scholastic Years be awarded to Mr. John Duffy, of Wexford Road, Arklow, having regard to the exceptional financial circumstances of his parents, and that all Resolutions of the Council, where necessary, be and are hereby modified to give effect to the terms of this Resolution, and that the necessary provision to meet this expenditure be made in the next Rate Levy. Passed unanimously.

In accordance with Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—That a sum of Two Hundred Pounds (£200) be granted to the Insurance Committee of the County of Wicklow for the year 1918-1919, to enable them to carry on their work, provided they get a similar Grant from the Insurance Commissioners or the Treasury. Passed.

Proposed by Council P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That, in accordance with the Proposals adopted by Rathdown No. 2 and Rathdrum Rural District Councils, we, the County Council of the County of

Wicklow, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, having satisfied ourselves that the requirements of the Procedure of Councils Order, 1899, have been duly complied with in connection with the same, hereby approve of the Proposals to borrow an aggregate sum of £1,454 (£425 proposed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, and £1,029 proposed by Rathdrum Rural District Council) from the Road Board, London, said sum to be repaid in five years by equal half-yearly instalments of Principal, free of interest, and to be devoted to the completion of the Work of Improvement on the Bray-Wicklow Road, now in progress, and which road passes through the aforesaid Rural Districts, as provided in the Scheme for the improvement of said Road. Passed unanimously.

16th November, 1918. A letter was submitted from Mr. James Everett, Secretary to the County Wicklow General Labourers' Association, Wicklow—enclosing copy of a Resolution from the Tinahely Branch, asking the Council to co-opt Mr. Joseph Murphy, Tinahely, to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. E. J. Byrne, J.P.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the following be, and is hereby, co-opted to fill the vacancy existing on the County Council caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely:—Mr. R. W. Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen. Passed unanimously.

A letter, dated 23rd October, 1918, was submitted from The Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing a copy of a Resolution of his Council recommending the name of Mr. Andrew Halpin, Knockfodda, for co-option on the County Council in room of Mr. John J. Reilly, disqualified through non-attendance.

A letter, dated 14th October, 1918, was read from Kilcoole Branch of the Irish National Foresters asking to have Mr. Matthew Doyle, Kilcoole, co-opted.

A letter, dated 16th November, 1918, was read from Mr. James Everett, Secretary to the County Wicklow General Labourers' Association—enclosing copy of a Resolution from his Kilcoole Branch asking to have Mr. Matthew Doyle, Kilcoole, co-opted instead of Mr. John J. Reilly.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the following be, and is hereby, co-opted to fill the vacancy existing on the County Council caused by the disqualification through non-attendance of Councillor John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy:—Mr. Andrew Halpin, Knockfodda, Roundwood. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That the following be hereby appointed to fill the two vacancies on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely, and the disqualification of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, who has ceased to be a Councillor:—

- (1) Mr. P. J. Carey, J.P., Tomanierin, Auhgrin.
- (2) Mr. P. J. Hickey, Ballydonarea, Kilcoole.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the death of the late Councillor E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely:—Mr. R. W. Coates, Tankersley, Ballinglen. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the two vacancies on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the transfer from the County of the Rev. W. Duggan, P.P., Kilquade, and the non-residence in the County of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy:—

- Very Rev. D. Ryan, P.P., Kilquade, Greystones.
Mr. Andrew Halpin, Knockfodda, Roundwood.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital caused by the death of Colonel C. G. Tottenham, D.L., Ballycurry, Ashford:—

- Mr. Sylvester V. Delahunty, Main Street, Wicklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor J. W. Reigh. Resolved—That the following be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the disqualification of Mr. John J. Reilly, Kilmullen, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, as a County Councillor—Mr. Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilcoole. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the agreement for the Hiring of an Engine for Threshing purposes to Mr. Michael Bergin, Slieveroe, now submitted, and direct that the same be signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve (in duplicate) of the Deed of Indemnity entered into by Messrs. Fletcher and Co., Ltd., 14 D'Olier Street, Dublin, in connection with permission granted that Firm to erect a Weighbridge beside the public road in the vicinity of Saunder's Grove, Tuckmill, Baltinglass, and direct that the same be now signed and sealed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. W. Reigh, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That, in order to give effect to the terms of Section 1 (1) of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Committees) Act, 1917, we hereby appoint on the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, etc., Committee the following two discharged disabled men, and the following woman, who is in receipt of a Pension as a widow of a man who has died from causes arising out of his service during the present war:—Patrick Hayden, Lower Strand Street, Wicklow, late Acting-Serjt. No. 86,396, Royal Garrison Artillery; Richard Westropp, 5 Eglinton Road, Bray, late Private No. 29,384, Royal Dublin Fusiliers; Mrs. — Brinckley, Moneystown Post Office, Roundwood, widow of late Gunner W. J. Brinckley, No. 91,581, 44th Battery, Royal Field Artillery. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Supplementary Estimate now submitted from the County Wicklow Local War Pensions, etc., Committee, pursuant to the Provisions of the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc. (Administrative Expenses) Act, 1917, to provide additional Administrative Expenses of the said Local Committee for the current financial year ending 31st March, 1919, amounting to Twenty-six Pounds (£26). Passed.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row,

Dublin, 23rd August, 1918.

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, 1918.

51 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—

Article.	Number.
Butter	17
Milk	15
Margarine	8
Whiskey	4
Buttermilk	2
Irish Rolled Oats	1
Cocoa	1
Indian Meal	1
Tea	1
Lard	1
Total	51

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Davey, Arklow for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 4.9 per cent. added water and was also deficient of at least 22 per cent. of its fats.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union six drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed. One was incorrect.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs were analysed, and were correct.

For J. Comerford, Esq., Rathdrum Mills, one specimen of barley was analysed.

Two specimens of milk analysed for Mrs. Ball Acton, Rathdrum, were of very rich quality.

One specimen of water analysed for Dr. R. D'Alton, Arklow, had the following composition:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	9.800
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008
Saline Ammonia	0.023
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.190
Colour	brown

A polluted water.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, fifteen drugs were analysed and were correct.

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

Total analyses—97.

C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Langton.—Resolved—That, as representing the whole of the County of Wicklow, this Council requests its Chairman to summon, in each Constituency, a Conference of the Clergy of all denominations, and of Delegates from all the Public Bodies in the County, National Organizations, and Trade and Labour Bodies, for the purpose of selecting Nationalist Candidates for the forthcoming Parliamentary Elections in East and West Wicklow.

The Conference for West Wicklow to be held in Baltinglass on Sunday, 24th November, 1918, at 2.30 p.m.—Councillors William Osborne and D. J. Cogan to represent the County Council; and the Conference for East Wicklow to be held in Wicklow on Monday, the 25th November, 1918, at 12 o'clock, noon—Councillors J. McCarroll and J. W. Reigh to represent the County Council. Carried by 11 votes to one.

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

CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 40675/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th August, 1918.—Approving for the current year's collection, of the appointment of Mr. John Farrell as Poor Rate Collector for No. 5 (Hollywood) Collecting District, and extending the period within which the first Moiety of his Collection must be lodged to the 30th November, 1918.

No. 40775/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin 31st August, 1918.—Stating that there appears to be no objection to the proposed transfer of Mr. P. J. Foley, B.E., Assistant Surveyor, to the District held by the late Mr. Ramsay.

No. 42411/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board Dublin, 11th September, 1918.—Approving of the appointment of Mr. Edward A. Murphy as Assistant Surveyor, at a salary of £156 per annum.

No. 114 M/1918. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th October, 1918.—Enclosing leaflet emphasising the vital need of a great national effort to meet the serious position which has arisen owing to the shortage of Coal Supplies.

No. 53685/1918. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th November, 1918.—Refusing the application of the County Council for representation on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, proportionate to their annual contribution towards the upkeep of that Institution.

Order—Referred to Finance Committee

C.O. 761. Office of National Education, Dublin, 30th September, 1918.—Giving the names and addresses of the Members of the new School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2 for the period commencing 1st October, 1918.

No. 3204/1918. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, 50 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 24th October, 1918.—Asking if the arrangement whereby Mr. Nichols, V.S., has acted in lieu of Mr. Walshe, V.S., during the absence of the latter through illness, was duly concurred in by the Local Authority.

V.B. 3252/1918. Department of Agriculture, Veterinary Branch, 50 Upper Mount Street, Dublin, 29th October, 1918.—Stating that there has since been no indication of resumption of duty by Mr. Walshe, V.S., and suggesting that, as the Local Authority do not appear to have been informed of any arrangement between the Inspectors concerned, Mr. Walshe should be asked for an explanation.

5th November, 1918. From A. F. Walshe, V.S., Carlow—Letter intimating that owing to an attack of influenza he was himself unable to inspect certain sheep in his District suspected to have Sheen Scab. At his request Mr. Nichols, V.S., made the necessary inspections and Reports. Further, asking if the County Council would refund him what he paid Mr. Nichols.

Order—Noted.

25th September, 1918. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by his Council drawing the attention of the civilized world to the savage sentence of two years' hard labour passed on our fellow-countryman, Mr. P. Murphy Bray, by a British Courtmartial for vindicating the right of free speech in this County.

9th October, 1918. From Clerk, Shillelagh Board of Guardians—Copy of similar Resolution passed unanimously by his Board.

25th September, 1918. From Clerk Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of a Resolution asking the Council to put in force the Compulsory Attendance Clauses of the Education Act in the Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural District Electoral Division.

1st November, 1918. From Same—Enclosing copy of a Resolution asking the Council, when giving effect to the terms of the previous Resolution, to appoint one Committee to administer the Education Act in Avoca Dispensary District and Arklow Rural Electoral Division.