

27th November, 1915. From R. F. Wilson, Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Association, 9 Dawson Street, Dublin, re same. Order.—Read.
Annual Report and Statement of Accounts of Wicklow Fever Hospital for the Year ending 31st March, 1915.

22nd November, 1915. From Loftus Studdert, Glenwood, Six-Mile-Bridge, Co. Clare.—Offering, by direction of the Representatives of the late Miss Charlotte La Touche, to the Council the ownership and control of the Horse-Drinking Fountain erected by her at Kilmurray, Glen of the Downs.—Order.—Read.

25th November, 1915. From Andrew Byrne, 6 Dargan Street, Bray—Asking to be relieved of his road contract at Milltown Lane, on the grounds that he is unable to procure sufficient labour, or the required amount of metal.

RESOLUTIONS FROM PUBLIC BODIES.

30th July, 1915. From Limerick County Borough Council.—Resolution protesting against the action of the Government in ordering the banishment of Irishmen from their native country for no reason assigned.

20th August, 1915. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin.—Resolution emphatically protesting against the unjust treatment of our fellow-countrymen (Members of the Irish Volunteers) who have been sentenced to terms of imprisonment without satisfactory reasons being given.

3rd September, 1915. From Cork County Council.—Resolution calling for the reinstatement of Mr. Mansfield and his wife to Cullen Boys' National School.

3rd November, 1915. From Cavan Urban District Council.—Resolution pointing out the necessity of having the Agricultural Workers of Ireland starved and exempt from having to enlist, under the system which has been adopted in England. Order.—Approved.

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Daniel Condren
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The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock on Monday, the 14th February, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor—Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors—John Murphy, Martin Langton, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), Edward Byrne, D. J. Cogan, John Storey, Thomas Burke, and John J. Reilly.

Business

- 1—To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To sign Quarterly Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural 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 Districts.
- 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, 1917.
- 10—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 11—To co-opt a person to fill the vacancy on the County Council caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.
- 12—To elect a Councillor to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.
- 13—To receive and consider resignation submitted by Collector Patrick Short, No. 15 Collecting District, and to take such steps as may be considered necessary to have the Collection completed in that Collecting District.
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 17—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 25th January, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and John J. Reilly.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s	d	£	s	d
County at Large				7921	14	9
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District Proposals	963	4	9			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	12	9	5	975	14	2
Naas No. 2—						
District Proposals	376	3	7			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	16	9	2	392	12	9
Rathdown No. 2—						
District Proposals	434	3	11			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	197	6	6	631	10	5
Rathdrum—						
District Proposals						
Proposals Committee's Proposals	299	9	11			
Shillelagh—						
District Proposals	508	15	10			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	66	6	1	575	1	11
Arklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				31	6	0
Wicklow Urban—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				16	15	6
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)				2409	7	4

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:—

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TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass	1017	0	0
Naas	296	10	0
Rathdown	1145	0	0
Rathdrum	3004	0	0
Shillelagh	1015	0	0
Total	£6477	10	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s	d
Baltinglass No. 1	521	0	0
Naas No. 2	120	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1061	10	0
Rathdrum	1278	0	0
Shillelagh	693	15	0
Total	£3674	15	0

We recommend the payment of the following Rates, claimed as irrecoverable, Paying Order in respect of same not to issue until the respective amounts have been ratified by the Local Government Board:—

Half-year ending 31st March, 1916.

No. 7. Collector Charles S. Sutton ... £73 1 9

The Secretary submitted the annual Estimates of the amounts required to be raised as General Rate during the next ensuing Financial Year, 1916-1917, 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 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 Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
24th January, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—Collector Patrick Short not having complied with the terms of his appointment and the requirements of the Public Bodies Order, 1904 (as amended), so far as it affects the duties of Poor Rate Collectors, the Local Government Board wired to me on the 11th January, inst., directing that his collecting books should be immediately taken up and carefully checked. Accompanied by Mr. Langton, I immediately proceeded to recover the books, and succeeded in obtaining possession of them later that evening. Investigation into the condition of the collection has since been in progress but is not yet completed.

I am submitting, herewith, the entire correspondence connected with this subject, and from it you will observe that up to the present I have ascertained that Mr. Short has collected—over and above any monies lodged by him—a sum of £98 11s. 1d. Without prejudice to any further claim that may arise, as the investigation proceeds, I have called upon the sureties to lodge this sum forthwith to the credit of the County Council.

As directed by the Local Government Board, I sent a circular, in the prescribed form, to every ratepayer in the collecting district (who appears from the collecting books not to have paid all his rates) asking if he had, in fact, paid, and, if so, to inform me of the date upon which he paid. The replies are still coming in, but in most cases they are worthless, as they do not afford the information sought in my queries.

Some persons, who had not paid their rates, on receipt of the circular, sent them to me. This places me in an awkward position, as I have no authority to receive money or to issue official receipts for poor rates. I still retain the collecting books, and contemplate doing so until I receive a direction from the Council or from the Local Government Board. However, I should be obliged if the Finance Committee would give me some immediate direction as to the several other matters in this connection which I am now submitting.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary to County Council.

Order.—Noted.

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY COMPANY.

Court House, Wicklow,
22nd January, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—Having been duly appointed by you for the purpose, I attended at the Office of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, Terenure, on Tuesday, the 18th inst., and inspected the Accounts of the Company for the Half-year ended 31st December, 1915.

These Accounts had been previously certified by Messrs. Craig, Gardner and Co., and, as prepared and certified, would indicate that after charging all expenditure to Revenue, "which is properly chargeable thereout, there remains to the credit of the same" a sum of £187 19s. 8d.

The amount charged for "maintenance of way, works, etc.," was only £375 4s. 0d., as against £767 6s. 1d. in the corresponding half-year of 1914, or a decrease of £392 2s. 1d. This would indicate, having regard to the average expenditure under this heading, that the upkeep of the line did not receive the usual attention, with, presumably, attendant deterioration.

The amount charged for National Insurance appears in the Accounts at £16 13s. 9d., as against £27 0s. 4d. in the corresponding previous half-year. On asking for an explanation, I ascertained that the £27 0s. 4d. represented a year's expenditure, and that, owing to a change in the mode of dealing with this item in the Books, only portion of the charge for the past year was brought into the Accounts. I think the full amount of the year's expenditure under this heading should have been charged, say, £27 0s. 4d., as was done in the previous corresponding half-year. On the other side of the Revenue Account £203, being the proceeds of sale of an old engine, is credited. If this be a regular way of dealing with a receipt of this nature, the Company could, under similar circumstances, always show a surplus in receipts over expenditure. I am inclined to think that this sum should have been applied to the renewal of rolling stock, or placed in a Suspense Account to be subsequently applied to such purpose.

Apart from the decrease in expenditure on the maintenance of way, etc., and the consequent effect upon the line, which is an engineering question, I believe that an additional sum of £10 15s. 7d. should have been charged for Insurance, and that the £203 received for the old engine should not appear to credit in the Revenue Account.

If the Revenue Account be amended accordingly, as I believe it should, the Expenditure of the half-year under review would exceed the Receipts by a sum of £25 16s. 11d.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—Noted.

The Secretary read letters, dated 4th and 12th January, 1916, from William Geoghegan, Solicitor, 19 Kildare Street, Dublin, and a letter dated 6th January, 1916, from Messrs Coyle and Co. (Brokers), Ltd., 7 Anglesea Street, Dublin—relative to a claim made on behalf of Sir William F. Barrett in connection with damages alleged to have been caused to his house at Carrigoona by blasting operations in the Quarry at Rocky Valley.

Order.—Noted.

22nd January, 1916. From Collector Charles Sutton, The Bridge, Kilternan, Co. Dublin—enclosing a letter received by him from Mrs. Deverell, of Ellesmere Greystones, inquiring if the County Council would remit the rates on a house in Greystones if the house was used solely as a War Hospital Supply Depot.

Order.—Recommended, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

The Committee had before them a Petition from certain Road Contractors in which they asked for a re-consideration of the terms of their Road Contracts—which Petition was referred at the November Quarterly Meeting of the County Council to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Order.—Consideration adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting of the Committee to be held in April, the County Surveyor to submit a Report on the situation meantime.

The County Surveyor submitted a Report on the negotiations that had taken place between himself and the Resident Engineer on the one part, and Mr. Thomas, Rocky Valley, on the other, with reference to alleged damage caused to the house and fields of the latter by blasting operations at the adjoining Quarry.

Order.—Copy of County Surveyor's Report to be sent to Messrs. Coyle and Company, Insurance Brokers.

The Report also dealt with additional traffic on the roads leading from Whiterock, via Tinahely, to Arklow, and in this latter connection the County Surveyor suggested that the War Department, which, he understood, was responsible for this extra traffic, should be approached with a view to obtaining assistance towards the upkeep of these roads.

Order.—Recommendations adopted.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

27th January, 1916.

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

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Note for Transfers on foot of Demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. II.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 14th February, 1916, when the following Members attended:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors Daniel Condren, P. J. Carey, William Byrne (Coolbeg), John J. Reilly and John Murphy.

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

	£	s	d
To Bray Urban District Council—amount of Account for Electric Lighting	1	1	0
To Collector Joseph Keane—refund of Poundage	0	6	0
To Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company—being amount of Guaranteed Dividend	282	10	2
District Proposals—Forms 22—Rathdrum R.D.	1648	9	6

The Committee recommend the Council to suspend Mr. Patrick Short, Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, and to appoint Mr. William J. Quinn, the Collector for the adjoining District, to complete the Collection in Mr. Short's District, a Policy for £300 to be taken out with the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Corporation in Mr. Quinn's name, the Premium on same to be paid by the County Council.

Having considered the Secretary's Report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, the Committee recommend that a case be prepared and submitted to the Solicitor-General, Mr. James O'Connor, K.C., by the County Surveyor, our Secretary, and our Solicitor, on both questions raised in the Secretary's Report, at as early a date as possible. When Counsel's opinion is received, a Report to be prepared and submitted to a Special Meeting of the Finance Committee, to be summoned to consider it, and that this Committee, in the meantime, recommend a payment of £282 10s. 2d., this sum representing the proceeds of a One Shilling Rate, plus the estimated receipts by way of Government Grant.

Having had before them an application to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee from the Contractors for the building of Arklow Technical School, Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole, together with a resolution passed by that Committee on the subject, this Committee, having regard to their general knowledge, are of opinion that the contractors are entitled to some consideration, but, in order that the Committee may be able to arrive at an equitable amount, the contractors must attend at the Council's Offices and submit satisfactory and tangible evidence of their loss to our Secretary. The Architect also is to report on the matter.

The Committee recommend that the Council shall formally authorise the Committee to arrange this matter for them, subject to the consent of the Local Government Board.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

14th February, 1916.

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

The Secretary's Report, referred to in the foregoing, was as follows:—

DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.
SECRETARY'S REPORT.

County Council Office,
Courthouse, Wicklow,
6th February, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In my report to the last Meeting of the Finance Committee, on the result of my inspection of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December last, I pointed out that, in my opinion, the Revenue Account, as prepared, did not fairly represent the position. Having so reported, and having furnished copies of my report to the Arbitrators, my duty was performed. I then held that the proper principles of Accountancy applicable to guaranties under the Tramways Acts were not followed in the preparation of the Accounts under review. The Arbitrators, who alone possessed the statutory rights to do so, amended the Accounts along the general lines indicated in my report, thus emphatically endorsing the view I presented. The Arbitrators are—Sir John G. Barton, Commissioner of Valuation; Messrs. J. H. Ryan, M.I.C.E.; W. Collen, M.I.C.E., County Surveyor for the County of Dublin; and S. G. Gallagher, B.E., County Surveyor for the County of Wicklow; all of whom signed the certificate. According to their certificate, an excess of receipts over expenditure, as shown in the accounts as originally prepared, of £187 19s. 8d. has been converted into a deficit of £215 0s. 4d. I believe they were perfectly justified in so amending the accounts, as "nett receipts" are defined as what remains "after deducting from the gross receipts the expenses of the management and the working and proper maintenance of the Tramway." Further, "expenses," according to the text books, include liabilities incurred, but not yet discharged, etc.

That ending the 31st December last is the fourth consecutive half-year, according to the Arbitrators' certificate, in respect of which the guaranteeing areas have been called upon to pay money for "maintaining or working the undertaking," in addition to the guaranteed dividend. Under the Order in Council, authorising the construction of the Tramway, it is provided that when such a condition should arise, "the undertaking and all the property of the Company connected with it shall become the property of the Grand Jury of the County, etc., etc., and further that "the Lord Lieutenant may thereupon order that such Grand Jury, or in the case of Dublin, the Finance Committee of such Grand Jury, shall appoint a Committee of Management for the purposes of the undertaking, with such powers and duties as he may direct." On this aspect of the undertaking and its present position, I have nothing further to add.

You are faced, however, with another perplexing problem which is the immediate cause of this report. The Presentment of this Wicklow Grand Jury at Summer Assizes, 1884, authorising the guarantee, contains the following paragraph (numbered 10):—"That this guarantee is on the understanding that the promoting company give security by bond or otherwise, as may be required by the Solicitor of the Grand Jury as advised by Counsel, to the Secretary to the Grand Jury, that, under no circumstances, shall the total liability of the guaranteeing area, viz., the parishes of Blessington, Boystown, Burgage, or Kilbride, in the barony of Lower Talbotstown, in the County of Wicklow, exceed one shilling in the pound in any one year, exclusive of the contribution of Government." The entire presentment, including of course this paragraph, is set out in the 1st Schedule to the Order in Council. Paragraph 8 of the said Order is in the following terms, viz.: "The presentments and resolutions set out in the 1st Schedule to this Order are hereby confirmed so far as they relate to the charge to be defrayed by the baronies and places in their respective Presentments and resolutions specified for the payment of dividends at the rate of 5 per cent. per annum upon the paid-up capital of the undertaking, AS LIMITED BY THIS ORDER, and so far as it relates to the liability of the same baronies and places respectively to provide for the completing, working, and maintaining of the undertaking." A bond, in accordance with the terms of the tenth paragraph of the Presentment, was executed by the Company, and is at present in my custody. From the foregoing it would, at first sight, appear that the County Council, occupying as it does the position of the Grand Jury, would not be liable in any year to contribute to the undertaking for any purpose a sum exceeding that produced by a rate of one shilling in the pound, "exclusive of the contribution of Government."

But on looking up the provisions of the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act of 1883, I find that section seven would appear to make it mandatory on the Council to present the sum mentioned in the Arbitrators' certificate, and that if they fail to present the sum so certified, or any part thereof, the "treasurer" (which I interpret as meaning the Secretary, since the passing of the Local Government Act of 1898) "shall insert such sum or such omitted part thereof," etc., etc., "in his warrant for raising the monies presented," etc. It has been laid down by the Courts in this connection that "the duty of the treasurer is purely ministerial, and if a certificate, good on its face, has been laid before the County Council, and they have failed to pass a resolution for the amount mentioned in it, it is his duty to include the sum in his warrant, and he has no jurisdiction to enter into any inquiry as to extraneous matters." I fail to see how this doctrine can be reconciled with the conditions of the presentment and of the bond, to which I have alluded. A complex question of law would appear to be involved, viz.: whether the conditions of the presentment were at any time valid, or, if having been incorporated in the order of Council, they over-ride or modify the provisions of the Act of 1883. If the Council, having given credit for Government contributions, pay over to the Tramway Company an amount in excess of the produce of a shilling rating, where is the money to come from? If, on the other hand, they only pay over an amount equal to the produce of a shilling rate, plus the maximum grants from Government, can the Company, notwithstanding the conditions of the Presentment and of the Bond, proceed against the Council under the Act, for recovery of the full amount certified by the Arbitrators? These are the questions which remain to be answered, and as they involve important legal principles, I respectfully suggest that they should be submitted to Senior Counsel for his opinion.

A Shilling rate was assessed on the guaranteeing area in the current rate to meet the guarantee.

The rate will produce	£	s	d
Under the Tramways Act of 1883 the Government's maximum contribution would amount to	745	0	0
Under Section 58 of the Local Government Act of 1898 the Local Taxation Account (if in funds) might contribute half the excess rate above 6d. in the pound	186	0	0
Total	1331	0	0
But the Council have already contributed to the Company for the half-year ended 30th June, 1915, a sum of	1048	10	1
The Arbitrators have now lodged a certificate for the half-year ended 31st December, 1915, certifying for payment of	607	10	2
Total payment for year	1656	1	1

From this it is clear that if the Council pay the full amount of the certificate now submitted they will be paying away a sum of (approximately) £325 in excess of the produce of a shilling rate "exclusive of the contribution of Government."

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

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 Edward Byrne. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £7,921 14s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:
Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £975 14s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2:
Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £392 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 Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £631 10s. 5d. (any modification made therein having first been initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:—
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,947 19s. 5d. (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 P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £575 1s. 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 John Storey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £31 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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £16 15s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:
Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, being additional proposals, amounting to £283 17s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Treasurer's Advice Notes for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by this Council, be now signed." Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural District Councils were submitted as follows:—

BALTINGLASS No. 1:
Road No. 220 in the District Register, 556 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £48 13s. 0d.

Road No. 236 in the District Register, 754 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £94 5s. 0d.

Road No. 244 in the District Register, 603 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £105 10s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

RATHDOWN No. 2:
Road No. 499 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £155 19s. 2d.

Road No. 501 in the District Register, 570 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £114 0s. 0d.

Road No. 503 in the District Register, 469 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months, at £117 5s. 0d.

Form 21, containing a Provisional Proposal to expend a sum of £267 on the construction of 267 perches of road, was submitted.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

RATHDRUM:
Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH:
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.

The Secretary's Report on the Estimates for the service of the year 1916-1917, 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.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. 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:—

	Rates on Land.		Rates on other Hereditaments.
	s.	d.	
Baltinglass No. 1	2	4½	4 0½
Naas No. 2	2	8½	4 3½
Rathdown No. 2	3	3½	4 4½
Rathdrum	3	3½	4 8½
Shillelagh	3	5	4 11

SEPARATE CHARGES.

Batlinglass No. 1 Public Health Charge	...	...	...	d.
Criminal Injury—Batlinglass No. 1 Rural District	...	...	...	04
Rathdown No. 2 Public Health Charge	...	...	...	1
Greystones Water and Delgany Sewerage	...	...	...	34
Greystones Sewerage	...	...	...	124
Enniskerry Sewerage	...	...	...	3
Greystones Lighting	...	...	...	24
Sewerage, etc.—Newcastle Dispensary District	...	...	...	4
Shillelagh Public Health Charge	...	...	...	04
Criminal Injury—Shillelagh Rural District	...	...	...	14
Arklow Harbour	...	...	...	24
Wicklow Harbour	...	...	...	34
Blessington Tramway Guarantee	...	...	...	12
Compulsory Education—Hollywood and Dunlavin County Divisions	...	...	...	04
Compulsory Education—Newcastle Dispensary District	...	...	...	04
Compulsory Education—Annamoe Dispensary District	...	...	...	04
Criminal Injury—Arklow Urban District	...	...	...	£13 5 0

Passed.
Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we hereby, in accordance with the Estimates on Forms 45 and 46, and with the Valuation Lists (so far as they have been supplied to us by the General Valuation Office), do determine the amounts to be demanded from each Urban District Council as follows:—

Name of Urban District.	General Charges.			Separate Charges.			Total.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d	£	s	d
Arklow	209	16	0	1177	1	6
Bray	3301	15	9
Wicklow	146	5	0	1013	7	7

Passed.

THE DUBLIN AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

SECRETARY'S REPORT ON ELECTRIC CARS.

Gentlemen—When reporting on the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company for the half-year ended 31st December, 1914, I mentioned that steps were then being taken for the hire-purchase of two self-propelled electric cars. At the time it was confidently expected that these cars would be running by the 1st May, 1915. Having regard to the discussion that took place on the subject of these cars at the County Council here in November, I made enquiries about them when in Terenure some time ago, and again on Friday last, when I was favoured with a trip on one of them.

Briefly the history of these cars, so far as I learned it, is as follows:—Delivery was promised for the month of April. The engines were finished at that time, but the Government commandeered them and took them to Woolwich Dockyard. This action was repeated in the case of six successive engines which were made for the two cars. Ultimately a deputation, consisting of Members of Parliament for the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow, accompanied by Mr. J. P. Tierney, Consulting Engineer for the Company, waited on the responsible Minister, and it was only then delivery was obtained of the seventh and eighth engine. The first completed car, owing to this circumstance, was not delivered to the Tramway Company until August. When the cars were tested under actual working conditions trouble was experienced with the radiators, and after a six weeks' trial they had to be withdrawn from the service. Steps were at once taken to have improved radiators installed, but, owing to the war, it took over three months to procure the necessary tubes for the purpose. This withdrawal got the cars a bad name with the public, who were not aware of the facts. No. 1 Car, fitted with improved radiators, has now been in service for ten days, during which, I am informed, it is giving satisfaction and has run about one thousand miles. The cost of fuel works out at 34d. per mile, as against 6d. for the steam running. My own impression of the cars is that they are a vast improvement on the old steam-propelled vehicles, clean, comfortable, and modern in design. During my trip the car ran smoothly and satisfactorily in every respect.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE,

Secretary.

12th February, 1916.

Order.—Approved.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—"That we hereby authorise the renewal of the Licences issued to the following persons under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908:—

Thomas Miller, Blessington.
Mrs. Charlotte E. Cole, Kilboy, Wicklow.
Patrick O'Neill, Rathdangan.
Thomas Ellison, Shillelagh.
Samuel Alcorn, Wicklow.
Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood.
S. V. Delahun, Wicklow.
J. P. Hopkins and Sons, Wicklow.
John E. Griffin, Bray.
Patrick McCarthy, Aghrim.
James Bradshaw, Kiltegan.
Mrs. Mary Toomey, Hollywood.
James Craul, Oldcourt, Manor Kilbride.
Edward J. O'Kelly, Baltinglass.
Denis J. Cogan, Laragh.
Joseph P. Deegan, Ashford.
Mrs. Mary Johnson, Kilmagig, Avoca.
Michael Tutty, Hollywood.
James Healy, Rathdangan.
Mrs. M. A. Geraty, Carnew.
Thomas Williams, Ballinlea, Ashford.

Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That the Council grant a Licence to James Lawler, Railway Hotel, Dunlavin, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to the Report from the Police Authorities—as to the suitability of his premises—being satisfactory.

Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 14th February, 1916.

Gentlemen—During the past quarter some of the Contractors were fairly diligent, but in very many cases the work was backward—due, to a great extent, to the difficulty in procuring labour.

On the line of road extending from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aghrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, there is now exceptional and heavy traffic, with the result that the roads have been greatly damaged. In fact, the road from Aghrim to near Woodenbridge has been completely destroyed, and is unsafe for vehicular traffic, and, owing to the extent and nature of the injuries on this section, repairs of the usual nature are altogether useless. On the 9th inst. I felt it was only proper to warn the public of the condition of this road, and had notices posted at both ends of the road.

The condition of affairs on these roads was reported to the Roads Committee on 26th January, and the Committee directed your Secretary to communicate with the War Department, as this traffic is due to causes in which that Department is concerned.

On 27th January I decided that it would be well (with a view to expedite matters) to communicate with the Road Board, and despatched a telegram indicating the condition of the roads. The Road Board thereupon directed their Engineer to inspect the roads, and on 8th inst. this inspection was carried out.

Most of the Contractors for the roads affected are working, except on the section from Aghrim to near Coat's Bridge, on which, as the Contractor failed to work, I have men and horses engaged in making some repairs.

The cost of making good these damages will be ultimately defrayed by the parties directly responsible for the traffic.

On the 3rd inst. the War Department (per the Road Board) had an inspection made on the roads leading to Glen Imaal, damaged in January, 1915.

Estimates and claims have been prepared for the reinstatement of these roads, and also for repayment of the money expended in making the roads passable during the period of the traffic.

In May last a road contract was entered into to repair the road Birchwood to Annamoe, but almost immediately after the contractor started work, heavy timber traffic commenced on this road, rendering any repairs futile.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

11th February, 1916.

Order.—Approved.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SUPPLEMENTAL REPORT TO WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL,

Quarterly Meeting, 14th February, 1916.

Gentlemen—I beg further to report that the damages caused on the roads referred to in the first paragraph of my Report are of such a nature that the repairs necessary (and which, by reason of the traffic can only be of a temporary nature) cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

I submit a letter from the Local Government Board in reply to an enquiry from me to them relative to this matter.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

14th February, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—Having considered the Report of the County Surveyor that he considers temporary repairs of the damages caused to the roads from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aghrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, by the exceptional and heavy traffic, are of such a nature that they cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1899, this Council hereby authorises the County Surveyor to expend (subject to the provisions of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 15th May, 1899) a sum not exceeding, in the first instance, £500 on the temporary repairs of that portion of the road within the Rathdrum Rural District, viz.:—the road from the Rural District Bounds on Kilpipe, via Aghrim, Coats' Bridge, and Woodenbridge, to Arklow.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—Having considered the Report of the County Surveyor that he considers temporary repairs of the damages caused to the roads from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Kilpipe, Aghrim and Woodenbridge, to Arklow, by the exceptional and heavy traffic, are of such a nature that they cannot, without prejudice to the public, be delayed until the ordinary procedure relating to the repairs of public works can be followed.

Therefore, in accordance with Section 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1899, this Council hereby authorises the County Surveyor to expend (subject to the provisions of the General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 15th May, 1899) a sum not exceeding, in the first instance, £500 on the temporary repairs of that portion of the road within the Shillelagh Rural District, viz.:—the road from Whiterock, via Tinahely, Killaveney Bridge, and Ballinglen, to the Rural District Bounds near Kilpipe.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the War Department and Road Board be requested to take immediate steps to assist the County Council to have repaired the damages done by the excessive traffic over the road from Whiterock to Arklow, via Tinahely and Aghrim.

As this traffic was unexpected, the County Council have been unable to provide any money to meet the charges for these repairs, which are most urgently required, and it is imperative that the Road Board should furnish funds to enable the work to be immediately taken in hands.

Passed.

The Secretary read the Notice of a Vacancy in the Wicklow County Council, which had been published in the manner directed, and also copy of a Resolution passed by the Rathdrum United Irish League suggesting that Mr. James Byrne, R.D.C., of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, was a fit and proper person to fill the vacancy.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That Mr. James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby co-opted to fill the vacancy on the Council caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Wicklow Insurance Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the death of Mr. James Galvin, of Mount Avon, Rathdrum."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—"That we adopt the recommendation of the Finance Committee,

and that we hereby suspend Mr. Patrick Short from his position as Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, by virtue of the powers conferred upon us by Articles 88 and 89 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904, and we direct that this suspension be notified to the Local Government Board and to the Insurance Association who executed his Fidelity Bond."

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and we hereby appoint Mr. William J. Quinn, of Sporting Lodge, Avoca, the existing Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District; that we approve of the London and Lancashire Life and General Assurance Association, Ltd., as his sureties in a Bond of £300; that we now sign and seal the necessary warrants; and, further, that the Local Government Board be requested to extend the time for closing this Collection to the 30th April, 1916."

Passed.

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 T. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That we hereby appoint the following five gentlemen to represent the County Council on the new School Attendance Committee for the County Divisions of Dunlavin and Hollywood, for the three years commencing 1st May, 1916, and ending the 30th April, 1919, these names having been submitted by the Secretary of the Committee:—

- 1.—Rev. Richard Flanagan, C.C., Donard.
- 2.—John Rochfort, Dunlavin.
- 3.—Christopher Lawler, Dunlavin.
- 4.—Thomas Burke, Hollywood.
- 5.—John Kelly, Kinsellastown, Dunlavin.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—"That the Council extends sincere sympathy to Councillor James Byrne (Tinnakilly) on the occasion of the death of his sister-in-law."

Passed.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move at the next May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council a Resolution adopting By-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and County Dublin."

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 64886/1915. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th December, 1915.—Returning the Bond submitted by Collector Patrick Short, and stating that it is in satisfactory form.

No. 4302 and 4303/1915. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 1st December, 1915.—Transmitting, for the Council's information, copies of Order No. 441, entitled "The Foot and Mouth Disease (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th September, 1915, and Order No. 442, entitled "The Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th November, 1915.

No. 261/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th January, 1916.—Circular letter relative to the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915.

8th February, 1916. Letter from F. N. Studdert, Secretary to the Clare County Council, Secretary's Office, Court House, Ennis.—Protesting, by direction of his Council, in the strongest manner against the enforcement by the Department of Agriculture of the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That this Council agrees with the Clare County Council that the time is inopportune to entail any further burdens upon the ratepayers, and we strongly urge the Department to postpone the operation of this Order until after the War, and we adopt all the recommendations contained in the letter from the County Clare."

Passed.

10th January, 1916. From The Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, Loughlinstown, Co. Dublin.—Enclosing copy of a Resolution asking the County Council to approach the Local Government Board with a view to having the limit of road expenditure in that District increased to £3,100 for one year.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—"The Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 having requested the County Council to obtain an extension for the coming Financial Year of the limit of Road Expenditure on road repairs in that Rural District, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, approve of said extension, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to grant that the limit of expenditure on roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District be accordingly extended for the coming Financial Year from the sum of £2,200 to the sum of £3,100."

Passed.

23rd December, 1915. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P. Aughrim.—Complaining of the sharp white flint stones being placed on the road round his locality as being ruinous to tyres, and asking to have the Rathdrum whinstone substituted.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

21st December, 1915. From The O'Mahony, D.L., Grange Con.—Similar letter of complaint in connection with the same roads.

Order.—Referred to County Surveyor.

October, 1915. From Mr. and Mrs. J. W. Reigh and family, Glencoe, Bray.—Acknowledging the Council's resolution of sympathy.

6th December, 1915. From R. W. Butler, A.M.I.C.E., Resident Engineer on the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.—Letter in which is raised the point as to who is the absolute owner of the Plant purchased for carrying out the above scheme of road improvement.

4th January, 1916. From Robert MacIlwaine, Secretary to the County Down County Council, Court House, Downpatrick.—Requesting the Council to co-operate with his Council in an attempt to have the law governing malicious injury claims in Ireland amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain where the property claimed for was duly insured against fire.

Order.—Adopted, with a request to our Representative to take action.

7th December, 1915. From J. T. Roche, Secretary to the Westmeath County Council, Mullingar.—Suggesting, on behalf of his Council, that the County Councils who have taken beds at Peamount, or who send patients there, should take over Peamount altogether, as it was considered that they could run it on more economical and advantageous lines.

Order.—Referred to County Insurance Committee.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

30th November, 1915. Resolution from Roscommon County Council.—Protesting against the working of the National Health Insurance Act, and requesting Parliament to repeal the Act so far as it relates to the Rural Districts of Ireland.

20th December, 1915. Resolution from Dublin County Council.—Suggesting that an All-Ireland Red Cross Sale should be held in every County in Ireland on March 2nd.

4th January, 1916. Resolution from Kerry County Council.—Protesting in the most emphatic manner against any attempt to impose Conscription in Ireland in any shape or form.

12th January, 1916. Resolution from Tipperary (S.R.) County Council.—Protesting against the action of West Sussex County Council in prohibiting the movement into that county of animals landed from Ireland since 28th November, 1915.

27th January, 1916. Resolution from Newtownards Rural District Council.—Drawing attention to the great injustice to the Ratepayers by the damage to roads by traction engine and motor waggon traffic, the owners of which contribute little to the rates.

Order.—Read and approved.

Dunleaven
15 May 1916

A Special Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. o'clock on Wednesday, the 8th March, 1916.

The following Members were present:—

Councillor D. Condren - Chairman.
 Councillors - M. Langton, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), Wm. Costello, Patrick Donoghue, Thomas Burke, Tobias Kinsella, John Murphy, and D. J. Cogan.
 Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry) was also present and signed his Declaration of Acceptance of Office, before the Secretary.

A letter was read from Councillor J. S. Dobbs expressing regret at his inability to be present at the Meetings of the Council owing to his being engaged at Munitions work.

A telegram was received by the Chairman from Councillor J. V. Gahan, stating that a train disappointment prevented his being present at the Meeting.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
 THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT (APPLICATION OF ENACTMENTS)
 ORDER, 1898.

Secretary's Office,
 Court House, Wicklow,
 1st March, 1916.

(Urgent.)

Dear Sir—You are hereby required, by direction of Daniel Condren, Esq., J.P., Chairman, to attend a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock, on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1916, to consider the Opinion of the Solicitor-General on the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and to authorise such proceedings (if any) as may be considered advisable to safeguard the interests of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
 SIMON J. DOYLE,
 Secretary to the County Council.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

Court House, Wicklow,
 3rd March, 1916.

Dear Sir—I am asked by the Chairman to send a copy of the following letter to each Member of the Council.

Yours faithfully,
 S. J. DOYLE.

Dear Sir—You are aware that at the last Meeting of the County Council they decided to obtain the Opinion of the Solicitor-General as to their liabilities in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, as a sum over and above the Guaranteed amount of One Shilling in the Pound was demanded for this half-year. The Opinion received was considered so serious by the Members of the Finance Committee, who attended on Tuesday, that they directed the Secretary to ask me to convene a Special Meeting of the County Council for Wednesday next, the 8th inst. I would, therefore, feel obliged if you would attend said Meeting, so that any action taken can be shown to represent the views of the Council as a body, and not a minority of the Council.

I am, dear sir,
 Yours faithfully,
 DANIEL CONDREN.

The Secretary read the following telegram, dated the 1st March, 1916, received from the Chairman:—

“County Secretary, Wicklow.
 “Meeting, Wednesday, eighth, re Tramway and Finance also.
 “CONDREN.”

Also the following letter confirming the above telegram:

81 Lower Main Street, Arklow,
 1/3/16.

Dear Mr. Doyle—I wired you this day, as requested, relative to Meeting on the 8th inst., re Blessington Tram Co., and think you should make the Notice to the Members as clear as possible to show them the necessity of having a full Meeting, as the business is so very important. I think about one o'clock a suitable hour for Meeting.

Yours truly,
 DANIEL CONDREN.

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

Further, the Secretary read the following copy of the Notice prescribed by Article 36 (10) (V.) of the application of Enactments Order of the 22nd December, 1898, which was posted up outside the Council Chamber, and published in the three local papers.

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Special Meeting of the Wicklow County Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Wicklow, at 12.30 p.m. o'clock, on Wednesday, the 8th day of March, 1916, to consider the Opinion of the Solicitor-General on the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and to authorise such proceedings (if any) as may be considered advisable to safeguard the interests of the Council.

Signed,
 DANIEL CONDREN,
 Chairman of said Council.

Arklow,
 1st day of March, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 8th March, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair), Councillors William Byrne (Coolbeg), Daniel Condren and John Murphy.

A File of Correspondence and Counsel's Opinion, dealing with the present condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, were submitted, and referred by the Committee to the Council for consideration.

The County Surveyor verbally outlined the procedure which he proposed to adopt in connection with the repairs to be carried out on the roads in the vicinity of Whiterock and Tinahely, which have been damaged by extraordinary traffic, which is stated to be carried on by the Ministry of Munitions. Briefly what he stated is that he will deal with the work as a sudden damage; that he will enter into a contract with Mr. R. W. Butler, the Road Board's Engineering Inspector, for the nominal sum of One Shilling, and that the Road Board shall, with the sanction of the Ministry of Munitions, pay direct to Mr. Butler whatever sum they decide to grant for the repairs on these roads.

A letter bearing on the same subject was submitted from Mr. Butler.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the County Surveyor to have the repairs made on the basis of his report.

The County Surveyor submitted an application that he received from Mr. William Staunton, Dargle Road, Bray, asking for permission to make an opening in the newly-formed road near Bray.

Order.—Permission to be granted on a sum of £2 being lodged with the Secretary to cover the cost—if a surplus remains it is to be refunded.

The Committee recommend the Council to accede to an application made by the Secretary for authority to purchase a copy of Vanston's new edition of his book on the Local Government (Ireland) Acts.

Signed,
 D. J. COGAN,
 Chairman.

8th March, 1916.

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

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor John Murphy. Resolved—That the Council hereby forms itself into Committee for the consideration of the correspondence affecting the present condition of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and that at the termination of the Committee's deliberations the Meeting of the Council be resumed.

Passed.

The Secretary submitted a File of Documents containing the following:—

(1) Letter from the Secretary of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, dated 21st January, 1916—acknowledging the receipt of Paying Order for £282 10s. 2d.

(2) Letter from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, dated 22nd February, 1916, re case submitted to Solicitor-General.

(3) Letter from D. J. Purcell, Esq., Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, dated 23rd February, 1916—enclosing copy of Minutes of Proceedings at a Conference held at Tallaght on the 22nd February, 1916.

(4) The Resolutions referred to in the aforesaid letter from Mr. Purcell.

(5) Letter from J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, dated 23rd February, 1916; copy of a letter, dated 25th February, 1916, from the Secretary to the Tramway Company; copy of a letter, dated 25th February, 1916, from W. J. Shannon, Esq., Solicitor to the Dublin County Council, enclosing the valuation of the guaranteeing area in the County of Dublin, from which it appeared that the said valuation amounts to £53,769; letter dated 29th February, 1916, from the Secretary to the Tramway Co. returning Paying Order for £282 10s. 2d. forwarded to him; letter from D. J. Purcell, Esq., Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, dated 6th March, 1916; letter from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, dated 8th March, 1916, enclosing copy of an Agreement made between the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and the Blessington and Poulaphouca Steam Tramway Company, dated 24th June, 1897.

(6) The Secretary read in detail the Case which had been submitted to the Solicitor-General for his Opinion, and also the Solicitor-General's Opinion thereon, from which it appeared that the Case was one of very great difficulty, and in Counsel's opinion one upon which the County Council of Wicklow must get a decision of the Court. He considered that the proper method of testing the question was by an action in Chancery Division, making Defendants of the Company, and of the Dublin County Council, and praying for a Declaration (1) that the total liability of the Wicklow County Council is limited to the sum of One Shilling in the Pound; (2) that the declaration in the Arbitrator's Certificate, dated the 18th day of January, 1916, so far as it purports to award any liability on the County Council of Wicklow, is in excess of jurisdiction and void; (4) for an injunction to retain the defendants, and

each of them, from enforcing the said award in excess of the said sum of One Shilling in the £1.

Having carefully considered all the documents bearing on the situation, the Committee recommended the Council to institute proceedings in the manner suggested by the Solicitor-General.

This terminated the business of the Committee, and the Public Meeting of the Council was resumed.

On the resumption of the regular meeting of the Council the Secretary submitted the recommendation that had been sent forward from the Committee Meeting of the Council, whereupon the following Resolution was adopted:—

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor P. Donoghue. Resolved—That having read Senior Counsel's opinion, we direct that proceedings be instituted in accordance therewith against the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and the County Council of the County of Dublin, and that the Seal of the Council be hereby affixed to this Resolution. Passed unanimously.

The Seal of the County Council was accordingly then affixed to the Resolution in the presence of the Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Finance Committee, with the addition of Councillors Wm. Osborne, Thomas Burke, and Patrick Donoghue, is hereby authorised to control the law proceedings now ordered to be taken re the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company, and to arrange for an interview with Representatives of the Dublin County Council and the Tramway Company with a view to seeing if any reasonable working agreement can be come to before any Order in Council is obtained, as to the future working of the Tramway, so as to secure that the conditions of Clause 10 of the Order in Council and the Deed of Agreement between the Company and the County Wicklow Grand Jury shall be observed in the future, by which the total liability of the Guaranteeing Baronies in the County Wicklow shall not exceed a sum equal to a Rate of One Shilling in the £1 on these areas.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John Murphy, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Fidelity Bond on behalf of William J. Quinn, temporary collector for No. 15 District, is hereby approved, and we direct that the Seal of the County Council be now attached to same.

The Seal of the Council was thereupon attached to the Bond in the presence of the Chairman.

A Resolution of Sympathy with the Chairman on the occasion of the death of his sister, Mrs. Flynn, was adopted unanimously, on the motion of Councillor Wm. Costello; and with the County Surveyor on the occasion of the death of his father, on the motion of Councillor D. J. Cogan.

Daniel Condren

15th May 1916

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. on Monday, the 15th May, 1916.

*The following Members attended:—
Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman.
Councillors D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, John J. Reilly,
John Storey, Morgan Travers, William Byrne, William
Osborne, and Tobias Kinsella.*

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, 1917, 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 by Councillor Thos. Burke:—
"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."
- 14—To consider, and adopt, a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, &c., Act, 1915.
- 15—To fix dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, the Rural District Councils, and the Proposals Committee, in the coming year.
- 16—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 17—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 18—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 19—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meetings were confirmed and signed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That we tender our sincere sympathy to Mrs. Murphy and the other relatives of the late Mr. John Murphy in their sad bereavement, and that copies of this resolution be sent to Mrs. Murphy and our esteemed colleague, Mr. Morgan Travers." Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 28th March, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, in the chair; Councillors John J. Reilly and William Byrne (Coolbeg).

As directed by the Finance Committee at their Meeting on the 14th February, 1916, the Secretary reported on the application of the Contractors for the erection of the new Technical Schools at Arklow, as follows:—

ARKLOW TECHNICAL SCHOOLS.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—In accordance with your direction, I communicated with Messrs. O'Toole, the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow, and called upon them to submit documentary evidence in support of their application for an advance on their Contract Price, owing to the increase in wages and in the cost of building materials consequent upon the War.

On Saturday last they attended at your Offices and submitted to me an estimate of the increased outlay which they state was imposed upon them by these causes. They also produced Price Lists showing the cost of various materials at the time they prepared their Tender, and other Lists showing the cost of identical materials at dates roughly corresponding to the time at which the building would be reaching completion. Further, they supplied certificates from the different Trades Organisations certifying as to the advances that had taken place in the rates of pay received by tradesmen in Arklow during the same period. To deal satisfactorily with this mass of detail one would require practical and Technical knowledge of the building trades. To the possession of such knowledge I lay no claim. I have, however, carefully examined the documents submitted, and have, with the qualification mentioned, arrived at certain general conclusions, which I hope may assist you in dealing with the Contractors' application.

The accepted Tender sent in by Messrs. O'Toole amounted to £2,327 14s. 0d. According to the Architect's Report there were provisional sums deducted amounting to £370, and a further deduction of £10 16s. 0d. for items left out with the approval of the Architect, which would give a total (less deductions) of £1,946 18s. 0d. To this was added for additional works, approved by the Architect, £122 12s. 3d., which, in the words of the Architect's Report, produce "the gross amount of the work done by Messrs. O'Toole," namely, £2,069 10s. 3d. The Architect thinks that upon this amount the Contractors are entitled to your consideration. But the Contractors would appear to claim consideration on the full amount of the original contract, £2,327 14s. 0d., or on a sum of £258 3s. 9d. in excess of that mentioned by the Architect. For my purpose I will assume that the Architect's figure is correct.

The increase in cost which they allege was thrown upon them, and which the Contractors apply for, amounts to a total sum of £518 16s. 4d. This figure they arrive at under nine distinct headings, as follows:—

	£	s	d
1. General conditions, preliminary items and drains	21	14	2
2. Concrete, brick-work, etc.	249	8	0
3. Cut Stone	10	16	5
4. Carpenter and Joiner, timber, time	127	2	7
5. Slater and vulcanite roofs, plumber, smith and foundry, and hot water	27	19	5
6. Plasterer	41	3	8
7. Glazier and Painter	7	3	4
8. Compo (alternative)	25	18	4
9. Party Wall	7	10	5

Total increase claimed ... 518 16 4

This increase, which they seek on the amount of the original Tender, £2,327 14s. 0d., works out at just 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. The documents from the wholesale houses, and from other quarters, inspected would lead me to conclude that the cost of building operations for the period commencing May, 1914, and ending September, 1915, had advanced 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. by the latter date. But that is not the question I had to consider. The War did not commence until August, 1914, about three months after the Tender was accepted. Besides, I believe it could not be successfully maintained that the cost of building materials, etc., immediately after the declaration of War increased to the extent of 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. or to anything approaching this percentage. This is, in my opinion, the weak spot in the Contractors' case. I assume that the advance in prices was gradual and progressive, and that the work of construction was regular and continuous. Bearing these conditions in mind, the figure representing an equitable claim would be the gross increased outlay on the entire job, or the mean increase per cent. I have been unable to obtain either of these figures, but I have, as hereunder indicated, endeavoured to approximate the latter, which I believe to be 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.

I arrived at this percentage in the following manner. I assumed that the work was continuous at about uniform pace throughout, and that the purchasing value of £100 was changing, approximately, from month to month at the rate of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., until it reached, about the time the building was nearing completion, 22 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent., the percentage upon which the Contractors base their claim.

To meet these conditions I made the following formula:—

Stage of advance.	Original Contract Price.			Advanced Price for each stage.		
	£	s	d	£	s	d
1st	100	0	0	102	10	0
2nd	100	0	0	105	0	0
3rd	100	0	0	107	10	0
4th	100	0	0	110	0	0
5th	100	0	0	112	10	0
6th	100	0	0	115	0	0
7th	100	0	0	117	10	0
8th	100	0	0	120	0	0
9th	100	0	0	122	10	0
	900	0	0	1012	10	0

From this we see that it would require £1,012 10s. 0d.—on this progressive basis of increase—to accomplish what £900 could accomplish at the commencement of the Contract, or a mean increase of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. Now, taking the Architect's figure of £2,069 10s. 3d. as the amount upon which, in his opinion, the Contractors are entitled to consideration, and calculating thereon an increase of 12 $\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. (arrived at in the manner indicated), the resultant amount is £258.

The Architect places the extra increase or charge at 10 per cent., or £206.

S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

Wicklow, 27th March, 1916.

Order.—The Finance Committee adopt the Report of their Secretary, and recommend the payment of £258 to the Contractors, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board; and, further, subject to the condition that the Local Government Board will recommend this sum to be paid out of the unexpended balance of the loan of £3,000 originally adopted for the erection of Technical Schools in Arklow and Baltinglass.

The Committee considered a letter from the Statutory Committee of the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation, established under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, in which the County Council was asked to prepare a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Act.

Order.—The Secretary and Chairman of the Committee to prepare a Draft Scheme.

An application was made for a New Typewriter for the Secretary's Office, the present one being out of order from time to time, having been in constant use for the past thirteen years.

The Committee directed that a new one be procured.

The County Surveyor recommended that the Council Chamber be heated by the Radiators already in the possession of the Council, and which had been removed from the Secretary's Offices, at an estimated cost of £2 17s. 6d.

This recommendation was approved by the Committee.

Signed,

D. CONDREN (in the chair).

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. 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 25th inst., when the following Members were present:—

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

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, recommend them for payment as follows:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large				4714	13	7
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	857	8	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	43	1	0	900	9	9
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	304	15	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	25	9	8	330	4	11
Rathdown No. 2						
District proposals	418	15	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	121	5	4	540	0	10
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1609	0	5			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1019	17	9	2628	18	2
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	536	3	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	296	1	0	832	4	0
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)				867	8	1

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	971	10	0
Naas	279	10	0
Rathdown	1053	0	0
Rathdrum	2875	0	0
Shillelagh	995	0	0
Total	6174	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	116	0	0
Naas No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	728	0	0
Rathdrum	6	5	0
Shillelagh	6	5	0
Total	981	15	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	9	10	11
2. Richard Geoghegan	1	6	1
3. Richard Lynch	12	1	5
4. William Burke	4	1	6
5. Michael Kelly	0	16	1
6. Michael McGrath	8	14	3
8. Patrick Mulligan	9	3	4
9. Joseph Keane	10	10	2
10. John Murphy	6	0	8
11. John Kelly	4	4	7
12. Wm. J. Cardiff	2	0	6
13. Wm. J. Quinn	2	0	2
14. James Byrne	1	5	0
15. Wm. J. Quinn	25	16	11
16. Peter P. Doyle	11	18	3
17. Charles Byrne	5	11	2
18. Thomas Fleming	2	15	1
19. Terence Byrne	1	10	1

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th April, 1916.

Re Stone Traffic on the Roads from Whiterock to Tinahely, Auhgrim and Arklow,
Proposals Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—As you are aware from previous Reports, there is extraordinary traffic on the above roads, caused by the haulage of white rock from White-rock Quarry, near Tinahely. This material is understood to be a necessary material for the production of War Munitions.

Applications were made to the Road Board and the Ministry of Munitions for assistance in the repairing of the damages caused to the roads by this traffic.

The Road Board caused the damages to be inspected and an estimate prepared. They intimated to me, through their Inspecting Engineer, that, subject to the consent of the Ministry of Munitions, they were prepared to carry out the work, and at your Meeting on 8th ult. provisional arrangements were made as to the method, etc., to be adopted to enable the work to be carried out. As the roads were badly in need of repair, I considered it necessary to urge the Road Board to press for the consent of the Ministry of Munitions, and on the 7th inst. I received a letter from the Road Board stating as follows:—

"With further reference to your letter of 23rd ult., I have to inform you that the Road Board are advised by the Ministry of Munitions that Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., state that the roads in question are not used by them in connection with work at their factory.

"Under the circumstances I assume your Council will take steps to ascertain the party by, or in consequence of, whose order the extraordinary traffic complained of is put upon the roads, and take such action as the circumstances of the case may warrant."

On receipt of this communication I immediately wrote to Captain Donelan, M.P., explaining the case, and asking him to see his way to cause certain enquiries to be made. Captain Donelan was kind enough to interest himself and is causing these enquiries to be made.

I have sought such information as I could, and from what has come to my knowledge I consider the best course would be to place the matter in the hands of your Solicitor, with instructions for him—(1) To advise the procedure to be adopted under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911; (2) to advise what action should be taken, and against whom such action should be taken, to protect the County against loss.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Referred to Solicitor to immediately take what steps he deems most desirable to secure that the party responsible shall be made amenable, whether it is a Public Department or a private individual, and to make full inquiries and investigations, but no action against any party is to be taken until he first reports to the Committee by 15th May, 1916.

The Committee proceeded to consider and formulate a Scheme covering the County University Scholarships for the year 1915-16, and approve of the same, as follows:—

WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.
UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS, 1916.

The Wicklow County Council offers for competition at the Special Examination to be conducted by the Authorities of University College, Dublin, on 4th July, 1916, 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—
 - (a) Who have resided in the County of Wicklow for five years previous to the date of the Examination.
 - (b) Whose average yearly income the County Scholarship Committee is satisfied does not exceed £300.
2. The Students gaining the highest number of marks in the Examination shall be granted the Scholarships, but a preference will be given to Students taking a Course in Agricultural Science.
3. The Student coming next in order of merit at the Examination shall obtain the Bursary.
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.
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, £8 or £9, shall be available for travelling or other expenses, £5 of which will be advanced, through the Bursar, 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 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, Court House, 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.

25th April, 1916.
D. CONDREN, Chairman, Wicklow County Council,
S. J. DOYLE, Secretary.

The Secretary read the following letter:—
Court House, Wicklow,
22nd April, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—So far back as the 2nd October, 1914, in pursuance of a circular letter from the Local Government Board, a meeting, convened by authority of the Chairman of the County Council, was held in the Court House here for the purpose of establishing a County Distress Committee. The chief duties of this Committee were to co-ordinate relief agencies throughout the County, and, in order to prevent over-lapping, to promote co-operation between such agencies and the Poor Law Authorities. There were other functions, such as the preparation of a County Register of all persons in receipt of assistance from the Rates, or from other sources, such as the Prince of Wales's Fund.

At the first Meeting I was appointed Secretary to the Committee, subject to the consent of the County Council, which was unanimously accorded at its next meeting.

The Secretarial work soon became very considerable, and, in order to cope with it, in conjunction with my ordinary official work, I was obliged to ask Mr. Healy to assist me in typing the correspondence, which had become voluminous. I arranged to pay him half whatever sum I might be allowed for the discharge of the duties.

In addition to preparing a Register of persons in receipt of assistance from the different Boards of Guardians, and from the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, together with obtaining the necessary data for this purpose, I organised twenty-three Sub-Committees. Through these, subsequently, I was enabled, last Christmas, to distribute a number of Canadian cheese, presented to the destitute, and also a quantity of Presents from the United States for the children of soldiers and sailors serving with the colours.

The main portion of my work, however, consisted in obtaining monetary assistance, through the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association, for the dependants of men in the services, this body having been charged with the responsibility of looking after such persons. On the whole I find, from the special Postage Book kept for the Committee, that I have issued close on nine hundred separate communications dealing with the Committee's business, and received and dealt with the same number.

At the outset of this business the Local Government Board pointed out that it was of primary importance that each County Distress Committee should be equipped with a competent staff, and, to this end, suggested that it was desirable that the services of persons experienced in official work should be secured. They added that they would assent to the expenses being paid out of the Rates.

As I have done a very considerable amount of work for this Committee during the past year and a half I would respectfully ask the Finance Committee to recommend the County Council to allow me some reasonable remuneration for my services.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

Order.—The Committee recommend the Council to authorise the payment of £20 to cover the services mentioned in the Secretary's letter.

An application was submitted from Mr. Patrick Short, the Clerk engaged in the Office of the Resident Engineer, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy asking the Council to recommend the Road Board to increase his salary, consequent upon the great increase in the cost of provisions resulting from the War.

Order.—Application recommended to the favourable consideration of the Road Board.

The following letter from Collector Wm. J. Quinn, with reference to the Collection of No. 15 Collecting District, was read:—

Sporting Lodge Avoca,
18th April, 1916.

Dear Sir—I beg to advise you that I have this day closed the Collection in No. 15 District. In order to do so I had to lodge out of my own pocket, in addition to the Irrecoverable Rates, a sum of about £25, which I have been unable to collect up to the present, although I used every effort to recover it. I may mention also that I have had an awful amount of trouble with this Collection, a lot more than I had anticipated. The Books were in a very unsatisfactory condition, not having been fully revised for years past, and this added to my trouble. As I don't know how much of the sum lodged out of pocket may ultimately be recovered, I am in an awkward position, and may lose money over the transaction, which I undertook in order to assist the Council out of a difficult position, in which I may say I spared no pains or labour to try to accomplish.

Under all the circumstances I would respectfully ask the Council to appoint me Collector of this District for the ensuing year, so that I may have an opportunity of collecting the money due me, and to assist in compensating me for all the trouble I have already had with this Collection, and I will fully revise the Books and leave them in proper order.

Your obedient servant,
W. J. QUINN.

The Committee recommend the Council to approve of the application and to appoint Mr. Quinn for the ensuing year (1916-17) only.

Correspondence was submitted as follows:—

Letter from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, dated 10th April, 1916, enclosing copy of a Report from his Foreman in connection with a collision between a Motor Car and one of the Council's Motor Lorries, near the corner of Killoughter Road.

Letter from A. Duff, Private Secretary to Major Loftus Bryan, Kilgibbon House, Enniscorthy, dated 20th April, 1916, claiming £5 damage to a motor car on the occasion mentioned above.

Letter from R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer, dated 17th April, 1916, reporting particulars of an accident to an employee under the Road Improvement Scheme, named Robert Doyle.

The Secretary mentioned that he had been in communication with the Insurance Brokers in connection with both these cases.

Order.—Noted.

The Secretary submitted a Memorial presented to the Rathdrum Rural District Council on the 25th October, 1915, by a number of Road Contractors in that district, asking favourable consideration, having regard to the difficulties with which they were confronted owing to the great increase in the rate of wages which they were obliged to pay to their employees, and also because of the advance in the cost of road material. He also submitted a Resolution adopted by the Rural District Council, in which that body approved of the request of the Contractors.

These documents had been referred by the County Council to the Finance Committee for their consideration, and the Finance Committee, when considering the subject on the 25th January, 1916, directed that, before they could take any action in connection with the matter, they would require a Report on the situation from the County Surveyor. Accordingly the County Surveyor now reported as follows:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
18th April, 1916.

Proposal Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

Re Road Contracts taken before War.

In accordance with your instructions, I beg to report that I do not see any means by which the Council could pay any extra amounts on these Contracts. Nevertheless I consider that it would be most injudicious to enforce the Contracts in full, having regard to the peculiar circumstances prevailing in the County.

I estimate that labour and horse hire has increased by about 25 per cent., and the cost of road metal at Arklow by about 30 per cent.

Recent Contracts, based on these increased prices, were 'cut' by the Contractors by from 7 1/2 per cent. to 15 per cent.

I suggest that it would be expedient to concede to the Contractors bound to supply metal from Arklow and Ballece Quarries a reduction in the specified amount of material of 30 per cent., and in the case of roads where ordinary metal is specified a reduction of 20 per cent.

These reductions should only apply to the quantities to be produced on or before 20th September next.

I make these suggestions altogether on the lines of expediency, as I do not regard reduced metal supply as beneficial to the roads; however, probably owing to the increased Motor Taxes, etc., there may be less of this traffic during the next year.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

The Committee recommend the Council to give authority to the County Surveyor to deal with the Contractors in the manner mentioned in his Report

of the 18th April, 1916, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, this recommendation to apply only to pre-war contracts.

The Secretary submitted the Report of the Local Government Board Auditor on the result of his Audit of the County Council Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1915, as follows:—
No. 13,125/1916. Wicklow County.

13th March, 1916.

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 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.

The Local Government Board, Dublin.

The following letter was submitted from Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy:—

Newtown-Mount-Kennedy,

21st April, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee of the Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—I respectfully beg to ask you for an increase of Poundage on Salary for Collecting Poor Rate.

I was appointed by the Board of Guardians over 20 years ago as Collector at 6d. in the £.

I have always endeavoured while in your service to do my work well and in good time, and all that I ask or expect is equal treatment. Put me on the same level with the new recruit. I don't ask special treatment.

Last year I collected at less than 5d. in the £, amount of Warrant was £5,190 2s. 6d., and I have made a calculation and I find that for the current year I would not have 4d. in the £, as I would be liable to collect and lodge £6,140 0s. 3d., or, as an "alternative," I respectfully ask for superannuation.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOE KEANE,

Rate Collector No. 9 District.

Order.—Noted.

(Signed),

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

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

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. 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.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That we approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and we hereby appoint Mr. William J. Quinn, of Sporting Lodge, Avoca, the existing Poor Rate Collector for No. 13 District, temporarily for a period of one year only, to collect the Rates in No. 15 Collecting District for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917, and we approve of Mr. Henry Alexander, of Knockenree, Avoca, and Mr. John Kinsella, of Oghill, Redcross, as his sureties in a Bond of £900 (Nine Hundred Pounds). Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 15th May, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (in the chair); Councillors Daniel Condren, Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), and John J. Reilly.

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

Committee's Proposals ... £43 7 10

Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, reported on his investigations as to the persons responsible for the extraordinary traffic on the roads leading from Whiterock to Arklow.

Order.—Our Solicitor to take all necessary proceedings against Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow and Mr. Page.

A letter from the Secretary of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company applying for the immediate payment of £607 10s. 2d. was referred to the Solicitor.

The Secretary submitted correspondence under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.

Order.—Secretary to communicate with the Secretary to the Irish County Councils' General Council with regard to the steps to be taken in this matter.

A letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 12th May, 1916, re Sheep Dipping Order of 1915, was postponed to the next Meeting of the Committee.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

15th May, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. 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. J. Reilly. Resolved—That the necessary proceedings be instituted against Edward Henry Page and Messrs. Kynoch-Arklow, Ltd., in connection with the extraordinary expenses consequent upon the extraordinary traffic on the road leading from Whiterock to Arklow, via Tinahely, Aughtrim and Woodenbridge—in accordance with the recommendation of our Finance Committee—and the Certificates of the County Surveyor—and that the Common Seal of this Council be affixed thereto. 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 E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £4,714 15s. 7d. (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 E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Tobias Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional Proposals for Payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £43 7s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £900 9s. 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 J. J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £330 4s. 11d. (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 Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £540 0s. 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 £2,628 18s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

SHILLELAGH:

Proposed by Councillor E. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £332 4s. 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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). 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 Morgan Travers, seconded by Councillor William 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.

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

Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Nil.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT:

Road No. 3 in the District Register, 532 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months, at £3 17s. 6d.

The Contract for Road No. 4 in the District Register, 788 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £17 4s. 9d.

The Contract for Road No. 5 in the District Register, 676 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £14 15s. 9d.

The Contract for Road No. 6 in the District Register, 384 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £10 0s. 0d.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

NAAS No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

Road No. 53 in the District Register, 550 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for three months at £3 10s. 0d.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

A letter, dated 10th May, 1916, from Mr. Philip Hanlon, Rathnaboe, Blessington—protesting against the action of the Naas No. 2 Rural District in giving a road contract in County Wicklow to a contractor residing in County Kildare, but who gave an address in County Wicklow on his Tender—was submitted.

RATHDOWN No. 2 RURAL DISTRICT:

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

In connection with Work No. 511 in the District Register, a Special Minute (Form 23), as prescribed in pursuance of Section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, was submitted.

RATHDRUM RURAL DISTRICT:

The Contract for Road No. 520 in the District Register, 864 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £86 8s. 0d.

The Contract for Road No. 521 in the District Register, 718 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £41 17s. 8d.

Road No. 522 in the District Register, 1,140 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £38 0s. 0d.

The Contract for Road No. 523 in the District Register, being informal, was rejected, and the road placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £111 6s. 8d.

Road No. 524 in the District Register, 624 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £104 0s. 0d.

Road No. 525 in the District Register, 1,098 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £137 5s. 0d.

Road No. 526 in the District Register, 985 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £53 7s. 1d.

The Contract for Road No. 527 in the District Register, 470 perches, being informal, was rejected, and the road placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £15 13s. 4d.

Road No. 528 in the District Register, 938 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £46 18s. 0d.

Road No. 529 in the District Register, 1,081 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £162 3s. 0d.

Road No. 531 in the District Register, 743 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £148 12s. 0d.

Work No. 534 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £6 0s. 0d.

Work No. 535 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £6 0s. 0d.

Remaining Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH RURAL DISTRICT:

Work No. 270 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £12 0s. 0d.

Road No. 271 in the District Register, 1,381 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £69 1s. 0d.

Road No. 273 in the District Register, 1,538 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £115 7s. 0d.

Contract, as submitted, was approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg) 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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). 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, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Rate Collectors' Warrants for the Collection of the Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917, 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 T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That we hereby authorise the Secretary to the County Council to appoint a Deputy or Deputies for the discharge of his duties in examining the Books, etc., of the Collectors of the Poor Rate." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That we now duly sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Arklow, for the amount of £1,177 1s. 6d., determined to be demanded for the Financial year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), 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 £3,301 15s. 9d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—"That we now duly Sign and Seal Demand (Form 51) on the Urban District Council of Wicklow, for the amount of £1,013 7s. 7d., determined to be demanded for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Kinsella, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—"That we now Sign and Seal the two applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts." Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Wicklow County Council, Quarterly Meeting, 15th May, 1916.

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

GENTLEMEN—

During the past Quarter the Contractors were fairly attentive to their work, and, with the exception of those roads subject to timber and other heavy traffic, most of the roads do not appear to have suffered from the very severe weather conditions.

The haulage of timber is greatly on the increase, and wherever this occurs the roads suffer. The most noticeable cases are the roads through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford, and portion of the roads from Glenealy to Wicklow.

The damage being done to the roads from Whiterock to Tinahely by stone traffic is severe, and it will not be possible to carry out permanent repairs to this line of road until the traffic ceases.

The damage done on the road from Tinahely to Woodenbridge, via Aughrim, is being dealt with, but owing to labour and other difficulties the progress is not satisfactory.

There was practically no competition for Contracts at the adjourned Quarterly Meetings in Rathdrum and Shillelagh, and most of the works up for tender were not taken.

I recommend that these roads and works be given in my charge for such periods as you may think proper. Generally speaking, this is not a satisfactory way of dealing with roads not tendered for, but until the County returns to normal conditions, such as existed before the war, it will be the most expedient course. I do not consider the present a suitable time to adopt a direct labour scheme, as labour is scarce and the labour market unsettled.

In Baltinglass No. 1 and in Rathdrum some of the Contracts taken, which I will point out to you, were informal. The best course would be to refer these Contracts back to the R. D. Councils and place the roads in my charge for three months.

I annex certificates required by the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911, relating to the traffic on the roads damaged by timber and stone traffic.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the roads from Whiterock to Tinahely, and thence via Killaveney Bridge, Kilpipe, Aughrim, Coates' Bridge, to Woodenbridge, extraordinary expenses have become necessary for the purpose of repairing these roads by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the road from Drumdangan three roads (South of Railway Bridge) to Carrigmore three roads, extraordinary expenses have become necessary for the purpose of repairing this road by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

I certify that, having regard to the average expense of maintaining the road from the Crossroads at Ballycullen to the three roads at the Giant's Grave, extraordinary expenses having become necessary for the purpose of repairing this road by reason of the damage caused by excessive weight passing along same, and by extraordinary traffic thereon.

(Signed) S. G. GALLAGHER,
County Surveyor.
County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
13th May, 1916.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council—Quarterly Meeting, 15th May, 1916.

Gentlemen—The Contractor for road—Rathdrum R. District—entered into Winter, 1913, Index 135, Reg. 284, 743 perches, Aughrim to Woodenbridge, between three roads at Aughrim Railway Bridge and three roads at Ballycoog Steps, having neglected to fulfil his contract, I was compelled to enter on the road.

I now recommend that this Contract be cancelled, and the road placed in my charge until 30th June next. Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor John Storey, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Solicitor be directed to investigate as to parties liable for the 'extraordinary expenses' in connection with roads from Drumdangan three roads (South of Railway Bridge) to Carrigmore three roads; and the road from the Crossroads at Ballycullen to the three roads at the Giant's Grave, and report on same to next Meeting of Finance Committee." Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg). Resolved—"That the Secretary and the County Surveyor draw up a Scheme to meet the wishes of this 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, and also enable the Council to enter into a Contract for the spreading of the metal and the cleaning up of the roads, etc.; and that these Officers approach the Local Government Board with a view to obtaining their sanction to such a scheme." Passed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
11th May, 1916.

Chairman and Members, County Council, Wicklow.
Gentlemen—I should be obliged if you could accord me 30 days' leave of absence, Ten Days to be taken at the end of this month and the balance as found compatible with the County work—before and after the August Quarterly Meeting.

It will be well to authorise and direct the Assistant Surveyors to attend to any urgent matters occurring during my absence.

The County Secretary to be notified by me of the dates on which I will be on leave.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Leave granted.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. Resolved—"That this Council hereby grant a Licence to John Kilmartin, of Rathdangan, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, subject to a satisfactory Report from the Police Authorities as to the suitability of his premises." Passed.

In the absence of Councillor Thomas Burke, consideration of the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was postponed:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg), seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That the following dates be fixed for the Meetings of the Rural District Councils, of the Proposals and Finance Committee, and of the County Council, for the year 1916-1917:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter, 1916.	Autumn Quarter, 1916.	Winter Quarter, 1917.	Spring Quarter, 1917.
RATHDOWN No. 2 Courthouse, Enniskerry	11-30	Mon. July 3	Mon. Oct. 9	Mon. Jan. 8	Mon. April 2
RATHDRUM Courthouse, Rathdrum.	12-15	Mon. " 17	Mon. " 23	Mon. " 22	Mon. " 16
BALTINGLASS No. 1 Courthouse, Baltinglass.	12-30	Mon. " 10	Mon. " 16	Mon. " 15	Mon. " 2
NAAS No. 2 Courthouse, Blessington	1-45	Tues. " 11	Tues. " 10	Tues. " 16	Tues. " 10
SHILLELAGH Courthouse, Shillelagh	1	Fri. " 14	Fri. " 20	Fri. " 19	Fri. " 13
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Courthouse, Wicklow.	2	Tues. " 25	Tues. " 31	Tues. " 30	Tues. " 24
COUNTY COUNCIL Courthouse, Wicklow.	12-30	Mon. Aug. 14	Mon. Nov. 20	Mon. Feb. 19	Mon. May 14

Passed.

An application was submitted from H. Morell, Esq., County Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow, dated 10th May, 1916—asking the Council to consider and sanction the appointment of Sergeant Michael McCabe, R.I.C., as an Inspector of Food and Drugs in the Petty Sessions District of Blessington.

Order.—Appointment approved.

A letter was submitted, dated 11th May, 1916, from the Clerk of Rathdown Union, Loughlinstown, enclosing copy of a Resolution passed by the Board of Guardians of that Union, asking the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board to issue an Order authorising the Guardians of Rathdown Union, subject to prescribed conditions, to administer relief out of the Workhouse for the next two months to poor persons of any description resident in the County Wicklow portion of the Union, in accordance with the provisions of Section 13 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Order.—Sufficient evidence is not supplied to the Council of exceptional distress.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
28th February, 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 31st December, 1915.

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

Article.	Number.
Butter	24
Milk	15
Whiskey	15
Margarine	9
Flour	5
Cheese	4
Lard	3
Buttermilk	3
Drugs	3
Rum	2
Rice	2
Pepper	1
Cocoa	1
Mustard	1
Indian Meal	1
Vinegar	1
Soup Powder	1
Cornflour	1
Total	92

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Slaton, Bray, for specimen of butter-milk adulterated with at least 70 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes.

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

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

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union fifteen drugs, two specimens of milk, and one of butter were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of milk were of rich quality. The specimen of butter was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

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

One Imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Total Solid Matter including	73.500	34.300	61.600	30.100	12.600
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.010	0.005	0.006	0.0075	0.0045
Saline Ammonia	0.001	0.0005	0.001	0.0005	0.0005
Nitric Acid	4.750	3.250	10.200	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	14.090	4.180	7.380	2.180	1.590
Colour	very light yellow.	very light yellow.	light yellow	yellow.	Almost colourless

All good waters.

One specimen of Indian Meal was analysed for Dr. Wentworth Taylor, Rathdrum.

One specimen of milk analysed for Mrs. O. G. King, Bray, was of rich quality.

A butter-like substance analysed for Miss Duggan, Bray, was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter.

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

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, twelve 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, including	38.500
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.014
Saline Ammonia	0.004
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	2.480
Colour	light yellow.

A tolerably good 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—148.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

An application, dated 12th May, 1916, was submitted from Mr. Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, Poor Rate Collector for No. 9 Collecting District—asking to have his Poundage Fees fixed at Sixpence in the £.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor J. J. Reilly:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that, at the next Meeting of this Council, I will move that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the £."

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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly. Resolved—"That while we strongly condemn the insane action of the men who were responsible for the recent revolt in Dublin and some parts of the country, we are convinced that justice would have been satisfied had these men been tried by the Constitutional Tribunals of this country, as they were entitled to have been tried, and we call for a full and complete inquiry into those Military executions, wholesale condemnation and imprisonment without trial—under what is called Martial Law—of large numbers of men; and as it is abundantly clear to all impartial and cool-headed men that no excuse or reason any longer exists for the continuance of this condition of things, we demand the immediate restoration of our constitutional rights and law: we, therefore, appeal to the Prime Minister, before his return to London, to restore the Constitution to its normal state; that copies be sent to the Prime Minister, John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P.; John Dillon, Esq., M.P., and our County Members." Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following Correspondence was submitted:—

No. 8,749/1916. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th February, 1916.—Scaled Order confirming the suspension of Mr. Patrick Short from the Poor Rate Collectorship of No. 15 Collecting District.

No. 5,660/1916. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st March, 1916.—Intimating that the amount which will be deducted in respect of Land Purchase liability from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month is a sum of £194 0s. 0d.

No. 12,519/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th March, 1916.—Approving of Bond submitted by Mr. William J. Quinn, the temporary Poor Rate Collector for No. 15 Collecting District.

No. 11,336/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th March, 1916.—Stating that the Board have given instructions for the preparation of an Order extending the limit of Road Expenditure in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District to £2,800 for the year ending the 31st March, 1917, and adding that the Council's proposal to have the limit of expenditure extended to £3,100, so as to allow of a new road being constructed, does not appear to be opportune.

No. G1294/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th March, 1916.—Stating that five samples of Butter taken up in Arklow on the 12th ultimo, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were certified by the County Analyst to be pure.

No. G1345/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th April, 1916.—Stating that four samples of Butter taken up in Bray on the 14th ultimo, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were certified by the County Analyst to be pure.

The Irish Land Commission, Dublin, 24th February, 1916.—Transmitting Lists showing the amounts and the names and addresses of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in the County against whom legal proceedings have been directed for the recovery of the instalments due on the 1st November and 1st December last in respect of advances made under the Acts of 1891-6 and 1903-9, respectively.

2nd March, 1916. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the receipt of the Council's Resolution with reference to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order.

14th March, 1916. From Captain A. Donelan, M.P., Ballynona, Middleton, Co. Cork.—Enclosing a letter received by him from the Vice-President of the Department of Agriculture in connection with the Resolution passed by the Council in reference to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order.

6th April, 1916. From J. W. Barrett, Clerk to the Arklow Urban District Council—Enclosing correspondence which has passed between his Council and the Road Board with reference to this Council's application for a Grant from the Roads Development Fund of £200,000, to be expended in improving the Streets of Arklow.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan. Resolved—"That the County Council hereby apply to the Road Board for a Grant under the provision of the Development and Road Improvement Funds Act for the improvement of the roads and streets of Arklow under the circumstances stated in the application of Arklow Urban Council." Passed.

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Tinnakilly, Aghrim,
Wicklow, 25th February, 1916.

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

Dear Sir—I beg to thank you most sincerely, and through you the County Council of Wicklow, for the very gracious vote of condolence passed at their last meeting to Mrs. Byrne and myself in the death of our dear friend and companion, the late Miss Ellen Doyle.

I beg to offer special thanks to Councillors Wm. Byrne and P. J. Carey for their kind thoughtfulness.

Believe me, yours sincerely,

JAMES BYRNE.

16th March, 1916. From the Hon. Secretaries, Irish Financial Relations Committee, Mansion House, Dublin—Enclosing copies of Resolutions recently passed in relation to the over-taxation of Ireland, and asking for an expression of opinion from the Council.

Order.—Read.

23rd March, 1916. From The Secretary, Tyrone County Council—Enclosing copy of a Resolution of his Council in favour of the Amalgamation of Workhouses, together with a Draft Report of a Committee of his Council on the subject.

Order.—Read.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

11th March, 1916. From the Municipal Council of the City of Dublin—Resolution protesting against the enormous increase in Irish Taxation.

28th March, 1916. From the County Council of King's County—Resolution calling on the Board of Trade to take steps to have the Steamboat Service between Liverpool and Dublin restored to its normal state, in the interests of the Agriculturists of the Province of Leinster.

Order.—Approved.

5th April, 1916. From the Borough Council of Waterford—Resolution calling on the Treasury Commissioners to grant an increase in the salaries of the Irish National Teachers, and to substitute monthly payments for the present system.

7th April, 1916. From Wexford County Council—Resolution appealing to the Government and to the Treasury to add to the present salaries of the National School Teachers a substantial increase, and a second resolution with reference to the effect that may be produced on the cost of Schools Books and Stationery to Irish Parents consequent upon the Board of Trade restrictions regarding the importation of paper.

Order.—Read.

29th April, 1916. From the New Ross Board of Guardians—Resolution condemning in the strongest possible manner the disturbances caused in Ireland by the Sinn Fein Organization and Citizens' Army, and, as a Nationalist Board, entirely disassociating themselves from such disgraceful and unworthy scenes.

Order.—Read.

5th May, 1916. From Tullamore Urban District Council—Resolution recording that Council's condemnation of the recent deplorable outbreak in Dublin, and calling upon all Nationalist Irishmen to support Mr. John Redmond's Constitutional Policy.

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8th June, 1916.

The Annual Meeting of the County Council was held in the Council Chamber, Court House Wicklow, at 1 o'clock p.m. on Thursday, the 8th June, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
 Councillor—D. Condren—Chairman
 Councillors—Martin Langton; Edward Byrne; Joseph Dunne; James Byrne (Ballinderry); Thomas Burke; William Costello; Tobias Kinsella; John J. Reilly; D. J. Cogan; and John Storey.

Business.

- 1—The chair to be taken by the outgoing Chairman.
- 2—To elect a Chairman.
- 3—To elect Vice-Chairman.
- 4—To recommend revisions required in the Valuation Lists.
- 5—To consider the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Councillor Thomas Burke:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that I, or someone for me, will move, at the May Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, a Resolution adopting Bye-Laws for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in County Dublin."
- 6—To consider the following Notice of Motion handed in by Councillor John J. Reilly:—"I hereby give Notice of Motion that, at the next Meeting of this Council, I will move that Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence in the £."
- 7—To consider an important letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction on the question of the compulsory appointment of Inspectors to enforce the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping Orders, and to make an Order thereon.
- 8—To consider, and adopt, a Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
- 9—To consider and take action upon a Report of the County Surveyor, recommending proceedings to be taken against certain parties responsible for extraordinary traffic on the following roads:—(1) the roads through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the roads from Glenealy to Wicklow.
- 10—To fill such vacancies as exist on the various Committees to which the County Council send representatives.
- 11—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 12—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 13—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 14—To consider General Correspondence.

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

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That Councillor Daniel Condren be, and is hereby, elected Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor John J. Reilly, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That Councillor William Byrne, of Coolbeg, be, and is hereby, elected Vice-Chairman of this County Council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Passed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 30th May, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

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

The Committee had before them a letter from the Secretary to the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, dated 12th May, 1916, urging upon the County Council the advisability of putting into operation in this County the Provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, 1915, failing which the Department would be obliged to put in force their reserve powers.

Order.—The Secretary to consult with the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture in regard to the carrying out of the recommendation of that Committee, who had decided to instruct their Secretary to communicate with the County Inspector of the Royal Irish Constabulary, enquiring what arrangements, if any, had been made by the Police Authorities with a view to giving the Secretary assistance in the carrying out and supervision of Sheep Dipping operations.

The County Surveyor's Report, and correspondence, referred to the Finance Committee by the Council, and dealing with the following two roads, was submitted, viz.:—(1) The road through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the road from Glenealy to Wicklow.

Order.—The County Surveyor to furnish the Secretary with the names of the parties responsible for the excessive traffic. Further action postponed to the next Meeting of the Committee.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS, ETC., ACT, 1915.

Correspondence between the Secretary and the Statutory Committee, with reference to amendments suggested in Draft Scheme, was submitted; also letters from the Secretary to Irish County Councils' General Council on the same subject.

Order.—The Chairman and Secretary to further consider the Scheme, with a view to making further amendments, and to report to next Meeting, if possible.

(Signed), D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

31st May, 1916.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Thursday, the 8th June, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors D. Condren and J. J. Reilly.

Eight applications were received from Candidates for the University Scholarships offered by the County Council for the year 1916-1917.

After considering the several Certificates and Declarations submitted to them, the Committee approved of the applications of the following:—

1. Thomas McDonald, Chapel View, Baltinglass.
2. John Patrick Dunne, Tinnehinch, Enniskerry.
3. Joseph Thomas Byrne, Bridge Street, Wicklow.
4. Margaret Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
5. Nicholas J. Lawler, Dunlavin.
6. John Gleeson, Stratford-on-Slaney.
7. Patrick Joseph Murphy, Kilmurry Delgany.
8. Augustus Cullen, Rathmore, Ashford.

And recommend the Council to approve of their admission to the Special Examination for County Council Scholarships, to be held on July 4th, 1916, and following days, in University College, Dublin. W.F.B.

Reports were submitted by J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, and the County Surveyor as to the persons liable for the extraordinary damage caused to the following roads:—(1) The road through Deputy's Pass, from Ballycullen Hill to Ashford; and (2) portion of the road from Glenealy to Wicklow.

Order.—These parties referred to in the Reports to be communicated with by the Secretary and County Surveyor with a view to making a composition for the amount due by extra damage, under the Act of 1911. Similar procedure to be adopted in every case arising in future.

Correspondence was submitted between the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture, the County Inspector R.I.C., and the Department of Agriculture—relative to the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order, 1915.

Order.—In reply to the County Inspector's letter, the Committee recommend that he be asked to make arrangements for the Officer in charge of each Police Sub-District in this County to keep for reference a copy of the Census Return of the Owners of Sheep within his district, as furnished annually to the Department by the Police, in order that when the time arrives that these same owners send in their Notices of having dipped their sheep during the Sheep Dipping periods, he may be in a position to check the numbers so given with the numbers which appear opposite the name of each Owner as furnished to the Department. The Committee are of opinion that if this is done the Police can then ascertain the names of the owners who have failed to dip, or who have failed to make Returns of having dipped their sheep, and legal proceedings should be immediately instituted against every sheep-owner who commits an offence against the Sheep Dipping Orders. Also that the Police be asked to visit the Sheep Dipping Stations during the Dipping Periods.

Correspondence was submitted from Mr. Richard Wake, Architect for the building of Arklow Technical Schools—relative to the proposed bonus to the Contractors who erected the School, Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole.

Order.—The Secretary to communicate with Mr. Wake, and to request him to send his application to the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee.

The Draft Scheme under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, of 1915, as submitted, was approved, and recommended to the Council for adoption; the Secretary to communicate with the Statutory Committee requesting that the present procedure with regard to Separation Allowances be continued until the 1st October, 1916.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

8th June, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Reports Nos. 1 and 2 be, and they are hereby, adopted. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor John Storey. 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.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor Martin Langton. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Fidelity Bond submitted by Mr. William J. Quinn, the temporary Collector for No. 15 Collecting District, and we direct that the Council's Seal be now affixed to the Bond. Passed.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, and seconded by Councillor J. J. Reilly, that Bye-Laws be adopted for the Good Rule and Government of the Administrative County of Wicklow, similar to those in force in the County Kildare and in the County of Dublin. W.F.B.

Councillor D. J. Cogan proposed, as an amendment, that the question of drafting Bye-Laws be submitted to the Finance Committee for Report at next Meeting of the Council. The Amendment was seconded by Councillor Martin Langton and adopted.

In accordance with his Notice of Motion, it was proposed by Councillor J. J. Reilly and seconded by Councillor John Storey:—"That Collector Joseph Keane be paid a Poundage Fee of Sixpence (6d.) in the Pound on the amount of his annual Collections of Poor Rate. The Council voted on the Motion as follows:—

For—Councillors M. Langton, Joseph Dunne, William Costello, J. J. Reilly, and John Storey—5.

Against—Councillors D. Condren, Tobias Kinsella, D. J. Cogan, Thomas Burke, James Byrne (Ballinderry), and Edward Byrne—6.

The Chairman thereupon declared the Motion rejected by Six Votes to Five.

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That Councillor John Storey, of Moneystown, Roundwood, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Finance Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor M. Langton. Resolved—That Councillor James Byrne, of Ballinderry, Rathdrum, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the County Committee of Agriculture caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Burke, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That Councillor John Storey, of Moneystown, Roundwood, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary caused by the death of Councillor John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

8th June, 1916.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That Councillor John J. Healy, of "Ashley," Greystones, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on The Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P. Passed.

City Laboratory,
Chatham Row, Dublin,
24th May, 1916.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

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, 1916.

59 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—
Article—Butter, 16; Milk, 13; Whiskey, 6; Margarine, 6; Sugar, 4; Cheese, 2; Bread, 2; Indian Meal, 2; Brandy, 1; Cocoa, 1; Mustard, 1; Rum, 1; Pepper, 1; Lard, 1; Tea, 1; Sago, 1; total, 59. One certificate was sent to Sergeant Turnbull, Greystones, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 18 per cent. of added water and was also deficient of at least 30 per cent. of its fats. There were nine specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County Wicklow and were pure,

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union nine drugs were analysed and were correct. For Baltinglass Rural District Council two specimens of water and one of milk were analysed. The milk was of very rich quality. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—No. 1—Total solid matter, 11.900; including albuminoid ammonia, 0.0065; saline ammonia, 0.006; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.890; colour, very light yellow. No. 2—Total solid matter, 12.600, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.0065; saline ammonia, 0.0065; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.890; colour, light yellow. Both good waters. For the Town Clerk, Wicklow, four specimens of water and two of milk were analysed. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 13 per cent. of added water. The waters had the following compositions:—One Imperial gallon contained in grains—No. 1—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.012; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 2—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.014; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 3—Total solid matter, 14.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.009; saline ammonia, 0.014; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. No. 4—Total solid matter, 11.900, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.009; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 1.590; colour, light yellow. All tolerably good waters. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union seventeen drugs were analysed and were correct. For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union three drugs were analysed and were correct. There were nine fertilizers analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in County Wicklow, twenty-one 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, 136.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 23943/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th May, 1916.—Approving of the temporary appointment of Collector William J. Quinn as Collector for No. 15 Collecting District for the year ending 31st March, 1917.

No. 25592/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th June, 1916.—Stating that the Board will defer the question of enforcing the condition that Collector William J. Quinn must close the Collection in No. 15 Collecting District by the 28th February, 1917, until that date, when it will be considered in the light of the progress made by the Collector.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W. 24th May, 1916.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter of the 22nd inst.—with enclosed Resolution—relative to the claim for a Grant made on behalf of Arklow Urban District Council.

B.O. 23/5/16. Office of National Education, Dublin, 25th May, 1916.—Transmitting the names and addresses of the new School Attendance Committee for the Dunlavin Division of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, as approved by the Commissioners of National Education.

3rd June, 1916. From Clerk of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. William Byrne, J.P., of Kilmurry, Baltinglass, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

1st June, 1916. From Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the election of Mr. Myles Healy, of Woodend, Blessington, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

5th June, 1916. From Clerk of Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the election of Mr. John J. Healy, of "Ashley," Greystones, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

5th June, 1916. From Clerk of Rathdrum Rural District Council—Notifying the re-election of Mr. Patrick J. Carey, J.P., of Tomanerin, Aughrim, as Chairman of his Council for the ensuing year.

2nd June, 1916. From Clerk of Shillelagh Rural District Council—Stating that Mr. Edward Byrne, J.P., of Muskeagh, Tinahely has been appointed to represent that District Council on the County Council for the ensuing year.

Vive Vale, June 3rd, 1916. Dear Sir—I wish to return my sincere thanks to Mr. Condren, Mr. Byrne, and Members of the County Council who so kindly sympathised with me in this time of my very great sorrow.—Yours very sincerely, B. Murphy.

5th June 1916. From Councillor Morgan Travers, Ballynerrin, Kilkoolie—Conveying his sincere thanks to the Council for their kindly Resolution of Sympathy with him on the death of his brother-in-law, Councillor John Murphy.

29th May, 1916. From the Prime Minister, 10 Downing street, Whitehall, London, S.W.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's Resolution on the subject of the maintenance of Constitutional Rights and Law in Ireland following the recent disturbances in Dublin.

17th May, 1916. From John E. Redmond, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the Council's Resolution re same.

22nd May, 1916. From Captain A. Donelan, M.P., House of Commons, London—Acknowledging the Council's Resolution re same.

3rd June, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Esq., Solicitor, Church street, Wicklow—Reporting that a Decree for £5, together with 15s. costs, was given by the County Court Judge at Baltinglass at the hearing of the Grace Malicious Injury Application.

25th May, 1916. From R. W. Butler, Esq., Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy.—Enclosing, for submission to the Council, a set of Regulations to be observed at Ballyhenry Quarry which had been forwarded him by the Home Office.

23rd May, 1916. From W. Q. Fitzgerald, Glenowen, Delgany—Asking for the Council's ruling on two letters of complaint stated to have been addressed by him to the County Surveyor for submission to the Council.

30th May, 1916. From Edward M. Morgan, Esq., B.L., Lara House, Rathdrum—Drawing the Council's attention to the extremely dangerous condition of the portion of the road leading from Pluck's Hotel, Kilmacanogue, to where the stones are being quarried for the repair of the main road, and stating that the Council will be held responsible for any loss or damage this road may cause.

2nd June, 1916. From Mrs. S. Meredith, Hon. Secretary, The Father Healy Nursing Association, Graigueconna, Bray—Asking the Council for a yearly Grant of £30 for the work of nursing Tubercular Cases for the past two years in that District and for carrying on this work by the Queens' Jubilee Nurse of that Association.

April, 1916. From R. F. Wilson, Secretary, Dublin Industrial Development Association, 9 Dawson street, Dublin—Asking on behalf of the All-Ireland Munitions and Government Supplies Committee the Council to co-operate with that Committee by furnishing detailed Returns of all productive Industries carried on within the county.

W. J. Byrne

14.8.16.

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 14th August, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor—Wm. Byrne (Coolbeg)—Residing Chairman.
Councillors—John J. Nealy, J. S. Dobbs, Joseph Dunne, Tobias Kinsella, James Byrne (Ballinderry), J. V. Gahan, Joseph McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, Edward Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

The Secretary read a telegram received from the Chairman—in which he regretted his inability 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 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 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 and adopt under Seal a scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
- 10—To appoint Twelve (12) Representatives of the Council on the County Wicklow Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915.
- 11—To fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital, caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.
- 12—To fill the vacancy on the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District School Attendance Committee caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P.
- 13—To consider applications received for Licences under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908.
- 14—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 15—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 16—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 17—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were confirmed and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 27th June, 1916, when the following Members were present:—
Councillor D. J. Cogan Chairman; Councillors John J. Reilly; William Byrne (Coolbeg); James Byrne (Tinnakilly); John Storey, and Joseph McCarroll.

The Secretary drew attention to what he described as an irregularity in the carrying out of the Bray-Wicklow Scheme of Road Improvement. His observations had reference to a certificate issued by the County Surveyor for payment of £23 5s. 6d. from Subsidiary Account No. 1 to the credit of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme Account. This payment, it was explained by the County Surveyor, was in respect of stones quarried and broken under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, and utilised by him afterwards on a road other than that to which the Scheme applies.

Order—To be paid, County Surveyor to give to the Secretary an explanation in writing as to the special circumstances for which these stones were obtained.

15th June, 1916. Letter from James Breheny, Enniskerry, threatening law proceedings in connection with certain matters of which he complains with respect to the County Brook, and the effect caused to his property, as alleged, by surface water.
Order—County Surveyor to report.

16th June, 1916. Letter from the War Pensions, etc., Statutory Committee—approving, subject to a few modifications, of the Draft Scheme prepared on behalf of the Council, and submitted to them.
Order—Noted: necessary modifications to be made.

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17th June, 1916. Letter from John Deans, Glenealy—acknowledging a letter from the Secretary to the County Council with reference to the extraordinary traffic stated to be carried on by him on certain roads in Rathdrum Rural District.

Order—Noted: Secretary to write again.
20th June, 1916. Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction—recording their disapproval of the Local Authority's action with reference to the Sheep Dipping Order requiring the appointment of Inspectors.

Order—Copy to be sent to the Secretary, County Agricultural Committee.
Signed,
D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). 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 25th July, 1916, when the following Members were present:—
Councillor D. J. Cogan (Chairman); Councillors Daniel Condren, Joseph McCarroll, E. C. Walsh, J. J. Reilly 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.
County-at-Large	6696	18	5
Baltinglass No. 1—			
District Proposals	791	16	9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	12	8	0
Naas No. 2—			
District Proposals	292	7	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	19	16	8
Rathdown No. 2—			
District Proposals	331	1	7
Proposals Committee's Proposals	18	18	0
Rathdrum—			
District Proposals	1618	19	0
Proposals Committee's Proposals	277	15	7
Shillelagh—			
District Proposals	536	18	2
Proposals Committee's Proposals	329	8	2
Arklow Urban District—			
Proposals Committee's Proposals			866 6 4
Wicklow Urban District—			
Proposals Committee's Proposals			35 3 0
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account (Included in County-at-Large total)			16 11 6
Transfer to credit of Subsidiary Account No. 2 (Included in County-at-Large total)			1227 5 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:—			757 10 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	1017	0	0
Naas	296	10	0
Rathdown	1145	0	0
Rathdrum	3004	0	0
Shillelagh	1015	0	0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	521	0	0
Naas No. 2	120	10	0
Rathdown No. 2	1061	10	0
Rathdrum	1278	0	0
Shillelagh	693	15	0

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow, 25th July, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.
Gentlemen—I beg, herewith, to report as follow:—

1.—The action initiated to obtain the opinion of the Courts fixing definitely the liability of the Guaranteeing Area in this County towards the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, under the Presentments of the Grand Jury made in 1884, had been entered for hearing on Wednesday last. In conjunction with your Solicitor, I gave a great deal of time and attention to the preparation of the case, and we were prepared to proceed with it on the date fixed. At practically the last moment, however, I was informed by the Solicitor, that the trial had been postponed until next term.
2.—On the 11th July I received, from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, a letter enclosing draft of a proposed Order making provision for the interim management of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway. In the letter the County Council were asked to furnish any observations which they desire to submit in reference thereto. Amongst other things, the Order proposes to hand over the "management and control of the undertaking and property of the company" and to vest the same in the County Surveyor of Dublin and the County Surveyor of Wicklow. The widest possible powers, as will be seen from the Draft Order submitted herewith, are proposed to be given to these two officers. As all the questions affecting this subject are in the hands of your Law Agent, I submitted the letter and draft Order to him.

Committee's Recommendation—Order to be Opposed.
3.—The first half of the current year having elapsed, a further payment on foot of the Tramway Guarantee has become due to the 30th June last. It will now be for the Committee to decide whether or not they will recommend the Council to make this payment, having regard to the pending litigation and the general condition that has arisen.

Committee's Recommendation—Adopt Counsel's Advice which was to the effect that the County Council should hold over the question of payment until the Action is tried.

4.—I desire to draw attention to the condition of the special Account established under the Bray-Wicklow Improvement Scheme, so that steps may be taken in proper time to provide for the continued ability of this fund to finance the undertaking to completion. The scheme provides for a gross expenditure of £19,000 on work of reconstruction, independent of maintenance, which is specially provided for up to the year 1921. There is also provision for tarring to which I need not now refer. The amount fixed for maintenance is

set out in detail year by year. The sum so set aside for this purpose to the 31st March, 1917, is £666. If it be assumed that the work of reconstruction will be completed by that date, the total provided for reconstruction, £19,000, and the amount ear-marked for maintenance, £666, give £19,666. Of this fund £13,600 11s. 9d. had been expended to the 30th June, 1916, leaving available only £6,066 to complete the reconstruction and also maintain the road to the 31st March, 1917. It should be borne in mind, however, that of the total expenditure about £6,000 (so I am informed by the Resident Engineer) has been expended on plant. I mention the state of the account so that steps may be initiated now to formally and regularly secure that financial arrangements may be made to complete the undertaking, because obviously the plant cannot be disposed of by the Council in the meantime.

Committee's Recommendations — Postponed. The County Surveyor to report to a subsequent Meeting, in detail, upon the progress made under the scheme, showing the volume of work already done, its cost, and an estimate of the further cost likely to be involved in the completion of the undertaking.

5.—There are a few points connected with the upkeep of roads, involving questions of finance, to which I wish to direct attention:—

(a) At the Council Meeting so far back as the 22nd February, 1915, the County Surveyor reported that the roads, used by the authorities for Military Traffic, to the Glen of Imaal, in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, had been much cut up and damaged. He added that he had received authority from Baltinglass Rural District Council to expend £350 by way of sudden damage on these roads, subject to confirmation by the County Council. This body confirmed the authority and directed me to ask the County Members to obtain half from the War Office. This I did. The matter, after some time was referred by the War Office to the Irish Command, as I learn from a letter sent from the War Office to Mr. Donovan and sent by him to me. I have received no further direct official information on the subject. To the Council Meeting on the 14th February, 1916—a year after the above order—the County Surveyor reported that on the 3rd of that month the War Department (per the Road Board) had an inspection made on the road leading to Glen Imaal "damaged in January, 1915." He added that "Estimates and claims have been prepared for the reinstatement of these roads and also for the repayment of the money expended in making the roads passable during the period of traffic." There the matter rests so far as I know. No payment of any kind has been received from the War Office.

Committee's Recommendations—Refer to Co. Surveyor to press this matter upon the attention of the War Department, and to report to next Meeting what progress has been made. Meantime, the County Members to be communicated with.

(b) Arising out of the foregoing outlay of £350, the expenditure on roads in Baltinglass Rural District appears to have exceeded the legal limit for the past financial year by a sum of £81. This may or may not be the subject of action by the auditor. In any event, it is my duty to call attention to the fact. I may also remark that I am of opinion that Baltinglass Rural District Council should have been moved to apply to the Local Government Board for an extension of the limit before expenditure in excess of that fixed sum was made. This course has been regularly and repeatedly followed by the Rathdown No. 2 District Council.

Committee's Recommendations—Refer to Co. Surveyor for Report.

(c) I am not in a position to report as to the progress, if any, made with the law proceedings ordered to be instituted in connection with the "extraordinary" traffic and "extraordinary" expenditure on the roads leading from Whiterock to Arklow.

Order—Noted.

(d) A question as to procedure and form has arisen between the County Surveyor's Office and mine with reference to two contracts accepted by Rathdrum Rural District Council. In each case the subject matter is described as a contract to "repair and maintain." The County Surveyor has, however, dealt with the contracts as if they had reference to "works" as distinct from "maintenance." Should the auditor hold that these are "maintenance contracts," he may be obliged to surcharge. In the case of maintenance contracts, the County Surveyor, according to hitherto recognised practice, at all events, should certify to "pay," "defer" or "strike out" each quarterly amount as the meetings came round. On the other hand, undertakings technically described as "works" need not be so dealt with, and he might certify for the payment of the entire amount on completion. On enquiry from the Clerk of Rathdrum District Council I learn that both contracts originated from resolutions proposed by Councillors, in both of which the purposes in view were described as "repair and maintain." The contracts in question are:—

Dist. Reg. No. 58—To repair and maintain 258 perches of road, etc. Charles Byrne, contractor. Taken February, 1914.

Dist. Reg. No. 491—To repair and maintain 298 perches. Contractor, Joseph Tyndall. Taken May, 1915. The sum involved in the latter is £51 10s. 7d.

Committee's Recommendations—Opinion of Junior Counsel to be obtained.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

The County Surveyor handed in the subjoined Reports:—
Court House, Wicklow,

12th day of July, 1916.

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

Dear Sir—In reference to the Minute of the Finance Committee, re Certificate (No. 61, Book III.).

The road, 339 perches, No. 12, Rathdown No. 2 R.D., being in my charge, and it not being possible otherwise to obtain properly broken stone for this road, I decided to obtain from the Resident Engineer of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme sufficient stone to repair the road. This stone was taken from the supply got out for the Bray-Wicklow Road (Rathdown No. 2 section). The certificate referred to is to recoup the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme (Rathdown No. 2 section) the cost of quarrying and breaking the stone so taken.

Yours faithfully,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Noted.

Court House, Wicklow,
19th day of July, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In reference to Mr. Breheny's letter re flooding of his lands by the County Brook at Anahaskin.

The County Brook is the bounds between the Counties of Dublin and Wicklow (Rathdown No. 2 R.D.), and crosses the County road leading from Monastery to Kiltiernan.

There is no bridge or gullet for general road traffic over the brook where it crosses the County road—the general traffic passing over a ford on which,

at ordinary times, the water is three or four inches deep and about four feet wide. Foot traffic passes by a wood and flag-covered footbridge on the lower side of the road—this gullet has an opening 6 feet wide and two feet high. Down stream and away from the road some stables (on Co. Dublin side) belonging to Mr. Breheny project on to the stream, and on the opposite side a fence runs close to the edge of the stream. Immediately opposite Mr. Breheny's stables the width of the waterway is contracted by the stables and the fence to about 3ft. x 2ft.

On 5th, 6th, and 7th May there was a heavy rainfall and a flood, and, owing to the restricted passage at Mr. Breheny's stables, the water could not flow away fast enough from the ford. Therefore the road was flooded, and also, no doubt, Mr. Breheny's lands above the ford.

The onus of cleaning these waterways lies on the owners and occupiers of the lands, and although the stream is called the "County" brook, the County Council, as a Road Authority, have no power to deal with the deepening of the stream.

The powers of a County Council (as a Road Authority), in regard to the drainage, etc., of a County road, are defined in Sec. 50 of the G. J. Act, 1836, but the Case reported, in re Little, Ir. Cir. R. 322, it is defined that Sec. 50 does not authorize the deepening of the bed of a river, running either parallel or transversely to a public road, for the purpose of clearing the road from water overflowing from a river.

It was proposed by Notice of Motion lodged by Mr. Breheny (who is a R. D. Councillor for Rathdown No. 2 R.D.) to build a bridge across this stream at the ford, the reason put forward by Mr. Breheny being that the road at the ford should be excavated so as to give a better fall in the stream leading from his lands.

In my opinion such work should be done by a properly constituted Drainage Board.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Order—Noted. Mr. Breheny to be informed of the contents of this Report.

Court House, Wicklow,

22nd day of July, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—In accordance with instructions, I interviewed Mr. Deane re damage done to road through Deputy's Pass, and Mr. Hearne's local representative (Mr. Rowlands) re damage done on the roads at Ballycullen.

I indicated to these gentlemen the nature and extent of the repairs required, and they are considering the matter and will communicate with the County Council in a few days.

I regret to report that owing to a strike amongst the labourers employed at Ballyhenry Quarry, it appears probable that the steam-roller at the Wicklow end of the Bray-Wicklow road will be idle for some time. I consider that it would be well to employ this roller for a few days' work on the Woodanbridge-Aughrim-Tinahely road, which was damaged by the stone traffic from Whiterock Quarry.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—Noted. The recommendation re Employment of Steam-roller on the Whiterock-Arklow road adopted.

The Secretary submitted correspondence that had passed between Mr. John Deans, of Glenealy, and himself, with reference to alleged damage caused by extraordinary traffic over the road passing through Deputy's Pass. From this correspondence it appeared that Mr. Deans declined to carry out the requirements of the County Surveyor.

Order—The Committee recommend that proceedings be instituted against Mr. Deans.

Applications were submitted from Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, Church Street, Wicklow, asking for a payment of £100 in advance in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Case; and also asking for an advance of £200 on account of his Miscellaneous Bill of Costs, the total of which is £270 5s. 9d.

Order—Consideration postponed to next Meeting of the Committee.

Applications for renewal of their Scholarships for the ensuing Scholastic Year were received from the following:

1. Miss Margaret Mary Henry, 3 Westview Terrace, Bray.
2. Miss Bridget Bracken, Johnstown, Arklow.
3. Mr. John Duffy, Wexford Road, Arklow.
4. Miss Elizabeth Margaret Fogarty, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.
5. Mr. William E. Fogarty, Brewery Place, Rathdrum.

Satisfactory Reports having been submitted from the University Authorities on behalf of these Students, the Committee recommend the Council to renew their Scholarships for the ensuing year.

In this connection letters were submitted from the Parents of William J. Mallen, who held a Scholarship during the past year, stating that he had joined the Army, and asking if the Council would allow another son—who had qualified—to take his place for the unexpired period for which the Scholarship would run, or, in the alternative, to keep the Scholarship open until his return.

A letter was also submitted from the Father of Miss Annie T. Balfe, who took Fourth Place in the Examination for Scholarships last year, but who was awarded only a Bursary, the available Scholarships having been already given to other students.

The Committee could not see their way to accede to the request of William J. Mallen's Parents, but recommend that the Scholarship vacated by him be awarded to Miss Annie T. Balfe.

A letter was submitted from the Local Government Board in which they stated that they could not sanction the proposal of the County Council to allocate to the Contractors for the erection of the Arklow Technical School money which had been borrowed for the erection of a Technical School in Baltinglass.

Order—Noted. The Secretary to write again to the Local Government Board on the subject.

An application for an increase in his Salary was received from Mr. Garrett Byrne, one of the Clerks in the Secretary's Office.

Order—The Committee unanimously recommend the Council to increase his Salary to Thirty Shillings (30/-) per week.

An application was received from Collector Joseph Keane, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, asking to be put upon the same level in the matter of Poundage on his Collection of Poor Rates as that of all newly-appointed Collectors.

Order—The Committee recommend an increase of Ten Pounds (£10) per year upon the emoluments already received by this Collector.

The question of considering the advisability, or otherwise, of drafting Bye-Laws for the County was postponed to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Committee.

An application was received from C. H. O'Hara, Esq., District Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, Wicklow, asking for authority to purchase certain

new Sub-Standard Weights, to replace the old ones, which have become damaged beyond repair; and also for authority to purchase four Seals, to be used in connection with the administration of the Food and Drugs Acts in the County.

Order—To be obtained.

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman Finance Committee.

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.

Proposed by Councillor J. Dunne, 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 3.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 14th August, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

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

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

Committee's Proposals	£249 12 9
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The Committee, having received the Report of the University Authorities on the result of the Special Examination of Candidates for County Scholarships, recommend that the following three Candidates be awarded Scholarships, they having passed the necessary qualifying examination:—

1. John Gleeson
2. Nicholas J. Lawler
3. John P. Dunne.

SECRETARY'S REPORT TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

14th August, 1916.

Gentlemen,

I am submitting correspondence connected with the Solicitor's various Bills of Costs, and in this connection I wish to refer you to my report of 25th April, 1914. The condition then existing has improved very little, if anything, since then—over two years ago—and since I have received no certificate of Taxation in any one case although four separate Bills have been requisitioned for Taxation a year and a half ago. Strictly speaking no payment should be made until the certificate of Taxation is lodged in your Office—otherwise there is no voucher to support it.

The result of your action on my report of April, 1914, so far as effects three bills, was that sums amounting to £92 18s. 7d. have been struck out of them since furnished to me, viz. £26 12s. 0d., chargeable to the Technical Committee and not to the County Council; £20 14s. 8d. charged for preparing agreements and payable by Rathnew Brick Company; £30 19s. 11d. struck out by the Taxing Master for over-charges, and £14 11s. 6d. Credits to meet portion of Mr. Kennedy's contention.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

27th June, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—asking the Council to make a payment of £100 in advance to him towards payment of the heavy Fees to Counsel in the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Case. Order—Noted.

24th July, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—enclosing a Bill of Miscellaneous Costs to the 20th July, 1916, amounting to £270 5s. 9d. and asking for a Paying Order for £200 on account of same. Also enclosing a Requisition to Tax this Bill, to be signed and sealed.

Order—Committee recommend a payment of £200, and further recommend the Council to Seal Requisition for Taxation.

25th July, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—enclosing a Draft Certificate of Taxation in respect of three of his Bills of Costs, showing a balance of £113 0s. 3d. due to him, and asking for a Paying Order for this amount, and promising to lodge the original Certificate of Taxation on Thursday, the 27th July, 1916. Also enclosing a Requisition to Tax his Bill of Costs, which was dated 14th October, 1915, and which amounted to £74 17s. 5d., and for which it appears his Costs Drawer has mislaid the Requisition already signed and sealed by the Council.

Order—Noted. The Committee recommend the Council to sign and seal the Duplicate Certificate for Taxation, and further recommend that Mr. McCarroll be paid £50 in respect of this Bill of Costs on his producing the Taxing Master's Certificate in respect of same.

29th July, 1916. From Francis Kennedy, Solicitor—stating that he has not approved of Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Affidavit of Credits, and enclosing a list of Criminal Injury Claims in which costs were given to the Council, or else the claims were withdrawn, and also stating that in a number of these cases costs have been brought into Mr. McCarroll's Bills and allowed by the Taxing Master.

Order—Noted.

29th July, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—letter with reference to the question raised by Mr. Kennedy on the Affidavit of Credits at the Taxation of the Bills of Costs.

Order—Noted.

16th August, 1916. From F. Kennedy, Solicitor—enclosing three of Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bills of Costs, which were taxed as one, showing—

Amounts Allowed	...	...	...	£294 0 2
Amounts Disallowed	...	...	...	30 19 11
Balance	...	...	...	£263 0 3

Order—Noted.

12th August, 1916. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—enclosing a copy of the Certificate of Taxation as same will be signed by the Taxing Master, and asking that Payment be passed, subject to his lodging the Original Certificate:—

Amounts Allowed	...	...	...	£263 0 3
Credits taken off as per 2nd Affidavit	...	...	...	164 11 6
Balance	...	...	...	£98 8 9

Order—Recommended to be paid, subject to the production of the Taxing Master's Certificate to the Secretary, £24 7s. 4d. of this sum to be debited to the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

The Secretary read a letter from the Local Government Board dated the 12th inst., stating they are not disposed to raise any objection to the proposed payment of £258 to the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow, in consequence of the increase in the cost of materials owing to the war.

Order—Recommended that this sum shall be paid out of Revenue, subject to Arklow Urban District contributing its proportion.

Signed:—

D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

14th August, 1916.

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 D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Requisition to Tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bill of Costs, covering the period ending 20th July, 1916, and amounting to £270 5s. 9d., be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. Dunne, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—That, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the Requisition to Tax Mr. J. H. McCarroll's Bill of Costs covering the period commencing 25th February, 1915, and expiring 29th September, 1915, and amounting to £74 17s. 5d., be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council. 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 Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £6,696 18s. 5d. (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 J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £804 4s. 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 E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £312 3s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor John J. Healy, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £349 19s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,896 14s. 7d. (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 T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £266 6s. 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 Joseph McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Arklow Urban District, amounting to £35 3s. 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 E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. 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 initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, being additional proposals, amounting to £249 12s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid." Passed.

ADDITIONAL PROPOSALS:

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing additional proposals, amounting to £324 1s. 5d., and order the same to be paid." Passed.

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

Proposals for Contracts from the Proposals Committee and from the five Rural District Councils:—

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE:

Proposals to maintain the County Court Houses at a cost not exceeding £100, and to renovate and repair Tinahely Court House at a cost not exceeding £65, were placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months.

BALTINGLASS No. 1 R.D.:

Road No. 11 in the District Register, 532 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months, at £3 17s. 6d.

Road No. 12 in the District Register, 788 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months, at £17 4s. 9d.

Road No. 13 in the District Register, 676 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months, at £14 15s. 9d.

Road No. 14 in the District Register, 384 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months, at £10 0s. 0d.

NAAS No. 2 R.D.:

Road No. 56 in the District Register, 560 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months at £3 10s. 0d.

RATHDOWN No. 2 R.D.:

No Proposals.

RATHDRUM R.D.:

Road No. 536 in the District Register, 1,151 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months at £10 15s. 9d.

Road No. 538 in the District Register, 420 perches, was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 3 months at £4 7s. 6d.

Work No. 544 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for 12 months at £7 0s. 0d.

Work No. 549 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £10 0s. 0d.

Contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

SHILLELAGH R.D.:

Work No. 274 in the District Register was placed in charge of the County Surveyor for twelve months at £6 0s. 0d.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, 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 James Byrne (Ballinderry), seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the two Applications for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. Passed.

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Gentlemen—

The following Councillors have been absent from Meetings of the Council for more than twelve months consecutively, viz.:—Messrs. E. J. O'Kelly and Michael Kelly, the last occasion on which either of them attended being the Quarterly Meeting on the 17th May, 1915. Section 9 of Article 12 of the Application of Enactments Order provides, under such circumstances, that a Councillor's Office, "except in case of illness or for some reason approved by the Council," shall become vacant.

In both these cases the Councillors have written to say that they were prevented from attendance through illness.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE.

14th August, 1916.
Order—Noted.

The letters of explanation from the two Councillors referred to having been read, it was

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the County Council, having read the letters submitted by the Secretary from Councillors Michael Kelly and E. J. O'Kelly, are satisfied that these Councillors were absent from the Meetings of the Council for more than twelve months owing to illness, and that, consequently, in accordance with Article 12 (9) of the Schedule to the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, their seats have not become vacant. Passed.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT TO COUNTY COUNCIL, WICKLOW.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
10th day of August, 1916.

Gentlemen—

I regret to report some local sudden damages in the Balinglass R.D. near Rathdangan. These damages were unpreventable and occurred during the heavy storm of 25th July, and fortunately are comparatively small.

In Balinglass No. 1 District but one road out of four proposed was tendered for, and the one road proposed in Naas was not tendered for.

Two roads, out of four proposed, in Rathdrum were not tendered for. However, in these cases, the contractors were afraid that heavy timber traffic would come on these roads during the winter.

Three Works, out of eleven, were not tendered for.

In the case of the roads not tendered for I suggest the best course would be to place them in my charge for three months, when they can again be proposed for tenders. In regard to the works—except one in Rathdrum, "Repairs to Walls at Coates' Bridge"—it may be possible for me to get contractors to carry them out, should you place them in my charge.

On the Bray-Wicklow road a large tree growing on the roadside at Willow Grove will, when the road is widened, cause an obstruction and be a danger to traffic, and, as I consider that this tree should be removed, I request authority be given, as far as it lies with the County Council to have it removed.

Considerable difficulty is found in getting the contractors to cut weeds, and unless more attention is given to this by the contractors, it will be necessary to take proceedings to enforce the carrying out of this work.

At present, owing to the hot, dry weather, many roads are breaking up and ravelling, and, although most of the contractors are doing a fair amount of work in blinding these ravelled roads, yet the surfaces generally are very rough.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—The County Council has no objection to the tree referred to in the foregoing Report being removed.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
10th August, 1916.

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

Dear Sir—

In reference to the letters you forwarded to me
GLEN HOTEL APPROACH.

The approach to the gates encroached on the road, and to make the new road the encroaching part had to be cut away. The ground from the edge of the new road to the gates was cut down to avoid a step, and, as far as I can see, there is no danger to traffic as complained of. However, to further assist traffic, the loose material on the approach to the gates will be raked off to such a depth as will give a strand fall from gate to road, and as soon as the new road is surfaced the gradient of the rise will be less.

TREES AT GREYSTONES MOTOR CO.'S GARAGE.

The tree complained of is close to the concrete approach to the garage door, and forms no obstruction, but it would appear that unless reasonable caution was exercised by drivers of cars leaving the garage some danger would arise of colliding with the traffic on the street. The trees were planted by the La Touche Estate, and I do not consider that the County Council have any power to disturb them.

Yours faithfully,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Scheme for the establishment of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915, as submitted by the Finance Committee, and that the same be now signed by the Chairman and sealed with the Seal of the Council (in duplicate). Passed.

The Chairman thereupon signed two copies of the Scheme, as submitted by the Finance Committee, and the Council's Seal was affixed to same in his presence.

The Secretary having read a letter, dated 8th August, 1916, from Miss Amy K. Hamilton, Glenart, Arklow, Honorary Secretary to the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association operating in East Wicklow—in which certain suggestions were made as to the constitution of the proposed Committee for the whole county, it was

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That the following persons be appointed as the Representatives of the County Council on the County Wicklow Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc., Act, 1915:—

- 1.—Countess of Wicklow, Shelton Abbey, Arklow. (Employer of Labour.)
 - 2.—Miss Madge M. Walsh, St. Aidan's, Arklow.
 - 3.—Mrs. J. D. Ryan, Rathdrum.
 - 4.—Mrs. Grimshaw, Friar's Hill, Wicklow.
 - 5.—Mrs. J. W. Reigh, Glencoe, Herbert Road, Bray.
 - 6.—Mrs. A. L. Brooke, Ardeen, Shillelagh.
 - 7.—Mrs. R. M. Dowse, Umrygar, Carnew.
 - 8.—Miss D. Barton, Glendalough House, Annamoe.
 - 9.—Miss A. E. Dennis, Eadstown Lodge, Balinglass.
 - 10.—Mrs. D. P. Kenna, Balinglass.
 - 11.—Mrs. Deverell, Ellesmere, Greystones.
 - 12.—Miss J. P. W. Newton, The Cottage, Killaduff, Auhgrim, County Wicklow.
- Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor F. S. Dobbs. Resolved—That Mr. Thomas Byrne, of Killadreenan, Newtown-Mount-Kennedy, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That Mr. John Dunne, of Tinnehinch, Enniskerry, be hereby appointed to fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Rathdown No. 2 Rural District caused by the death of Mr. John Murphy, J.P.

Passed.

Proposed by Councillor Edward Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That this Council hereby grant a Licence to F. J. Allen, Donard, 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.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne (Ballinderry). Resolved—That it be an instruction to our Secretary henceforward to furnish at the end of each Financial Year a Statement showing, as far as possible, the amount of Law Costs for which the Council is liable, and that our Solicitor be asked to assist in carrying out the terms of this resolution by adopting a more regular system of furnishing his costs. Passed.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following correspondence was submitted:—

No. 25381/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th June, 1916.—With reference to the Council's suggestion to forego certain requirements in their Road Contracts entered into before the War by allowing a reduction in the quantity of material to be supplied for the roads, and pointing out that it is a primary essential of road maintenance that an adequate supply of material should be provided, and the suggestion is not, therefore, one which could receive the Board's approval.

No. 37561/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th August, 1916.—Stating, with reference to the Return showing the condition on the 31st July of the Collection of the Poor Rate, that if Collector Michael McGrath considers that, owing to illness, he will not be able to close the Collection by the prescribed date, steps should be taken for the appointment of a Deputy, under Article 94 of the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

6th August, 1916. From Collector Michael McGrath, Broadlease, Ballymore-Eustace—Stating that he hopes to be able to attend to his Collection very soon, as he is getting stronger daily.

No. 37,437/1916. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th August, 1916.—Stating that the Board are not disposed to raise any objection to the proposed payment of £258 to the Contractors for the erection of the Technical School at Arklow, in consequence of the increase in the cost of materials owing to the War. (See recommendation in Finance Committee's Report No. 3.)

No. G. 3015/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin 10th July, 1916.—Stating that a sample of Butter taken up on the 17th June, 1916, at the premises occupied by Mr. Thomas Doyle, Main street, Balinglass, had proved, on analysis, to contain 21 per cent. of water, and that the Department are desirous that proceedings should be instituted for an offence against the provisions of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875.

Order—Noted.

13th July, 1916. From Sergeant P. J. Kearns, R.I.C., Balinglass—Reporting that Mr. Thomas Doyle, of Main street, Balinglass, was convicted on the 4th August, 1916, for an offence against the provisions of the Food and Drugs Act, and fined 2s. 6d., together with costs amounting to 12s. 6d.

Order—Noted.

No. G. 3073/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th July, 1916.—Stating that 2 Samples of Butter taken up at Balinglass, and 3 Samples of Butter taken up at Rathdrum, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, were found, on analysis, to be pure.

No. G. 3386/1916. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th August, 1916.—Stating that a Sample of Butter taken up at Greystones, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, was found, on analysis, to be pure.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., 5th July, 1916.—Stating that the surface tarring works proposed to be carried out in the Urban District of Arklow are estimated to cost £322, and also stating that, subject to the sanction of the Treasury, the Road Board will be prepared to make a grant of £129 in respect thereof.

The Road Board, 35 Cromwell Road, South Kensington, London, S.W., 19th July, 1916.—Acknowledging receipt of the Council's letter containing the representations made by Arklow Urban District Council—and regretting that they do not see their way to increase the grant of £129 indicated towards the surface-tarring work proposed to be carried out in the Urban District of Arklow, and estimated at £322.

The Road Board,
Manager and Engineer's Office, 35 Cromwell, Road,
South Kensington, London, S.W.,
8th August, 1916.

Dear Sir,

ALLEGED DAMAGE TO ROADS BY MILITARY TRAFFIC.
ROAD FROM DUNLAVIN TO GLEN IMAAL CAMP.

In reply to your letter of the 1st instant, and your claim for damage alleged to have been caused by Military Traffic, I have to inform you that the Road Board have constantly had this road under observation and have now heard from their Engineering Inspector, Mr. R. W. Butler, who has forwarded an Estimate, amounting to £75, which he has settled with the County Surveyor for carrying out temporary repairs during the period from May to September, 30th, 1916.

The Board also understand that prior to this period your Council have spent the sum of £342 over and above the amounts provided in your Estimate for maintaining the road and they are asking the War Department to authorise the payment to your Council of this sum of £342, and to sanction the expenditure of a further sum of £75 now necessary to keep the traffic going. A further communication on the subject will be sent you in the course of a few days.

With regard to the question of the claim by your Council of £3030 for the reinstatement of the road, in view of the fact that the traffic is still continuing, it would not appear that the time has yet arrived when it would be advisable to carry out such works, and the Board suggest that this question should be deferred until such time as the heavy traffic now upon the road

shall have ceased, when they will have pleasure in dealing further with the matter.

Yours faithfully,
H. P. MAYBURY.

The Secretary
to the Wicklow County Council,
Court House, Wicklow.

Order—Noted.

12th June, 1916. Councillor William Byrne, J.P., Coolbeg, Rathnew, Co. Wicklow—thanking the Council for re-electing him Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.

21st June, 1916. From Councillor John J. Healy, Ashley, Greystones—thanking the Council for electing him on the Joint Committee of Management of Newtown-Mount-Kennedy Fever Hospital.

5th August, 1916. From Captain A. Donelan, M.P., Ballynona, Middleton, Co. Cork—acknowledging the Council's request to him to press on the War Office and Road Board the Council's claim for a Grant towards repairing the road from Dunlavin Railway Station to Glen Imaal Military Camp.

2nd August, 1916. From J. T. Donovan, Esq., M.P., House of Commons, London—acknowledging receipt of similar letter as that sent to Captain Donelan, M.P.

13th July, 1916. From The Greystones Motor and Engineering Co., Greystones—drawing the Council's attention to two trees which are in front of their new Premises, Brentwood, Church Road, Greystones, and stating they wish to have them removed as soon as possible, as they are an obstruction to our entrance.

(See Co. Surveyor's Report.)

11th August 1916. From James McCrea, Secretary to the Shillelagh Rural District School Attendance Committee—stating that his Committee decided, at their Meeting on the 11th inst. to increase their Secretary's Salary by £5 a year.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll—

"I hereby give notice that I will move at the next Meeting of this Council that Mr. James McCrea, Secretary of the School Attendance Committee of Shillelagh, get an increase of £5 a year."

21st June, 1916. From Arthur W. Irwin, Esq. Secretary, Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital—enclosing copy of a resolution expressing the Committee's thanks for the Council's generous increase in the amount of the last Quarterly Grant, to help to meet the extra expenses entailed by an exceedingly heavy year of sickness.

Auditor's Report—and attested Abstract—on his Audit of the Accounts of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the two Half-years ended 30th September, 1915, and 31st March, 1916.

6th June, 1916. From the General Manager and Secretary, The Hibernian Fire and General Insurance Company, Ltd., 49 Dame street, Dublin—stating that the Council might possibly be at a very considerable loss, in the event of Fire, if steps are not taken to augment their Insurances owing to the increased cost of building materials and labour, approximating to fifty per cent.

RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

Five Resolutions passed at a representative Conference held in Omagh on Wednesday, 7th June, 1916—in connection with the proposed settlement of the Irish question.

Noted.

21st June, 1916. From Meath County Council—Resolution requesting the Irish Party to obtain legislation empowering County Councils, through County Committees of Agriculture, to establish assisted Milk Stations.

Noted.

4th July, 1916. From Cavan Urban District Council—Resolution with reference to the proposed Bill embodying the actual terms of the Lloyd George proposals for the Government of Ireland during the period of the War.

Noted.

3rd August, 1916. From Nenagh Urban District Council—Resolution dealing with the recent proposals for the settlement of the Irish question.

*Daniel Condren
20 November 1916*

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 20th November, 1916.

The following Members were present:—
Councillor Daniel Condren—Chairman
Councillors P. J. Carey, T. Kinsella, J. V. Gahan, Thomas Burke, Wm. Costello, J. J. Healy, D. J. Cogan, and Joseph McCarroll.

A letter was read from the Vice-Chairman, Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), regretting his inability 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 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 sign Certificate 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 Joseph McCarroll:—"I hereby give notice that I will move, at the next Meeting of this Council, that Mr. James McCrea, Secretary of the School Attendance Committee of Shillelagh, get an increase of £5 a year."
- 11—To fill the vacancy on the School Attendance Committee for Newcastle Dispensary District, caused by the death of Mr. Thomas Short.
- 12—To consider communications from the Acting Secretary to the County Wicklow Joint Technical Instruction Committee, relative to three vacancies alleged to have arisen on that Committee and to take such steps as may be necessary to fill the vacancies.
- 13—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 14—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 15—To consider Official Correspondence.
- 16—To consider General Correspondence.

Minutes of previous Meeting were read and signed.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 29th August, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors E. C. Walsh and P. J. Carey.

A letter was submitted, dated 15th August, 1916, from Mr. R. W. Butler, Resident Engineer under the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme, in which was given an extract from a letter received by him from Mr. Maybury, Manager and Chief Engineer to the Road Board, with reference to the Council's proposal to purchase the Steam-rolling Plant in use in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor to put a value on the Plant.

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

No. 12,310. Chief Secretary's Office,
Dublin Castle,
16th August, 1916.

Enquiring what action has been taken by the County Council in connection with the proposed Order in Council making provision for the interim management of the Tramway.

No. 14,332. Dublin Castle,
19th August, 1916.

Acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's reply, in which the County Council's views on the proposed Interim Order were embodied.

Offices: Terenure, Co. Dublin,
15th August, 1916.

From the Secretary to the Tramway Company, giving the County Council notice that his Directors will not be responsible for the working or maintenance of the Line as and from September 1st, 1916.

19th August, 1916. Letter from John Deans, Steam Saw Mills, Glencaly—stating that he would be prepared to pay the County Council the sum of Ten Pounds (£10) towards the cost of repairing the road through Deputy's Pass damaged by his Timber Traffic.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor.

(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

29th August, 1916.

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 on Tuesday, the 26th September, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor William Byrne (Coolbeg), Presiding Chairman; Councillors John Storey, John J. Reilly, and E. C. Walsh.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT ON TIMBER TRAFFIC.

Gentlemen—

I beg to submit a letter from Mr. Hearne's Representative relative to the damage done by Timber Drawing on Ballycullen Hill. I have considered Mr. Dean's proposal relative to the damage on Deputy's Pass road. I also again inspected this road and found it in bad condition, mainly, in my opinion, due to the neglect of the Contractor. Under the circumstances I think it would be equitable to accept Mr. Dean's offer regarding this road, without prejudice to claims for damage done after, say, 31st October next.

I may add that I have again served the Contractor with a Ten Days' Notice.

Regarding the proposal that a general rate at per ton per mile be charged for all future timber traffic, I do not consider that a general rate, applicable to all cases, could be fixed, as it would have to be the result of a combination of so many variable factors, such as the class of roads, the amount of traffic, the time of year in which the haulage is done, the nature of, and the care exercised in, the haulage, etc. Although these could be considered, and a rate made for a particular case.

Further, I am of opinion that, unless the Council had power to make the payment of such a rate compulsory on all Timber Merchants, it would only prejudice the Council's claims made for damage done by this class of traffic.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order—That Mr. Rowland's offer to restore the road leading from Ballycullen Wood, made on behalf of Mr. Hearne, be accepted, subject to the road being restored to the satisfaction of the County Surveyor. Further, that the County Surveyor's recommendation, re Mr. Dean's proposal to pay Ten Pounds (£10) be accepted.

The Committee postponed to their next Meeting the consideration of the County Surveyor's Report on the proposal to purchase the Steam Rolling Plant at present in use in connection with the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme.

(Signed) WILLIAM BYRNE,
Presiding Chairman.

26th September, 1916.

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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 3.

The Quarterly Meeting of your Finance Committee as held on Tuesday, the 31st October, 1916, when the following Members attended:—

Councillor Daniel Condren, Presiding Chairman; Councillors John J. Reilly, William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll and James Byrne (Tinnakilly).

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	...	...	...	5598	13	10
Baltinglass No. 1—						
District proposals	524	3	3			
Proposals Committee's proposals	36	11	1	560	14	4
Naas No. 2—						
District proposals	221	4	6			
Proposals Committee's proposals	20	5	10	241	10	4
Rathdown No. 2—						
District proposals	417	17	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals	174	17	6	592	15	5
Rathdrum—						
District proposals	1369	13	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	1021	0	11	2390	14	3
Shillelagh—						
District proposals	431	4	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	305	2	9	736	6	9
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)				1381	4	9
Payment out of Loan Account				100	0	0

Applications from the Secretary to the County Council, from two Clerks of Unions, from three Town Clerks, and from all the Poor Rate Collectors in the County, were submitted, applying for compensation for loss of Emoluments, under Section 3 of the Parliament and Registration Act, 1916.

The Secretary explained that the Act of Parliament gave power to the Local Government Board to compensate all these Officials for the loss of Emoluments under the Registration Act, and that the Local Government Board had issued a letter stating that the matter should be first considered by the various County Councils concerned, in the first instance, and it had been conveyed to him, unofficially, that the Local Government Board would be prepared to favourably consider the recommendations of County Councils to pay these Fees up to the average received by each Office for the past three years.

Having regard to the fact that the Fees under the Registration Acts were taken into consideration when the Emoluments of the respective Officers were being fixed, the Finance Committee recommend the Council, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board, to pay compensation to the Officers affected in this County on the basis of the average of Fees received by them for the three years previous to the suspension of the work in connection with the Parliamentary and Local Government Registers.

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	971	10	0
Naas	279	10	0
Rathdown	1053	0	0
Rathdrum	2875	0	0
Shillelagh	995	0	0

Total 6174 0 0

TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No. 1	116	0	0
Naas No.			
Rathdown No. 2	131	10	0
Rathdrum	728	0	0
Shillelagh	6	5	0

Total 981 15 0

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

	£	s.	d.
1.—Joseph Doyle	1	3	0
2.—Richard Geoghegan	1	7	3
3.—Richard Lynch	6	19	0
4.—William Burke	4	6	7
5.—Michael Kelly	1	10	3
6.—Michael McGrath	7	15	1
7.—Charles S. Sutton	57	17	5
8.—Patrick Mulligan	5	15	3
9.—Joseph Keane	13	16	2
10.—John Murphy	7	4	7
11.—John Kelly	22	10	1
12.—William J. Cardiff	3	10	2
13.—William J. Quinn	1	4	6
14.—James Byrne	1	2	2
15.—William J. Quinn	11	10	7
16.—Peter P. Doyle	6	13	10
17.—Charles Byrne	4	15	1
18.—Thomas Fleming	3	2	6
19.—Terence Byrne	0	11	7

A letter, dated 12th October, 1916, was submitted from the Clerk of Rathdown No 2 Rural District Council, in which was enclosed a copy of a Resolution from his Council asking to have the Limit of Road Expenditure in that Rural District further increased by a sum of £200 for the current Financial Year.

Order—Referred to the County Surveyor for a defined Report as to the Special Works which have been put forward by the District Council, and which have given rise to the necessity for this application.

The Secretary mentioned that he had received a Paying Order from the Clerk to the Arklow Urban District Council, amounting to £8 0s. 7d., being the proportion payable by that Council of the Bonus of £258 proposed to be paid by the County Council to Messrs. T. and J. O'Toole, Building Contractors for the Arklow Technical School.

The Finance Committee, therefore, recommend the County Council to pay to the Contractors this sum of £258, which has already been authorised, and sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

A letter, dated the 26th October, 1916, was submitted from Mr. A. J. Smyth, Acting Secretary to the County Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the Funds of that Committee were unable to meet an outstanding liability, amounting to £180, to the Contractors for the Arklow Technical School, and asking the County Council to provide for the payment of this sum.

The Secretary explained that no provision had been made to meet such a requirement in the last Estimate, and added that if it were the will of the County Council to pay this money, a Notice of Motion to that effect should first be handed in, so that provision might be made under the proper Statutes in the next Estimate to meet this charge.

The Committee recommend the Council to direct the Secretary to include this amount in his next Estimate, as the Committee recommend the payment of same.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
27th day of October, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I regret to report that Messrs. Ramsay and Pansing became incapacitated from work owing to illness, and were therefore unable to complete the Quarterly inspections.

As it was a matter of great urgency, I communicated with the Chairman of the County Council and suggested that I should obtain the services of Mr. Thomas Little (formerly an Assistant in this County). The Chairman approved of the suggestion, and Mr. Little completed the inspections.

I enclose Medical Certificates relating to Messrs. Ramsay and Pansing, and Mr. Little's account for fees and expenses.

As Mr. Pansing is not likely to be able to resume his duties for some time, immediate steps should be taken to appoint either a locum tenens or an additional Assistant, and I request the Committee to consider the whole question of the Assistants, since—having regard to the fact that Mr. Pansing is the Senior Assistant in the County in age and service—I greatly fear that he is liable to a recurrence of his illness, and, should this occur during the period of the Quarterly inspections, the work cannot be completed.

I most strongly recommend that any conditions of future appointments you may see fit to suggest to the County Council should insist on the particular requirement that the services given be "whole time" services, since, owing to modern traffic, etc., frequent inspections of the roads are of the utmost importance.

I also recommend that any appointments made be open for reconsideration when any of the present Assistants cease to hold their appointments.

I request that a complete Edition of the new 6" O.S. maps for the County Wicklow be obtained, and 6 complete sets of the 1" maps. The cost of these properly mounted on linen would not exceed £14 Os. 0d.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

Following the Report, the County Surveyor verbally made several suggestions to the Committee, amongst others that it would be advisable to appoint an Additional Assistant Surveyor, and provide him with a Motor Bicycle.

Order—Referred back to the County Surveyor for a fuller Report, and with a direction that he should put in writing for consideration at the next Meeting of the Committee, the suggestions which he had verbally laid before the Meeting touching the above matters.

The following Report from the County Surveyor, which had been adjourned for consideration from a previous Meeting of the Committee, was submitted:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
22nd September, 1916

To the Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.
Gentlemen—

PLANT ON BRAY-WICKLOW ROAD.

I beg to submit a letter from the Resident Engineer on Bray-Wicklow Road relative to the proposed purchase of Plant for Steam Rolling.

I suggest to you that, since the completion of the Bray-Wicklow Road is not likely to take place in the immediate future, it might be more expedient to wait some time longer before making definite arrangements to purchase this Plant.

I also wish to point out that the Scheme for the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement already provides for supplying any shortage of money required to complete the work, and also for the final adjustment of the Account.

At the present time it is impossible to forecast the probable state of the market for this class of machinery, even for one month ahead, much less is it possible to do so for at least eighteen months.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

In connection with the above, the Secretary reported as follows:—

SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Court House, Wicklow,
30th October, 1916.

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

I sent in a detailed report to your Committee Meeting on the 25th July last, in which I suggested that steps should be taken in proper time to provide for the continued ability of the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement Scheme Fund to finance the undertaking to completion. It is not necessary that I should now repeat the arguments then put forward in support of my view, as they are on the records of the office. Following upon my report, the County Surveyor was directed to give a written account of the progress of the work under the scheme and to furnish an estimate of the future expenditure likely to be incurred. Accordingly he reported to the Committee on the 14th August that the cost of the work then carried out amounted to £8,226, and that the cost of the Plant had amounted to £4,574, giving a total cash expenditure out of the fund amounting to £12,800. Further, he estimated (exclusive of surface tarring, specially provided for) that it would cost £13,627 to complete the work.

From this it would appear that the work of construction and maintenance is now estimated to amount to £21,853, whereas the scheme only contemplated and provided for £19,000 for these purposes. The latter figures indicate an estimated increase under these headings of £2,853. To meet this expenditure of £21,853 there will be only available from the fund, in cash (if some scheme be not adopted to convert the plant into money before the critical stage is reached) a sum of £14,426, or in available cash a shortage of £7,427 (in other words, the difference between £14,426 available for the purpose and £21,853 estimated to be necessary for the work).

Even after the disposal of the plant, putting the price of same, after a depreciation of 25 per cent. at £3,431, there will be a nett shortage of approximately £3,996, or in round figures £4,000. This sum will have to be provided to complete the undertaking.

The Road Board have since promised to lend the County Council money to buy the plant on a five years' loan free of interest. In a subsequent report to that mentioned, and dated 22nd September, and which he was directed to make, the County Surveyor suggests that "it might be more expedient to wait some time longer before making definite arrangements to purchase this plant," and he goes on to say that "the scheme for the Bray-Wicklow Road Improvement already provides for supplying any shortage of money required to complete the work."

The last clause in this sentence has absolutely no bearing whatever on the question raised by me. What the scheme provides in this connection is that in case of a shortage the contributions by the Road Board and by the County Council shall be proportionately increased.

If the County Council make no provision in their forthcoming Estimate to be adopted at the Quarterly Meeting in February next, and which I may set about preparing inside the next few months, from what source are they to provide the money to repay instalments of loan for the purchase of the plant or to set up their proportionately increased contribution? In my opinion no provision can be made to meet these possible financial demands, if omitted from next Estimate, until the Budget for 1918-19 is being considered, and this consideration is remote from now by a period of over a year and three months.

Yours faithfully,

S. J. DOYLE.

Order—County Secretary and County Surveyor to formulate a Financial Scheme, dealing with the questions involved, to be submitted to the next Meeting of the Committee.

The question of considering the advisability of providing Bye-Laws for the County, which was referred to the Committee by the County Council at its Meeting held on the 8th June, 1916, was considered, and the following Order made thereon:—

Order—Not considered necessary.

The Secretary submitted the Report of C. D. Barry, Esq., B.L., Local Government Auditor, on the result of his Audit of the County Council's Accounts for the Half-year ended 31st March, 1916. "The Accounts," he stated, "were prepared and submitted for Audit in a most satisfactory manner, and no item of expenditure calls for any remark on my part."

(Signed) DANIEL CONDREN,
Presiding Chairman.

9th November, 1916.

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

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costello, seconded by Councillor J. J. Healy. 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 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. T. 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.

FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT No. 4.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 20th November, 1916, when the following Members were present:—

Councillor D. J. Cogan, Chairman; Councillors D. Condren, Joseph McCarroll, and P. J. Carey.

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

Committee's Additional Proposals	£2530 7 7
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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

To Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
15th day of November, 1916.

Gentlemen—

In reference to the application of Rathdown No. 2 R. D. Council to have a further extension of the limit of expenditure in the District, I beg to report that the special works, for the carrying out of which the extension of the limit is required, are:—

- 1.—To deepen 300 perches of the drain on Ballyremon Commons, from Calary School to Killough, £32 Os. 0d. (Contracted for at £24 Os. 0d.)
- 2.—To repair Coolnaskeagh Bridge, near Delgany, £50. (Contracted for at £50.)

The Work No. 1 (Drain on Ballyremon) is a necessary work, and I recommended the District Council to formulate a proposal for it.

The Work No. 2 (Coolnaskeagh Bridge) is a necessary work, and I recommended the District Council to formulate a proposal for it.

In October, 1915, I made a similar recommendation, but the District Council declined to formulate a proposal. However, in August and September, 1916, the District Council, becoming alarmed from complaints made by the occupants of some labourers' cottages adjacent to the bridge, and who were accustomed to obtain the water for domestic purposes from under the bridge, requested me to again recommend them to formulate a proposal on this work, which I did.

In making my estimate for the current year I contemplated carrying out the work No. 1 (Ballyremon drain) from the sum included as a reserve for sudden damages, and from funds otherwise unexpended during the year. The work No. 2 (Coolnaskeagh Bridge)—in view of the previous refusal of the R. D. Council to formulate a proposal—I did not propose to carry out until later in the year if I found I had sufficient money accumulated to do so.

Owing to the collapse of a wall at the Scalp, to rebuild which required an expenditure of £60, the sum set apart in my estimate was exhausted, leaving no apparent sums available for further works. Hence it became necessary to make provision for same. The sum of £200 asked for by the R. D. Council is to cover the cost of the special works proposed, and as a provision for any sudden damages or special works of an urgent character, and which in my opinion should (before they are carried out) be certified by me as of an urgent nature.

I annex a memorandum of my estimate for the year 1916-17.

In view of the already increased limit of expenditure in the Rural District, from £1,711 to £2,800, it would be inexpedient and unreasonable to allow in the estimate for any large unforeseen expenditure unless provision were made for a special certificate from me, previous to carrying out special works, as to the urgent necessity of same. This will be obvious from my report of 1st November, 1916, to the County Secretary regarding the proposal of the R. D. Council to increase the expenditure proposed in the County Surveyor's estimate for the current year.

Subject to provision being made for a Special Certificate from me as to the urgent necessity for the expenditure, I consider the application for increased expenditure is reasonable and necessary. Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER,

County Surveyor.

MEMO. OF ESTIMATE.

Maintenance of Roads already on County.

	£	s	d
1—Current Contracts and Works in Charge	1652	13	6
2—Increase on Contracts expiring within the year	444	0	6
3—Sudden Damages and Reserve	50	0	0
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	£2146	14	0

4—Loans:—

"Floods" Loan	£190	0	0
Road Board Payment according to Scheme	436	0	0

	625	0	0	625	0	0
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Total	£2722	14	0
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Order.—Adopt Report and recommend the Council to apply to the Local Government Board to sanction the increase.

County Surveyor's Office,

Court House, Wicklow,

18th day of November, 1916.

Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Re ASSISTANTS.

Gentlemen—

I beg to report that Messrs. Pansing and Ramsay appear to be sufficiently recovered to be able to attend to their duties.

Regarding suggested alterations in position of the Assistants, I have made enquiries and find that, owing to the condition of affairs due to the war, the alterations suggested would be impracticable.

Your obedient servant,

S. G. GALLAGHER.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
20th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I received the enclosed letter from Mr. Pansing on Saturday afternoon. From the statement therein to the effect that Mr. Pansing's medical adviser considers that journeys, long or short, into the country would be dangerous to Mr. Pansing's health, it would appear to be now a matter of urgent necessity that a substitute be appointed during Mr. Pansing's incapacity.

Should you consider it advisable to make a permanent appointment, I would suggest—

(1) That the appointment be for one year on probation, in the first instance, and that the conditions of appointment be subject to revision on a vacancy occurring on the present staff.

(2) That the Officer be a whole-time Officer, to reside in Bray or Greystones, and to hold himself liable to carry out inspections within 30 miles of his place of residence.

(3) That he be supplied with a Motor Bicycle (County Council property), and that an allowance (of, say, £18 per annum) be granted towards the cost of defraying the expense incurred for fuel, oil, tyres, and repairs.

As I mentioned in my previous communication, I am of opinion that, owing to conditions attributable to the war, it may be impracticable to obtain a suitable Assistant at the present time.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Order.—Advertisements to be issued for a Temporary Assistant Whole-time Surveyor, at a salary of £50 for three months, and £15 for expenses; the Finance Committee to have power to extend his employment for any further period necessary not exceeding three months on same terms.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

In pursuance of the arrangement made at your Meeting on 31st ult., I had a conference with the County Secretary regarding the Financial Condition of the Bray-Wicklow Road Scheme.

As the result of that conference I beg to submit the following figures, which explain the condition of that scheme at present.

	£	s	d	£	s	d
Total estimated expenditure on Plant, Work, Maintenance of road, and 1st Tar dressing				26190	0	0
Finances provided from Scheme for Plant, Work, Maintenance, and 1st Tar Dressing, inclusive of repayment of Loan, viz.—						
By Free Grant	10752	0	0			
By Free Loan	6090	0	0			
By Rates (for work)	2158	0	0			
By Rates (for maintenance)	1548	0	0			
	20548	0	0	20548	0	0
Apparent deficit				5642	0	0
Less estimated proceeds from Sale of Plant				4000	0	6
Actual estimated deficit				£1642	0	0

You are aware from previous reports from your Secretary that the Manager of the Road Board has expressed his willingness to sell the Plant to the County Council, and has intimated that he would be prepared to recommend the Road Board to grant to the County Council the requisite money by way of free loan.

On reference to the foregoing figures you will observe that the apparent deficit of £5,642 is reduced by a sum of £4,000, the estimated proceeds of the sale of the plant.

I consider that it will probably be necessary to carry out this selling of the plant within the next Financial Year, and I agree with the County Secretary that steps should be taken to fulfil the legal requirements requisite to enable the Council to obtain the loan as soon as the money is required.

As regards the actual estimated deficit of £1,642, I anticipate that this will be either altogether wiped out or greatly reduced, because it is estimated from constants of labour based on the actual costs of the works already carried out, and these constants are high owing to the inclusion, in the cost of work done, of the charges involved in establishing quarries and work done on the most difficult portions of the road, etc.

At a later period I will report on the progress of the work, and take requisite steps to obtain the money necessary to provide the proportion to be obtained from the Rural Districts.

According to the conditions of the Scheme, the Road Board will make good any deficiency, by free grant and free loan, in the proportion of £12,752 to £5,000, so that, even if the deficit is not reduced, the Districts will at worst have to repay a loan of £531.

Your obedient servant,
S. G. GALLAGHER.

Court House, Wicklow,
17th November, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee.

Gentlemen—

As the County Surveyor has now agreed, in his report submitted, that it is desirable that "steps should be taken to fulfil the legal requirements requisite to enable the Council to obtain the loan" promised by the Road Board for the purchase of the plant, I have only to suggest that, in order to give effect to this, the Committee should recommend the County Council to authorise me to have the necessary proposal duly formulated for obtaining a loan of £4,000 (free of interest) for this purpose, and, further, that I be directed to make provision in next estimate for repayment of the first instalment of same.

Yours faithfully,
S. J. DOYLE,
Secretary.

Order.—Recommend the Council to adopt Reports.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Wicklow,
16th day of November, 1916.

The Finance Committee, Wicklow County Council.

Gentlemen—

I beg to inform you that a sudden breach has occurred in a retaining wall at Douglas River Bridge, on townland of Granamore, in Balinglass No. 1 Rural District.

I have given the Statutory Notice to the Clerk of the Rural District, and have also informed him that it will be necessary for the Rural District Council to ask the Local Government Board to extend the limit of expenditure in order to cover the cost of repairing this damage, as I consider it is probable the limit will be exceeded by the cost of carrying out the work, which is estimated at £75.

As this is a matter of some urgency, I would consider it advisable for you to make arrangements—subject to the action of the R. D. Council—to have an application made to the Local Government Board, as early as possible, to obtain the necessary extension.

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

Order.—Postponed for action of Rural District Council.

An application was received from C. H. O'Hara, Esq., District Inspector, R.I.C., Wicklow—asking the Council to provide accommodation for the storing of Standard Weights and Measures, the property of the Council, and also an Office and Fittings for the officer in charge, and a working bench for the artificer engaged in the adjustments.

The letter was referred to the County Surveyor for a Report.

Correspondence was submitted in connection with the recent action brought by the Council against the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, and the Dublin County Council, for a declaration establishing the right, if any, of the Council, under the Order in Council of 1887, fixing the Guarantee in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

In this correspondence was contained the following letter from the Council's Law Agent:—

4 Church Street, Wicklow,
18th day of November, 1916.

Re Wicklow County Council v. Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company and Dublin County Council.

Dear Sir—

Judgment was given by Mr. Justice Barton yesterday against the Council.

He held that the Bond was ultra vires, so that all the other questions went by the board. In the course of his Judgment he stated that the Bond was wholly illusory, but that the County Council, being trustees for the ratepayers, were in identically the same position as a trustee who found in his Deed Box a Deed relative to the trust property. That trustee could not ignore the trust deed, but should take the proper steps to administer the trust estate. In the same way he held that the County Council could not ignore the Bond in this case and that they were bound to bring the matter into Court and obtain a decision on its nature and effect.

Yours faithfully,
J. H. McCARROLL.

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

(Signed) D. J. COGAN,
Chairman.

20th November, 1916.

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 J. J. Healy, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—That the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 having requested the Council to obtain an additional extension, for the balance of the current Financial Year, for the Limit of Road Expenditure on Road Repairs in that Rural District, we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, approve of the said extension, and we hereby apply to the Local Government Board to grant that the Limit of Expenditure on Roads in Rathdown No. 2 Rural District be accordingly extended for the current Financial year from the sum of £2,800 to £3,000. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, seconded by Councillor Thomas Burke. Resolved—That the Dublin County Council be asked to receive a Deputation from this Council to confer with them as to the best means to work the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Line in the future, and to consider the question generally as to whether any other improved means of haulage can be adopted with or without the assent of the Shareholders of the Company. The Secretary to ask the Chairman to summon a Special Meeting of the Council to deal with any further developments of the situation when they arise. 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. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on the County-at-Large, amounting to £5,598 13s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

BALTINGLASS No. 1:

Proposed by Councillor Thomas Burke, seconded by Councillor J. V. Gahan. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £560 14s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

NAAS No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Thos. Burke. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £241 10s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDOWN No. 2:

Proposed by Councillor J. J. Healy seconded by Councillor T. Kinsella. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £592 15s. 5d. (any modification made therein having first been initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid." Passed.

RATHDRUM:

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor William Costello. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,390 14s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled 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 £736 6s. 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 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. 48—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 of 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,
11th 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	0.006	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, 1916, 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 Courthouse, 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.

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