

WICKLOW

County Council Minutes.

1902-1903.







# MINUTES OF MEETING ON 13TH JANUARY, 1902.

Special meeting of the council held in the Council-chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 12 noon, on Monday, the 13th January, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors J. H. Coleman, M. Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, W. G. Morris, Pierce O'Mahony, E. C. Walsh, William Burke, William Osborne, William Harrington, James Byrne, William Costello, Michael Kelly, S. T. Doyle, Joseph McCarroll, W. G. Murphy, Martin Langton, Joseph Gahan, D. J. Cogan, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard.

## AGENDA.

1. To sign transfers and payments to Boards of Guardians, etc.
2. To sign and seal scales of expenses at Elections of County and District Councillors and Guardians.
3. To appoint a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections in 1902.
4. To consider remuneration to be given Assistant County Surveyors for increased duties under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.
5. To consider the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company.
6. To receive and consider reports from Committees.
7. To receive and consider reports from County Officers.
8. To receive and consider official correspondence.
9. To receive and consider general correspondence.

On the recommendation of the Finance Committee, the following amounts were transferred to the several unions and Rural District Councils.

### Transfers to Funds of Unions.

Baltinglass, £855 18s. 5d.; Naas, £205; Rathdown, £779 2s. 7d.; Rathdrum, £2,304 1s. 3d.; Shillelagh, £755 17s. 6d.; total £4,899 19s. 9d.

### Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

		General.			Separate.		
		£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass No 1	...	97	16	10	24	18	2
Naas No. 2	...	55	10	0	4	5	0
Rathdown No. 2	...	100	0	0	15	0	0
Rathdrum	...	283	13	0	133	8	1
Shillelagh	...	93	18	6	47	0	0

Printed copies of the scales of expenses at Elections of County and District Councillors, and Guardians, having been laid before the council, in accordance with a letter from Local Government Board, No. 16M/1901, 31st October, 1901. Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the scales of expenses at elections, already adopted. Carried.

Letter No. 136M/1901, dated 19th November, 1901. From the Local Government Board, re the appointment of a Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections in 1902, having been read, the following persons were proposed:—A. G. Wailes, Esq., solicitor, Bray; T. B. Doyle, Esq., J.P., Main-street, Baltinglass; J. H. McCarroll, Esq., solicitor, Church-street, Wicklow. On a poll being taken,



there voted:—For Wailes—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, and W. G. Morris—3. For Doyle—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, E. C. Walsh, Pierce O'Mahony, Wm. Osborne, Wm. Bourke, M. Langton, Wm. Costello, M. Kelly, T. Sheppard, J. H. Coleman, J. Gahan, Wm. Harrington—12. For McCarroll—Councillors—M. Byrne, D. J. Cogan, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, and W. G. Murphy—7.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor J. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., of Baltinglass be appointed Returning Officer for the Local Government Act Elections for year 1902. Passed.

Notice of application of Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, as to revival of powers and extension of time for compulsory purchase of lands. Submitted.

#### County Surveyor's Report.

"To the County Council, County Wicklow, Gentlemen,—I beg to report that application is intended to be made to Parliament in the ensuing Session by the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, for an Act by which, amongst other things, it is intended to revive the powers given by the Act of 1897, to construct a connecting railway between Shillelagh and Scarawalsh. I have examined the deposited plans and find that two public roads in this County will be interfered with, namely:—one at Shillelagh bridge, and the other at Balisland bridge. In each case it is proposed to carry the road over the railway by bridges, with embanked approaches having gradients of 1 in 20 in each direction. In each case part of the proposed embankment will be over the existing County bridge. At Shillelagh, where the thoroughfare is an important one, the existing bridge is narrower than the road at each end of it, and is not sufficiently strong to carry the increased load. It will, therefore, in my opinion, be necessary to reconstruct this bridge of the full width of the road, and of sufficient dimensions for its new duty. The approaches on each side should also have flatter gradients than 1 in 20, as proposed. The existing road is nearly level. Balisland bridge will require to be strengthened, or partly rebuilt, to enable it to carry the increased load. I beg to suggest that you should require a clause to be inserted in the Bill to the effect, that the plans for the reconstruction or alteration of these bridges, and their approaches, shall be approved of by the County Council before the roads affected are interfered with. It should also be carefully considered if it would not be better to substitute a level crossing for the proposed bridge at Shillelagh. I have to report that several of the roads in the neighbourhood of Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, are in bad order. Little or no attention is paid by the contractors for these roads to the conditions of their contracts, or the frequent instructions given to them. Among these roads I may mention the two following as being apparently abandoned by their contractors, viz:—The road from Newtown-Mt. Kennedy to Ballinaslaught Hill, James Duffy, contractor; and the road from Spring Farm to Kilquade, and branch to Ballyrowan, James Toner, contractor. No repairs were done on the road from turn to Coastguard Station to Leabeg bridge, James Duffy, contractor. Most of the road from Newtown-Mt. Kennedy to Vartry bridge, is in very bad order for want of repairs and attention, John Brady, contractor. Nothing like this state of things exists in any other part of the county, and I recommend that you order proceedings to be taken at Quarter Sessions against the contractors for above roads, and their sureties, unless a marked improvement be made within the next month. At your meeting on 19th August, 1901, you ordered, for the future, the half yearly statements

to be issued not later than one month after the quarterly meetings held in respect of the quarters ending 31st March, and 30th September. The last quarterly meeting was held on 9th of last month, but there is as yet no appearance of the statement.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. 11th January, 1902. Adopted."

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. H. Coleman. Resolved.—That our secretary communicate with the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, with a view to the insertion of a clause in the Bill of 1902, to the effect that the plans for the alteration or reconstruction of Shillelagh and Balisland bridges, and approaches, be approved of by the County Council of Wicklow, before the roads affected be interfered with. Carried.

Order—Mr. Wailes to be employed, if necessary, in prosecuting defaulting contractors in Mr. Draper's report to-day.

#### Secretary's Report.

"To the Wicklow County Council, Gentlemen,—The time within which the last instalment of the Council's demand on the Urban Districts should have been paid, has passed some time ago. Bray Urban District has not paid one farthing of that demand yet. Wicklow Urban District owes six months' instalments on the year's demand. The Local Government Board has fixed the 21st of this month as the day for their adjusting officer to attend at Bray to go into the question of fixing the Financial relations between the County Council and the Urban Districts. I would ask that the council would employ Mr. Shannon, the solicitor of Rathdown Union, and also of Dublin County Council, to represent the council at this hearing at Bray, as I know no one who has had as much practice in matters of the sort, and it is an important matter for this council.—Yours obediently, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary. Read."

Consider remuneration to be given Assistant County Surveyors for increased duties under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. Nil.

With regard to the present position of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, the council approved and adopted the following recommendation of the Finance Committee:—"That Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, be instructed to obtain the opinion of Mr. Moloney, K.C., as to what the powers and responsibilities of the County Council are in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company, provided they make this and future payments of a similar nature, and the secretary to ascertain, through the auditor, what the financial condition is generally of this undertaking at the present time, and what its future prospects are.

#### Official Correspondence.

"Rating of Government Property Department, Treasury, London, S.W., 14th December, 1901. Gentlemen,—Mr. Joseph Keane, Collector of Rates, has made a claim for rates in respect of lands at Kilmurry, in the Rathdrum Rural District, recently acquired by the War Department, on a rateable valuation of £124. I beg to inform you that the Crown Solicitor, advises that the late lessor and occupier of these lands, still continues liable for the rates.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, R. J. THOMPSON. The County Council, Wicklow."

No. 71,392/1901, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th December, 1901. Sir.—With reference to the resolution of the Wicklow County Council of the 9th instant, relative to your salary as secretary to the County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to express their approval of the agree-



ment arrived at between the County Council and yourself, fixing your salary as secretary, at £400 a year from the 1st April, 1899, exclusive of Statutory Fees, and any salary payable to you under the Diseases of Animals Acts, on or from that date. This agreement is in accordance with the views expressed by the Board in their letter of the 28th December, 1899.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. M. SWAINE, Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court-house, Wicklow.

No. 72,536/1901, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd January, 1902. Giving notice of inquiry into Financial relations between County Councils and Urban Councils, to be held at Bray, on 21st Jan., 1902. Proposed by Councillor T Sheppard, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved.—That we employ Mr. A. G. Wailes, solicitor, to represent this council before the adjusting officer of the Local Government Board at the Inquiry at Bray, on the 21st January, and that it be an instruction to him that if the costs of the permanent staff be not allowed as an Urban charge, we withdraw our proposal to exempt the Urban Districts from the cost of the County Surveyor.

No. 72,428/1901, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd January, 1902. Enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on his audit of the accounts for the half year ended the 30th September, 1900.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 72,428/1901, County of Wicklow. Naas, 19th December, 1901. Sir,—I have the honour to report I have audited the accounts of Wicklow County Council for the half year ended 30th September, 1900, and enclose herewith abstracts of same duly certified by me. Collection of Rate.—The collection of the rate, as you will see by the abstract, was not closed in the manner which it ought to have been. The balances outstanding on the districts of Collectors Kelly, Tallon, Dowling, McAnanama, and Ebbs, were lodged immediately after the close of the half year. Meyler, whose collection had been in an unsatisfactory state on 31st March 1900, booked up later, and his services were dispensed with. While on this subject, it might be as well to point out that the failure of any collector to lodge the full amount of his warrant within the half year disorganizes the system of accounts, and should not be permitted. Rates Made.—In checking the making of the rate, I found the ordinary rate had been correctly apportioned, but the special rates which were struck, to adjust the electoral division balances in the old Boards of Guardians' Accounts, were incorrect in three instances. In Rathdrum Union, the following balance were certified as due by the Electoral Divisions—Ballinaclesh, £24 1s. 6d.; Glenealy, £43 1s. 1d.; Wicklow Rural, £163 1s. 3d. Total—£230 3s. 10d. Accordingly, the poundages in respect thereof should have been added to the ordinary rate; whereas in assessing the rate they were treated as balances to credit of the Electoral Divisions, and the poundages were deducted. It will be necessary in making the next rate to provide for a special rate on these three divisions, to adjust the above balances and to charge them in addition with the amount which they were wrongly relieved of in this assessment. Road Contracts.—During the period under audit the council adjusted the accounts of all road contractors whose payments were in arrear, by reason of their contracts having been taken by the Grand Jury, to terminate at Summer Assizes. Prior to the inception of the Local Government Act, all contractors had received, or were entitled to receive, a half yearly instalment at Spring Assizes, 1899. The first payment under the Local Government Act was in respect of the quarter ended 30th June, 1899; consequently, on a contract for a year

or more which had been taken dating, say, from Summer Assizes, 1898, payment only in respect of three quarters had been made up to 30th June, 1899; hence the action taken by the council to adjust the payments. They paid each of these contractors a half year's salary for the quarter ended 30th June, 1900, thus bringing the payments up to Summer Assizes, 1900, or the date which is accepted for this purpose, as the 21st July, 1900. The contractors so paid were of two classes—1st, those whose contracts terminated at Summer Assizes, 1900, and second, those that had another year or two years to run. In the case of the former, although the adjustment payment was not due until the 21st July, still I was satisfied with the assurance of Mr. Draper, County Surveyor, that he has taken care to see that the council did not suffer, and I decided not to interfere; but, in the case of the second class, I found much more difficulty, because the effect of the council's action is, that not only are they paid twenty-one days in advance of quarter ended 30th June, but the same statement applies to every succeeding quarterly payment. Mr. Draper informed me the opinion of the council was that it would be more satisfactory to adjust all these contracts at the same time; that he appreciated the position, but was taking sufficient precautions in these cases to prevent the possibility of the council suffering any loss. Under these circumstances I decided not to disallow the sums paid; but it must be clearly understood that I am treating this as a very exceptional case, and it must not be taken as an intimation of how I will act if any payments are made in advance at any future period. Urban Councils.—Bray Urban Council were indebted to the County Council in the sum of £2,535 9s 11d. at the close of the half year, during which period not one penny had been paid by them on foot of the demand. I feel bound to draw the attention of the County Council to this, and to point out that they should compel the Urban Council to pay the instalments at the time and in the manner provided. General Remarks.—The accounts, as presented to me for audit, were fairly satisfactory. I am informed the ledger was balanced and closed by Mr. Shearer, Accountant, from Dublin, who did his work in a highly creditable manner. It does not seem reasonable that the council should have appointed a permanent accountant, who is unable to undertake this duty, and at my next audit—when I hope to be able to dispose of two half year's accounts—I will be in a position to report more fully on this Officer's qualifications, and to express a decided opinion, based on a further and more extended experience of his work, as to his competency to discharge the duties of his office. I am very pleased to report that I did not find it necessary to disallow any of the items of the account.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant, J. H. CALVERT, Auditor. The Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin. Adopted.

Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, 19th December, 1901. Notice of the date for hearing application of the Dublin, Scalp, and Enniskerry Tramways, and the Bray Tramways, before Privy Council.

No. 248/02. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 6th January, 1902. Re putting Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, into operation in County Wicklow, during the present year.

Proposed by Councillor R Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved.—That the following gentlemen be appointed as the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, and that this council formally hands over the balance of last year's rate and the rate of this year to this committee, and delegates to them full powers for administration of the same in accordance with the Act:—K. Norman Thompson, M.B., J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany; Anthony Metcalfe, J.P., Lemonstown, Ballymore Eustace; P. MacDonnell,



Town Clerk, Bray; W. G. Murphy, Mullinaveigne, Roundwood; P. J. Carey, J.P., Tomanerin, Aughrim; E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullin's, Tinahely; William Harrington, Cherryfield, Templeogue; Wm. Cotton, J.P., Humphreystown, Blessington; Wm. Costello, Ardinary, Tone-lagee, Wicklow; Wm. Byrne, Coolbeg, Wicklow; Thomas Sheppard, Boley, Shillelagh; E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., Baltinglass; Michael Byrne, J.P., Coolalug House, Tinahely; D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas-street, Dublin; Alfred Zeller, Lackan House, Blessington; E. C. Walsh, 1 Vale-road, Arklow; Joseph McCarroll, Church-street, Wicklow; Wm. Osborne, Ballyknockan House, Blessington; Simon T. Doyle, Delgany; Michael Kelly, Englishtown, Kiltegan; John Gahan, Park, Clonegal, Ferns, County Wexford; Michael Fleming, Shillelagh. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That this council decide to strike a rate for the purposes of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for 1902. Passed unanimously.

Order—Committee appointed to-day; other business postponed to date of quarterly meeting in February.

No. 22,789/1901. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 5th November, 1901. Re appointment and duties of Secretaries of County Committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

No. 5,288/01. Department of Agriculture, (Vet. Branch), Dublin, 24th December, 1901. Regretting that the County Council do not consider it necessary to give instruction for Veterinary Inspections at Fairs.

No. 5,232/1901. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, December, 1901. Enclosing copies of the Dogs (Landing from Ireland) Revocation Order of 1901.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th December, 1901. Notifying refund of expenses under Diseases of Animals Acts.

No. 13/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, January, 1902. Enclosing copy of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order of 1901.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 13th December, 1901. Enclosing an abstract in duplicate of the Deed of Mortgage, entered into between the District Council of Rathdrum, and the Commissioners of Public Works, under the Labourers (Ireland) Act.

Thirty-ninth report of the Inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland.

6th January, 1902. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Enclosing resolution asking the council to levy a rate of 1d. in the £1 under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, for the year ending 31st March, 1903.

19th December, 1901. From Wm. J. Shannon, Solicitor, Chambers, 19 Upper Ormand Quay, Dublin—Applying on behalf of Batten, Proffitt, and Scott, for £158 17s. 11d., the amount of their Taxed Costs re the opposing of the Bray and Enniskerry Railway. Order—Consideration postponed. County Surveyor to look up Act.

21st December, 1901. From Clerk of Crown and Peace, Wicklow—Acknowledging copy of resolution re advertising.

1st January, 1902. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—Enclosing report from Sergeant John Sullivan, with regard to the burning of a hay-rick and shed, on the night of the 24th December, 1901, the property of Mr. John Clarke of Baltinglass.

Notice of application from John Clarke, Baltinglass, for £250 compensation for Criminal Injury. Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke.

Resolved—That the Chairman be empowered to employ a solicitor, and take any other action that he may deem advisable in defending the interest of this council in the claim of John Clarke for the burning of his hay-rick at Baltinglass. Carried.

1st January, 1902. From Secretary, Wicklow Gas Company, Ltd.—Notifying reduction in price of gas from 6s. 3d. to 5s. 10d. per thousand cubic feet.

13th January, 1902. Telegram from Captain Alfred Zeller—regretting his inability to attend council meeting.

15th January, 1901. Application from Clerk of Crown and Peace to have a Fireproof Safe or Room supplied for storing the Records under the Registration of Title Act, 1891, which had been adjourned in order to obtain an answer from the Treasury. Order—That Mr. Draper and Mr. Browne look into the matter regarding place for custody of documents, and report to the council thereon.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Dowling to the Chairman, dated 12th January, 1902—Applying for payment of his fees, for his last collection, which he was late in closing, was marked "Recommended."

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

5th December, 1901. From Urban District Council of Blackrock—Asking Parliament to make such provision as will enable tenants in towns to claim compensations for all permanent improvements within the meaning of the 17th Section of the Land Act of 1870. Adopted.

30th December, 1901. From Tipperary, South Riding County Council—With reference to the preservation of the Irish Language. Adopted.

November, 1901. From Dublin County Council—Enclosing two resolutions, and statement of Chairman, with reference to the transfer from the Local to the Imperial Taxation Account, of the cost of the maintenance and equipment of Lunatic Asylums in Ireland.

8th January, 1902. From King's County Council—Enclosing copy of a resolution passed by that council in reference to striking a rate for the purposes of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Act, 1899. Read.



## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 24th FEBRUARY, 1902.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m., on Monday, the 24th February, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, E. C. Walsh, S. T. Doyle, W. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, W. Harrington, W. G. Murphy, and William Costelloe.

## AGENDA.

1. To consider the Estimates and strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1903. 2. To consider reports from the Finance Committee. 3. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee. 4. To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts. 5. To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments. 6. To consider proposals for Contracts from the five Rural Districts. 7. To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council. 8. To seal such Contracts as have been approved by the County Council. 9. To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. 10. To receive and consider Reports from Committees. 11. To consider Reports from County Officers. 12. To consider Official Correspondence. 13. To consider General Correspondence.

On the Chairman taking his seat, a writ was served on behalf of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, for the sum of £650 9s. 4d., guaranteed dividend, recommended for payment at this meeting.

## REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following members of your committee met on 6th February, 1902:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors R. R. Drought, W. G. Murphy, and W. Byrne. Having considered the Estimates for the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1903, which were submitted to us, we approved of the same, and directed the secretary to add to them one farthing in the £ for Live Stock Schemes, and one farthing for Technical Instruction, etc., and we recommend that the Estimates be adopted. The Proposal Committee not having met, the quarterly payments were not considered. Signed—R. Norman Thompson, Chairman. Adopted.

## ESTIMATE OF RATES.

## General Charges.

				Land.	Other
				s. d.	s. d.
Baltinglass	...	...	...	1 6½	3 1½
Naas	...	...	...	2 4½	3 11½
Rathdown	...	...	...	2 4½	3 6
Rathdrum	...	...	...	2 0½	3 5½
Shillelagh	...	...	...	1 11½	3 5½

SEPARATE CHARGES.—Baltinglass Public Health Charge, 1d.; Naas, do., 1½d.; Rathdown, do., 3½d.; Rathdrum, do., 3½d.; Shillelagh, do., 3½d. Baltinglass Criminal Injuries—1d.; Arklow Harbour Rate, 2½d.; Wicklow, do., 6d.; Greystones, do., 3½d.; Blessington Tramway, 4d.

Proposed by Councillor W. Harrington, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the Estimate of Rates laid before us for the year 1902—1903. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we now sign the Estimates and Demands on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow. Adopted.

## RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following Members of your Finance Committee met on Saturday, the 22nd. February, 1902:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, E. J. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and P. J. Carey.

Having examined the Quarterly Payments, and the Proposals from the Proposals Committee, we recommend payment of the sums entered on the accompanying Schedules, amounting to the following sums:—

		£	s.	d.	
County-at-Large					3562 14 9
Baltinglass No. 1—					
District Proposals	...	649	1	7	
Proposals Committee's Proposals		41	5	7	690 7 2
Naas No. 2—					
District Proposals	...	329	9	5	
Proposals Committee's Proposals		613	1	5	942 10 10
Rathdown No. 2—					
District Proposals	...	394	3	3	
Proposals Committee's Proposals		71	16	9	466 0 0
Rathdrum—					
District Proposals	...	1526	6	2	
Proposals Committee's Proposals		316	19	6	1843 5 8
Shillelagh—					
District Proposals	...	501	1	1	
Proposals Committee's Proposals		58	3	6	559 4 7
Wicklow Urban—					
Proposals Committee's Proposals					15 19 9
Signed—D. J. Cogan, Chairman.					Adopted.
Proposals from the Proposals Committee and the Five Rural Districts:—					

## COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on County-at-Large, amounting to £3,562 14s. 9d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Carried.

Baltinglass No. 1.—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor W. Harrington. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Baltinglass Rural District, amounting to £690 7s. 2d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Naas No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £942 10s. 10d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdown No. 2.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve



of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £466 0s. 0d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdrum.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,843 5s. 8d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Shillelagh.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £559 4s. 7d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Wicklow Urban.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing Proposals for Payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £15 19s. 9d., as altered and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Proposed by Councillor William Harrington, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the Payments which have been passed by this Council be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural Districts:—

Baltinglass No. 1.—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2.—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2.—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum.—Contract No. 218 was rejected as informal; Contract No. 232 was given to Messrs. Wallace Brothers, Ltd., 13 D'Olier-street, Dublin, at 1s. per perch, per annum. Guarantors—Samuel H. Watson, Terenure, Dublin; William Wallace, Greenville, Blackrock. Remaining Contracts were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh.—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That the existing Contracts on the following roads be cancelled from this date, new contracts having been made for them on account of extra traffic on them:—Rathdrum—16. Spring, 1900, 420 perches, Michael Byrne, Contractor; 40. Spring, 1900, 910 perches, James Merrigan, Contractor. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Murphy, seconded by Councillor W. Harrington. Resolved—Having regard to Section 72, sub-section 2, of the Local Government Act, 1893, we hereby authorise the County Surveyor to act on behalf of the County Council in all cases of permission being required to interfere with the County roads for laying pipes, gulleys, etc., under them, or for such like purposes. Adopted and passed.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Murphy, seconded by Councillor William Harrington. Resolved—That the several Contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly Meeting be now sealed and signed. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Murphy, seconded by Councillor William Harrington. Resolved—That the Certificate for Refund of Expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Messrs. Stokes Brothers & Pim, of College Green, Dublin, to be Auditor of the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, on behalf of the County Council of the County of Wicklow for the year ending 31st. March, 1903. Passed.

# COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

"To the County Council of the County Wicklow. Gentlemen,—I beg to report as follows on the Application of the Clerk of the Crown for a Safe or Strong Room in which to deposit his Records. The Safe at present in his Office has the following inside measurements: 17 inches wide, 20½ inches deep, and 20 inches high. This is now full. The cost of a similar Safe and Stand would be about £21, but similar Safes would have to be supplied from time to time as the documents accumulate. Should the Council be willing to incur the expense of a Strong Room, it could be built in the Gaol Garden, against the Court-house wall, outside Mr Browne's Office, with a steel door opening into the Outer Office. The cost of such a room, 7 feet by 5 feet would be about £70.—I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. 22nd February, 1902." Order—Adopted. Strong room approved of. County Surveyor to have work carried out."

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

"To the County Council of Wicklow. Gentlemen—I have again to inform you that upwards of £2,800 is long over-due by the Urban Districts of Bray and Wicklow. I would recommend that another Resolution should be passed by the Council, urging upon the Local Government Board the serious necessity of inserting in any Order dealing with the Financial Relations with these Urban Districts, an Article embodying Clause II. of the Recommendation of your Finance Committee on this subject. The County Council has already lost upwards of £80 in interest alone by the non-payment of the Bray Urban Demands, and there will be a further loss to the ratepayers in Costs which, without this Clause, will be an Annual Charge on the Ratepayers. Mr. Sutton, Rate Collector for No. 7 District in Rathdown, has collected and lodged with your Treasurer the entire Amount of his Warrant; the other Collector in Rathdown, Mr. Tallon, has not yet lodged one penny of Rates this Half-year, and when sending the last return of the Rate Collection to the Local Government Board, not a single lodgment had been made in Baltinglass or Naas Rural Districts, or by Mr. James Byrne, in Rathdrum; the other Collectors had already lodged over £3,600. Several of the Districts have sent in Forms 12-14 without totting them; in one there is an error of £100 in the tot. I again observe that figures in these Forms are again erased with a penknife, contrary to the Order in Council. Mr. John Tallon, Rate Collector for Powerscourt Division, asks you to accept Mr. James Bunn of Killegar as surety in his Bond, in place of Mr. Bernard Mason, deceased. Mr. Thomas Dowling has not yet perfected his Bond. The Blessington Tramway Company wrote in January threatening proceedings if the amount of the Guarantee were not paid. I replied stating that under the Order in Council, the Council could not make payments except at a Quarterly Meeting, and that the amount of the Guarantee was already entered on the Schedule of Payments for the next Quarterly Meeting, to be held on the 24th February. I further pointed out that under the 7th Section of the Tramway Act of 1883, the Amount of the Certificate had first to be levied, and when received to be paid over, but that we were still £40 short of the Amount of the Certificate. I then received a letter from the Company's Solicitors, stating that they had no intention of waiting until the 24th, that unless the amount was paid by the 4th, they would obtain a mandamus to compel payment. I replied stating their letter would be laid before the County Council, and, meanwhile, referring them to my previous letters. I see by the papers that on Thursday last, the Company obtained a Conditional Order of Mandamus for the payment, which they were informed was on the Schedule for to-day's Meeting. Under the circumstances, I would suggest that the Council should request the County Surveyor (who is



one of the Board of Trade Arbitrators) and the Council's Auditors to see that none of the costs of obtaining this Conditional Order are charged in the Accounts, so as to affect any payment by the ratepayers in future certificates.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary. 22nd February, 1902." Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. Harrington. Resolved.—That we hereby urge upon the attention of the Local Government Board the serious necessity that exists for obtaining powers to insert, in the Order defining the Financial Relations between the County Council and the Urban District Councils, an article imposing the payment of interest by the Urban Districts upon all instalments of the County Council's demand not paid within the prescribed time, as embodied in clause II of this Council's application, dated 20th December last, as the present system, under which legal proceedings have to be taken on every occasion to enforce payment, involves a serious loss to the ratepayers. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor S. T. Doyle, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved.—That we hereby approve of Mr. James Bunn of Killegar, as surety for Mr. John Tallon, rate collector, in place of Mr. Bernard Mason, deceased. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved.—That the County Surveyor and the County Council's Auditors for the Dublin and Blessington Tramway's Accounts be requested to see that the costs of obtaining the Conditional Order of Mandamus, dated 19th February, 1902, are not charged by the Tramway Company so as in any way to increase the amount of any future Demand on the Ratepayers for Guaranteed Dividends. Passed unanimously.

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

"To the County Council of the County of Wicklow. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on 31st December, 1901. For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary, acting as Inspectors of food, the following articles were analysed:—Butter, 32; Whiskey, 24; Milk, 10; Cheese, 3; Tea, 3; Margarine, 1; Bread, 1; Pepper, 1; Total 75. Of the specimens of whiskey, one was 38 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 17.33 per cent. of added water. The remaining articles were of good quality. For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, nineteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely:—Concentrated solution of rhubarb, was rather low in extract. Another, namely:—Tincture of asafetida, was slightly low in extract. For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, sixteen drugs were analysed. One of them, namely:—Solution of chlorinated soda, was very low in chlorine. Nine drugs analysed for the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, were correct. For Mr. J. Kelly, 19 Main-street, Bray, two specimens of milk were analysed. One was adulterated with 8.2 per cent. of added water, the other specimen was deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article. Two specimens of water analysed for Bray Urban District Council had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total Solid Matters	24.500	9.800
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.012	0.010
Saline Ammonia	0.021	0.008
Nitric Acid	1.890	0.940
Chlorine	4.473	2.783
Sulphuric Acid	None	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None	None

Two specimens of basic slag, and one of sensol were analysed for T. Gardiner, Esq., Ashford, with the following results:—

	No. 1.	100 parts contain	N. 2.	Sensol.
Phosphate of Lime	40.22		30.72	29.60
Equal to Phosphoric Oxide	18.42		14.07	13.56
*Fineness	74.60		61.96	Too coarse to go through sieve.

\*The percentage that passes through a sieve with 10,000 holes to the square inch.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, eight specimens of manure were analysed, with the following results:—

	No. 1.	100 parts contain	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.
Phosphate of Lime (soluble)	23.60		22.90	22.06	22.34
Phosphate of Lime (insoluble)	2.79		6.15	5.45	5.31
Total Phosphates	26.39		29.05	27.51	27.65
Potash	—		—	—	—
Nitrogen	0.84		1.26	0.70	0.98
Equal to Ammonia	1.02		1.53	0.85	1.19
	No. 5.		No. 6.	No. 7.	No. 8.
Phosphate of Lime (soluble)	21.23		21.37	—	26.95
Phosphate of Lime (insoluble)	5.44		7.95	—	1.26
Total Phosphates	26.67		29.32	—	28.21
Potash	—		—	1.81	—
Nitrogen	1.05		1.26	—	—
Equal to Ammonia	1.27		1.53	—	—

A specimen of water analysed for Rev. P. Newman, St. Kevin's Reformatory, Glencree, Enniskerry, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total Solid Matters, 14.000; Including—Albuminoid Ammonia, 0.010; Saline Ammonia, 0.021; Nitric Acid, 1.260; Chlorine, 1.590; Sulphuric Acid, 1.440; Equal to Calcium Sulphate, 2.000. An excessive amount of Ammonia. For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, thirty-one drugs, two specimens of whiskey, and one of water, were analysed. One of the drugs, namely:—Tincture of Nux Vomica, was rather high in gravity and extract. Another, namely:—Glycerine of Pepsine, did not digest the proper amount of egg albumen, which the Pharmacopoeia states it should digest. The specimens of whiskey were of good quality. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total Solid Matters, 27.300; Including—Albuminoid Ammonia, 0.007; Saline Ammonia, 0.017; Nitric Acid, 0.560; Chlorine, 0.994; Sulphuric Acid, 1.440; Equal to Calcium Sulphate, 2.000. There was slight pollution. In the original reports on the above waters, full details, chemical and bacteriological were given. There were nine specimens of butter and one of margarine analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. The butters were pure. The specimen of margarine was composed almost entirely of fats, foreign to butter. In the last Margarine Act, it is rendered illegal to have more than 10 per cent. of butter in margarine. Total analyses—180. I enclose cheque for 5s., received for two analyses of milk.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CHARLES A. CAMERON, Public Analyst. 51 Pembroke-road, Dublin. 17th February, 1902." Adopted.

Report of the meeting of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, held on the 1st February, 1902, embodying the Scheme for Improvement of Live Stock, 1902, as modified by the



Committee at their meeting on the 22nd February, 1902. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That the Secretary of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be granted leave of absence from the 3rd March, 1902, to the 8th March, 1902, in order that he may be able to attend the several shows of mares to be held in the County under the Scheme for Improvement of Live Stock, 1902. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly. Resolved—That this Council desires to express its sincere sympathy with the present Earl Fitzwilliam, and the whole family, in their sad bereavement owing to the death of the late Earl Fitzwilliam, whose liberality and charity endeared him to all who knew him. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor W. Byrne. Resolved—That the County Council desire to convey to Mrs. Byrne, the daughter of the late Mr. Joseph Smyth, the Council's sincere condolence on the great bereavement she has sustained in the death of her father, the late Mr. Joseph Smyth. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we, the Members of the Wicklow County Council desire to point out to the governors of the various hospitals and kindred institutions throughout the County, to the support of which this Council is contributing, that we are entitled to, and ought to receive, adequate representation on the several boards governing or managing same, and that a copy of this resolution be forwarded to each of said institutions. Passed.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 573/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th January, 1902. Stating that the board will raise no objection to the modification of the certificate at foot of the form used in connection with the return of arrears of rate furnished by the Collectors, provided the Finance Committee have been formally deputed by the County Council to examine the lists of arrears.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Murphy, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby authorise and depute our Finance Committee to examine the lists of arrears of rates on our behalf, and to send forward to the Local Government Board for approval such cases as they consider to be irrecoverable, and recommend to be refunded, so that the County Council may be in a position to order payment of such refunds at their Quarterly Meeting. Passed.

No. 3,656/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd January, 1902. Stating that the approval of the board is not required to the appointment of a Returning Officer by the County Council for the forthcoming Local Government Elections in the County.

No. 3,776/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th January, 1902. Assenting to the payment of Poundage Fees on this occasion, to Collector Thomas Dowling, in respect of his collection for the half-year ended 30th September, 1901.

No. 3,149/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th January, 1902. Re scale of expenses for elections.

No. 5,705/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st February, 1902. Enclosing letter from Mr. T. B. Doyle, on same subject.

No. 2. General Order. County and Rural District Councillors. Rules as to Nomination and Election.

No. 5M/1902, Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th January, 1902. Circular regarding Local Government Elections, 1902.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly. Resolved—That this Council fixes Monday, June 2nd, as the day of the County Council and Rural District Council Elections under the Local Government Act. Passed nem. con.

No. 4,179/1902, Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 26th January, 1902. Giving date for next examination for position of Assistant Surveyor.

No. 5,299/1902, Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th January, 1902. Enclosing letter from Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company re payment of guarantee.

36 College Green, Dublin, 31st January, 1902. From Stokes Bros. and Pim—Enclosing report on Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company's accounts.

4th February, 1902. From the Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company—Re audit of accounts of the company.

27th January, 1902. From same—Threatening legal proceedings,

7th February, 1902. From Casey and Clay, Solicitors, 21 St. Andrew-street, Dublin—Threatening proceedings.

Manor, Kilbride, via Dublin, 3rd February, 1902. The Secretary Wicklow County Council. Sir,—In reply to yours of the 31st ult. I am unaware of ever making any such statements as those attributed to me by your letter. Should your County Council still think I did, I request you will inform me of the places and dates where I am alleged to have made these "frequent statements in public," and who the persons are stated to have heard me use them.—Yours, FLETCHER MOORE.

No. 88/1902 (Vet. Branch). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th January, 1902. Calling attention to the desirability of providing for effective supervision by the Inspectors over swine-exposed at Fairs, etc.

No. 394/02 (Vet. Branch). Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th January, 1902. Approving of the resolution appointing Mr. M. J. Carroll, V.S., as Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the portion of Rathdown Union, within the Co. of Wicklow.

No. 2,852/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th February, 1902. Re samples of butter taken in Arklow under Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts.

No. 25,662/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th Feb., 1902. Re Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs' Act, 1893.

15th January, 1902. From J. B. Dougherty, Clerk to Privy Council—Stating that the Privy Council have declined to sanction the Dublin, Scalp, and Enniskerry Tramways, and the Bray Tramways.

6th February, 1902. From Board of Trade, asking for return giving particulars connected with Greystones Harbour. Two letters from Councillor Cogan on the subject, were read. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor S T Doyle. Resolved—That the Board of Trade be referred to the Board of Works for the information asked for with regard to Greystones Harbour, and attention be drawn to the ruinous condition of the harbour, which has not been taken over by this County. Passed.

24th January, 1902. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—Declining to give the quarterly payments for the Statement.

18th February, 1902. From same—Asking for a return with regard to the Rates levied for the past 3 years in respect of Blessington Tramway. Order—Referred to the former Order of the Council, made on the 19th August last.

8th February, 1902. From same—Enclosing Copy of Resolution raising Salary of Naas No. 2 School Attendance Officer to £15 a year.



24th January, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing Copies of two Resolutions regarding Road Contracts.

18th February, 1902. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District—With reference to the Quarterly Payments from his District to be inserted in the Statement.

1st February, 1902. From George Keogh & Son, Solicitors—Asking for a Draft of the Clause required by the Council to be inserted in the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, 1902.

Second Letter from same on same subject.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That in the event of the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company failing to write within 6 days, giving an undertaking that they will insert a Clause in their Bill, for the Session, 1902, as required by this Council, Copy of which was furnished to their Solicitor on the 7th February, 1902, this Council will oppose said Bill in Parliament, in which event the Secretary is hereby empowered and directed to instruct Mr. J. H. McCarroll to oppose said Bill. Passed.

Letter of 19th December, 1901, and 3rd February, 1902. From William J. Shannon, Solicitor—Applying for Messrs. Batten, Proffitt, & Scotts' Costs.

In reply to an Application from the Proposal Committee, the following Letter was received from Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor:—

"4 Church Street, Wicklow, 22nd February, 1902.

RE BATTEN, PROFFITT & Co.'s ACCOUNT.

"Dear Sir—I beg to confirm my advice of this date relative to the payment of the above. The Account should be passed, deducting the amount in excess of the sum originally resolved to be expended.—Yours faithfully, J. H. McCARROLL."

Order—Paying Order to be forwarded to Mr. Shannon. Carried—Councillor W. G. Murphy dissenting.

25th January, 1902. Letter from County Surveyor—Re payment of Costs under the Bray and Enniskerry Railway Act.

Report on Case of Sheep Scab at Newcourt, Bray. Order—To be prosecuted—Councillor W. G. Murphy dissenting.

Arthur G. Wailes, Solicitor—Bill of Miscellaneous Costs. Order to tax same, omitting Charges prior to 20th March, 1902, signed.

17th February, 1902. From Brown & McCann, Solicitors—Enclosing Bill of Costs in case of Clarke v. County Council. Order—To be brought before next Proposal Committee Meeting.

14th February, 1902. From Secretary, Dublin County Council—Enclosing Copy of Resolution re Richmond District Asylum Charges. Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor William Harrington. Resolved—That we appoint our Chairman, E. P. O'Kelly; Doctor Thompson, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Martin Langton, Pierce O'Mahony, E. C. Walsh, and W. Osborne, as a deputation to meet the committee suggested by the Dublin County Council, to confer in reference to the great increase of expenditure in connexion with the Richmond Asylum. Passed.

16th January, 1902. From Clerk Tuam Union, enclosing resolution re appointments on Great Southern and Western Railway. Notices withdrawing appeal served by Brown and McCann, Solicitors in the following cases:—Marquis of Downshire, William C. Merrey, Terence Short. Preliminary Notices of application for compensation for Criminal Injury to property. Baltinglass Rural District, Edward Keegan, £30. Order—Messrs. Brown and McCann to be instructed

to oppose this claim. Shillelagh Rural District, Edward Carty £3. Order—Mr. J. H. McCarroll to be instructed to oppose this claim. Report on Edward Keegan's Criminal Injury to property.

4th February, 1902. From R. Claude Cane, 60 Dawson-street, Dublin—Chairman of the Board of Conservators of Fisheries, Dublin District. Read.

10th February, 1902. From the Manager, "United Irishman," 17 Fownes-street, Dublin—Applying for a share of the advertisements issued by the Council. Application from the Manager of the "Gaelic League" paper—For advertisements. A resolution was proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh—That the advertisements in future be given to the "Gaelic Weekly." Order—Refer the foregoing to Proposals' Committee.

15th January, 1902. Address on Parliamentary Procedure by Sir Edward Clarke, K.C.

22nd February, 1902. From Collector Joseph Keane—Enclosing report re collection of Poor Rate on the lands of Kilmurry.

21st February, 1902. From the Manager, Portable Building Company, Ltd., asking permission to open the public road to lay drain pipes.



## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH APRIL, 1902.

Special meeting of the council, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m. on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, James Byrne, William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Simon T. Doyle, Martin Langton, and W. G. Murphy.

## AGENDA.

1. To sign transfers to Rural District Councils and to Unions.
2. To consider correspondence with Solicitors to Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company relative to the clause the County Council desire to have inserted in the Bill.
3. To consider the propriety of opposing in the present or next Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902, and also to consider and, if approved, adopt a resolution or resolutions in reference to opposing and the expenses of opposing said Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902.
4. To consider letters from the Solicitor of the Assignee in Bankruptcy—relative to the payment made at last meeting to David Kelly, road contractor.
5. To consider application from the Trustees of the Meath Industrial School for Security for a Loan for enlarging said School on a Bond being given to indemnify the County Council.
6. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
7. To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
8. To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
9. To receive and consider General Correspondence.

## Recommendation of Finance Committee.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, the 16th April, 1902:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, William Byrne, E. P. O'Kelly, W. G. Murphy, and recommend payment of the undermentioned sums:—

## Transfers to Funds of Unions.

Baltinglass, £865 10s.; Naas, £218 15s.; Rathdown, £918 11s. 3d.; Rathdrum, £2,453 4s. 4d.; Shillelagh, £758 12s. 6d.; total £5,214 13s. 1d.

## Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

		General.		Separate.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	...	105	10 0	45	15 0
Naas No. 2	...	65	0 0	18	0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	140	15 0	98	10 0
Rathdrum	...	351	11 6	79	3 1
Shillelagh	...	73	10 0	30	0 0

To T. B. Doyle, Returning Officer, for election expenses, under Article 6 (3) of Application of Enactments Order, 1898, £110. Signed—R. Norman Thompson, Chairman. 16/4/02. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's Report be adopted. Adopted.



## Secretary's Report.

To the Wicklow County Council. Gentlemen—Since your last meeting the Court of King's Bench gave its decision in the margarine case at Bray, upholding the action of the County Council in the matter. On the case being brought forward again under this decision, fines amounting to £20 were imposed, and the amount has been lodged to the credit of the County Council. A long correspondence has taken place with the Solicitors and Secretary of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company, with the object of obtaining a clause in that Company's Bill at present before Parliament, to ensure that the roads in connection with Shillelagh and Balisland Bridges, shall not be injuriously affected, but, although Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, finally had an interview with the Company's Solicitors, no such clause or undertaking, could be obtained from them. The matter, therefore, comes before you to-day, by the advice of the Solicitor you have employed, for the purpose of taking the necessary steps to enforce the resolution passed at your last meeting. All your collectors have closed their collections with the exception of Mr. Thomas Dowling, who invariably fails to do so. His deficiency on this occasion is even greater than heretofore, though written to a number of times. He has also failed to complete his Bond, and the Clerk of the Union complains that he cannot get him to attend before him to have his accounts checked. Letters from the Local Government Board, the Clerk of the Union, and Mr. Dowling, on the subject, will be laid before you. You may recollect that at your last meeting, Mr. David Kelly, contractor for the road near Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, and his bailiffs attended before you regarding the payment of the sureties who had done the work upon the road. You then directed me to send the paying order to David Kelly, who undertook to pay the sureties. It was stated at the time that he was in the Bankruptcy Court. It since appears that he had already been declared a bankrupt, and letters have been received from Mr. Webb, the Solicitor for the Official Assignee, demanding payment of this sum, which, under the circumstances, should not have been sent to David Kelly. I informed Mr. Webb I would bring the matter before you to-day. The Trustees of the Meath Industrial School, Bray, apply to the Council, under 48 Vic., Cap. 19, Sec. 2 to give security for a loan to enlarge said school. They cannot obtain the loan under the present law without this security, but granting it will impose no liability on the ratepayers, as the trustees will give the council a counter security for the amount in a Bond to be entered into by four approved sureties, whose names they submit to you. This has previously been done with the Grand Jury, and I have the Bond in my keeping. The procedure will be to direct notice of the council's intention to take the application into consideration on a particular day to be published in a paper, or papers, circulating within the county. Mr. Doyle, your Returning Officer, applies for an advance of £110, under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, to meet expenses of the County Local Government Elections. The amount appears small for the purpose. A writ has been served on Rate Collector Keane for levying the rates on the Kilmurry Range. I would ask that the council in compliance with their former resolution on the matter, direct that the action be defended. I have again to report that both the Urban Districts are in arrears with their payments. Bray Urban District owes three quarterly payments, and Wicklow Urban District owes two quarterly payments.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary. 16th April, 1902. Adopted.

The correspondence with Solicitors to Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company—relative to the clause the County Council desire to have inserted in the Bill—was read, and Mr. J. H. McCarroll stated the result of his interview with the Company's Solicitors.

Proposed by Councillor Simon T. Doyle, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve and confirm the propriety of opposing in the present, or next Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902, until the clause, marked "A," required by this County Council for the protection of the interests of the County of Wicklow in the bridges and road approaches to Shillelagh and Balisland Bridges, shall have been inserted in the Bill, and that the costs and expenses to be incurred do not exceed the sum of fifty pounds (£50). Carried—Councillor M. Langton dissenting.

Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902.

Clause A for the protection of the County Council of the County of Wicklow (in this section called the County Council). The following provisions, unless otherwise agreed upon in writing between the County Council and the Wicklow Company, shall apply and have effect.—That is to say, the Wicklow Company shall not commence the construction of the bridges for carrying the public roads, No. 3 in the townland of Ballard, and No. 3 in the townland of Cronyhorn Upper, respectively, on the plans deposited with the Clerk of the Peace for the County of Wicklow, in respect of the Shillelagh Extension Act, 1887, over the Railway No. 1, authorised by the said Act of 1897, until they shall have given to the County Council one month's notice in writing of their intention to commence the same, accompanied by plans and sections of the same, and of the road approaches thereto, and any difference which may arise between the Wicklow Company and the County Council concerning the construction of the said bridges and approaches, or either of them, shall be referred to an engineer to be agreed upon between the County Council and the Wicklow Company, or, in default of agreement, to an engineer to be appointed by the Board of Trade on the application of either party, and the decision of such engineer shall be final. Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That any expense in connection with the protection of the county's interest in the bridges affected by the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Bill, be a County-at-large charge. Passed—Councillor Martin Langton dissenting.

The County Council of Wicklow.—Notice by Advertisement, pursuant to the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888.— Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, that a Special Meeting of the County Council of Wicklow, will be held in the Court-house, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock in the afternoon of Wednesday, the 16th day of April, 1902, to confirm and approve of the propriety of opposing in the present or next Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902, and also to consider, and, if approved, adopt a resolution or resolutions in reference to opposing, and the expenses of opposing the said Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council. Court-house, Wicklow, 4th April, 1902.

Letters from Mr. W. F. Webb, the Solicitor of the Assignee in Bankruptcy, relative to the payment made at last meeting to David Kelly, road contractor, were read. Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That Mr. McCarroll be directed to take the necessary steps with regard to the claim of the Official Assignee, re David Kelly, a bankrupt. Carried.

An application was received from the trustees of the Meath Industrial School for security for a loan for enlarging said school on a bond being given to indemnify the County Council. Proposed by Councillor M. Langton, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to insert the necessary notice in the



papers that this council will, at their quarterly meeting to be held on May 26th, take into consideration the application of the trustees of the Meath Industrial School, Bray, for security for a loan of £800 for enlarging said school. Passed.

Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., made application under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments Order, 1898, for an advance of £110 to the Returning Officer to meet the expenses of the Local Government elections. The application was allowed in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee, and paying order for the amount issued. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. McCarroll be instructed to enter an appearance to the writ served on Mr. Joseph Keane, and that all the correspondence relative to this matter be handed to him, and that he be directed to defend this action. Passed.

#### Official Correspondence.

No. 12573/1902. Wicklow County Council. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th March, 1902. Enclosing copy of a letter received from A. G. Wailes, solicitor, relative to his bill of costs, and stating that the board will raise no objection to the bill being paid. Order—Bill to be taxed in full.

No. 12323/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th March, 1902, Returning duplicates of the scales of expenses for elections, approved under seal by the Local Government Board.

No. 12130/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th March, 1902. Acknowledging copy of resolution relative to imposing the payment of interest by the Urban Districts in respect of all instalments of the Demands of the County Council not paid within the prescribed time, and stating that the board have no power to insert the suggested Article in the Order.

No. 13833/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th March, 1902. Enclosing copies of a letter and enclosures received from Mr Thomas Quinn, Coolemore, Hollywood, on the subject of his claim to have his name inserted in the Rate Book, and asking for the Council's observations on the subject. Order—Application to be forwarded to the Valuation Office for next revision.

No. 14260/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th March, 1902. Stating that the Board have no power to sanction payment in regard to the claims of Dr. J. A. MacDonald for fees in connection with two inquests, these claims being long out of date. Order—Copy of reply to be sent to Dr. MacDonald.

No. 18313/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 11th April, 1902. Relative to the state of the Rate Collection for the period ending the 31st March, 1902; that, failing a satisfactory explanation, Collector Dowling's case should be placed in the solicitor's hands.

15th April, 1902. Collector Dowling's reply.

No. 19976/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th April, 1902. Stating that Mr. Dowling should be informed that unless he forthwith completes his bond and closes his collection, he will be suspended by the County Council.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That Collector Dowling be informed that he is called on to complete his bond within six days, and have his entire collection wound up by the quarterly meeting to be held on the 26th May, failing to do so he will be forthwith suspended from his office of rate collector. Passed.

No. 46/M/1902. 5th April, 1902. Local Government Board Order—Re maintenance of roads by direct labour.

Auditor's reports on the accounts of Baltinglass Union and No. 1 Rural District; Rathdown Union and No. 2 Rural District; Rathdrum Union and Rural District; were submitted and read.

Dublin Castle, 25th February, 1902. Circular in reference to the Grant in aid of the maintenance of pauper lunatics.

No. 33/1902. Miscellaneous. Office of Lunatic Asylums, Dublin Castle, 24th March, 1902. Enclosing copy of a General Order, dated 20th March, 1902. Amending "The Asylum Books and Records Order, 1900."

364. Kilbride. R. E. Office, Lower Castle Yard, Dublin, 5th March, 1902. Enclosing a Plan shewing the Land under consideration to be purchased in connection with Kilbride Rifle Range. Order—Given to Mr. Draper for perusal.

8th April, 1902. Application from Surveyor of Taxes for Income Tax on County Council's Bank Balance. Order—Refer to Mr. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 28th February, 1902. Relative to the Loan of £4,500 to the Guardians of Rathdown Union, under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, etc.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 15th April, 1902. Relative to the Loan of £400 to same under Public Health (Ireland) Act, etc.

7th March, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District. Enclosing an amended Estimate and Demand for the Financial Year, 1902-'03, and Estimate of Road Expenditure for same period.

10th April, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District. Notifying the failure of Collector Dowling to attend to have his fortnightly Abstracts examined.

28th February, 1902. From Lord Fitzwilliam. Acknowledging receipt of resolution of sympathy:—

"Wentworth Woodhouse, Rotherham, February 28th, 1902. Dear Mr. Wynne—I am much touched and gratified by the receipt of the resolution adopted unanimously by my brother councillors in County Wicklow offering their sympathy and condolence with my family and myself upon the death of my honoured and respected grandfather. Such a resolution coming from a portion of the country in which my grandfather passed so much of his life is most deeply appreciated by my family and myself. I am, dear Mr. Wynne, sincerely yours, FITZWILLIAM."

30th March, 1902. From Mrs. Byrne, Abbey Hill, Wicklow. Acknowledging receipt of resolution of sympathy.

Abbey Hill, Wicklow, 30th March, 1902. Mrs Byrne returns sincere thanks to the members of the Wicklow County Council for kind sympathy expressed by them on the death of her father, at their meeting on February 24th.

27th March, 1902. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor. Re Appeals in Cases of Criminal Injury.—Marquis of Downshire, Merrey, and Short.

27th March, 1902. From same. Re Demand from Bray Urban Council.

11th March, 1902. From Secretary, Arklow Town Commissioners. Enclosing Minutes of Two Meetings held in Arklow for the promotion of Technical Instruction. Order—Refer to Technical Instruction Committee.



24th March, 1902. From Secretary, County Wicklow Teachers' Association. Requesting the County Council to co-opt a Representative of the Association on the Technical Instruction Committee. Order—Refer to Technical Instruction Committee.

22nd March, 1902. From Dr. John A. MacDonald. With reference to claim for Medical Fees at two Inquests.

Notice of Application to the County Court for Compensation for Criminal Injury from John V. Kavanagh—£45.—Rathdrum R.D.

Police Report on same. Order—Refer to Mr. McCarroll to defend.

Similar Notice in the Criminal Injury Case of Edward Keegan—£30—Baltinglass No. 1. R.D.

Parliamentary Notice to Owners, Lessees, and Occupiers. Re proposed Bray Electric Tramways. From A. Lane Joynt, Esq., solicitor.

15th April, 1902. From Collector Joseph Keane. Re Writ served in connection with Kilmurry Rates. Order—Handed to Mr. J. H. McCarroll to enter an appearance.

Letters were read from the Patriotic Assurance Company, forwarded by several of the Rate Collectors, calling for a return of their bonds, and stating that an increased rate will be charged upon them in future. The Secretary was directed to inform the Rate Collectors that the Patriotic Assurance Company's Bonds are at present in the hands of the County Council, and they will retain same.

An application received from Thomas Williams, Court Keeper at Wicklow, to have a new floor made in his kitchen, and some alterations done at the windows was referred to the County Surveyor to have the work done.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

1st March, 1902. From King's County Council. With reference to the Local Government Act.

15th March, 1902. From Clare County Council. With reference to resolutions passed by Clare Grand Jury. Passed—Councillor R. Norman Thompson dissenting.

1st March, 1902. From the Secretary, Gaelic League, 24 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin. Relative to the Examinership in Irish in the Intermediate. Endorsed.

Catalogue from Speirs & Co., 125 West Regent Street, Glasgow, Contractors for Portable Iron and Wood Buildings for Temporary or Permanent Purposes.

#### MINUTES OF MEETING ON 26TH MAY, 1902.

The Spring quarterly meeting of the Council, held in the Council-chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 26th May, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, William Osborne, Anthony Metcalfe, William Burke, James Byrne, Martin Langton, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. J. Byrne, Joseph Dunne, W. G. Murphy, Joseph McCarroll, William Costelloe, and William Byrne.

#### BUSINESS.

1. To sign the rates for the year ending 31st March, 1903, and the Collectors' Warrants.
2. To consider reports from the Finance Committee.
3. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
4. To consider proposals for payments from the Five Rural Districts.
5. To sign Treasurer's authorities for the past quarter's payments.
6. To consider proposals for Contracts from the Five Rural Districts.
7. To consider tenders sent forward to the County Council.
8. To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
9. To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts.
10. To receive and consider reports from Committees.
11. To consider reports from County Officers.
12. To consider official correspondence.
13. To consider general ditto.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.; seconded by Councillor Mr. Langton. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rate books and warrants for the coming collection, for year ending 31st March, 1903, at the rates already adopted. Adopted nem. con.

The rate books and rate collectors' warrants were then signed and sealed.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your committee met on 12th May, 1902.—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, in the chair; Councillors E. J. Byrne, W. G. Murphy, William Byrne, P. J. Carey, and R. R. Drought.

The Committee examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, and recommend the following payments:—

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at Large	...	...	...	4,345	7	2
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District Proposals	...	...	...	644	16	11
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	323	12	8—
Naas No. 2:—				968	9	7
District Proposals	...	...	...	301	8	9
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	115	13	8—
Rathdown No. 2:—				417	2	5
District Proposals	...	...	...	399	16	8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	...	...	...	38	15	9—
				438	12	5



## Rathdrum:—

District Proposals	1,851 18 8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	257 7 2—2,109 5 10

## Shillelagh:—

District Proposals	446 14 8
Proposals Committee's Proposals	89 5 3— 535 19 11

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

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

Collector Dowling's failure to execute his bond and letter from Ocean Assurance Company, were referred to the County Council, and also the Auditor's reports on accounts of Naas Union, and Naas No. 2 Rural District Council. Signed—R. Norman Thompson, chairman; 26th May, 1902. Adopted.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT, NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 26th May, 1902, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, and W. G. Murphy.

The Local Government Board having drawn attention since our last meeting, to the fact that poor rate on land is included in the amount of irrecoverable rates allowed by the Committee on Rate No. 310, in collecting district No. 7, we recommend that the amount of this poor rate, 12s. 9d. be deducted from the total amount refunded to Collector Charles S. Sutton, making £18 8s. 3d. instead of £19 1s., as previously recommended, the corresponding poundage to be deducted, being 3d. The decree for compensation for criminal injury from Edward Carty, amounting to £1 12s. 4d., was laid before us; an appeal having been lodged in this case, no payment is recommended on foot of same. The Returning Officer, Mr. Thomas B. Doyle, J.P., applies for a further advance of £200, to defray the expenses of the Local Government Elections, under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments' Order, 1898. We recommend that the sum be paid. Signed—D. J. Cogan, chairman; 26th May, 1902. Adopted.

Proposals from the Proposals Committee and the Five Rural Districts:—

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thomp-

son, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on County at Large, amounting to £4,345 7s. 2d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £968 9s. 7d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £417 2s. 5d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £438 12s. 5d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,109 5s. 10d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £535 19s. 11d., as amended and initialled by the chairman, and order the same to be paid. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor W. G. Murphy, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That the payment due to the late contractor John Doyle, Rathdrum Rural District, be made to his father, James Doyle of Ballard, upon his giving an undertaking that a person approved by the council will indemnify the council from any liability for so doing. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor W. G. Murphy. Resolved—That the Treasurer's authorities for the quarterly payments, as approved by the council, be now signed. Passed.

Proposals for contracts from the Five Rural Districts:—

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—Letters of the 12th and 15th April, 1902, from the Clerk of the Rural District were read. Contract No. 98 was given in charge to County Surveyor until next quarterly meeting. Contract No. 106 was rejected as informal—under Article 7 (2) of the Procedure of Council's Order, 1899. Remaining contracts approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the road, No. 98, Naas No. 2, 392 perches, between Blessington-street and County Kildare bounds, not having been tendered for, be given in charge to the County Surveyor until next Quarterly Meeting. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of be now sealed. Carried.



Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That the certificate for refund of the expenses under the Diseases of Animals' Acts be signed. Passed.

### COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow at their Quarterly Meeting, 26th May, 1902. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—With regard to the roads and works passed at the last quarterly meetings of the Rural District Councils, I shall here only refer to the following, but can afford any necessary information that may be desired with regard to the others:—Baltinglass No. 1—No. 273. Contract for 5 yrs, 237 perches of road, between Ellis's cross roads and the bounds between Kilcough and Corragh, including branch to north. This road is not a thoroughfare, ends in a bog, has no house along it, and is only used to a limited extent for turf drawing. It does not appear to be a proper case for maintenance by the County. It was rejected by you at your meeting on 9th December last. Baltinglass No. 1—No. 274. Contract for 5 years. 260 perches of road, from three roads at Coonmore to Tobias Miley's gate at Lugglass Upper. This road also is not a thoroughfare, and is not in my opinion of sufficient importance to be taken over by the county. No adjourned quarterly meeting was held on the appointed day for Shillelagh Rural District, in consequence of a quorum not attending. A meeting under the Procedure of Councils' Order, 1901, was, however, held on 23rd inst. As it will be necessary at this meeting to fix the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of County Councils, Proposals' Committee, and Rural District Councils for the ensuing year, I attach a list of the dates I propose, which will, I think, suit the requirements of the County business and the convenience of the bodies concerned. They approximately correspond to the dates fixed for the three previous years, which suited very well. The three years for which the War Office made a grant on account of the extra Military traffic to the Glen of Imaal Ranges expired on 31st March last. I attach a list of the contractors who entered on their contracts before this extra traffic commenced, with the sums which I think may be paid to them for the last two Financial Years. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. 24th May, 1902. Adopted.

### BALTINGLASS NO. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

Allowances out of War Office Grant suggested to be made to those contractors over whose roads the extra military traffic passed for years ended 31st March, 1901, and 31st March, 1902, and who entered on their contracts before this extra traffic commenced:—

No. of Contract.	Contractor.	Length in perches.	Length traversed (about) in perches.	Suggested allowance, Year 1900-1.	Suggested allowance, Year 1901-2.	Total.
7 Summer, '96	Patrick Benson	754	60, sometimes 290	£ 0 10 0	£ 0 10 0	£ 1 0 0
8 „ '98	Patrick Mooney	956	956	3 0 0	3 0 0	6 0 0
2 „ '98	George Reilly	1506	300	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
3 Spring, '97	Anthony O'Dwyer	728	372	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
3 Summer, '98	John Jones	1400	1088	3 10 0	3 10 0	7 0 0
8 Spring, '98	William Flynn	1200	330	1 0 0	4 0 0	5 0 0
2 Summer, '97	Thomas Jones	320	160	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
9 „ '98	John White	672	672	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
7 „ '98	Joseph Whittle	820	700	1 0 0	1 0 0	2 0 0
9 „ '95	Thomas Haydon	1177	640	1 0 0	—	1 0 0
				£14 0 0	£16 0 0	£30 0 0

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Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor A. Metcalfe. Resolved—That these amounts be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor A. Metcalfe, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That an application be made to the War Office to continue their grant to this Council, as the military traffic is increasing. Passed.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council for Wicklow. Quarterly Meeting, 26th May 1902. Gentlemen—The Rate Books for the service of the year 1902-3 are completed, and are laid before you for signature. Bray and Wicklow Urban Districts are still in arrear in their payment to the Council £943 15s. 4d. Wicklow Urban District tendered a cheque for £179 in payment of the instalment of £223 15s. 0d. due 6th January last, the sum of £44 15s. 0d. being stated to have being deducted to pay for stationery, rate books, collection, etc. I declined to accept the payment on these terms. I learn since that considerable pressure was afterwards brought to insist on your Treasurer accepting the payment, but without effect. Mr. Dowling, collector, has not yet lodged his arrears or completed his bond. A schedule of questions has been sent from the Ocean Assurance Company with regard to a Fidelity Bond applied for by him. Since your last meeting, the Dublin and Wicklow Railway Company have inserted a clause in its Bill which I think meets the requirements of the Council with regard to the bridges and approaches in Shillelagh Rural District. The Clerk of Baltinglass Rural District wrote stating he would require a payment from the County Council for filling the contractors' bonds, and on these conditions alone would he fill them on this occasion. I replied that he must not take the Council as assenting to these terms, and pointed out he was acting for the Rural District Council and not for the County Council, and, further, that the party giving a bond was the one liable for the cost. In Naas No. 2 Rural District, no duplicate notice was sent in to the Council of notices given for last quarterly meeting, as required by the Procedure of Councils' Order; the work that was passed on one of these notices is, therefore, not in order and I fear cannot now be confirmed. As the new Council will come into office immediately, I suppose you will leave to them the fixing of the dates of the next quarterly meetings. I am happy to inform you that you are leaving your County to the new Council in a sound financial condition. You have £26,200 10s. 11d. in bank, which, after paying your liabilities will leave some £10,000 towards your next quarterly payments, which will fall due before your next rates are collected. Thanking you for your courtesy to me during our first three years' mutual work, and looking forward to meeting you again on the new Council, I remain, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be directed to collect the arrears due by Bray Urban District. Carried by 11 votes to 5. For—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, William Osborne, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, William Costelloe, Anthony Metcalfe, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, R. R. Drought, William Byrne, W. G. Murphy—11. Against Councillors E. C. Walsh, William Burke, Martin Langton, D. J. Cogan, M.P., Joseph McCarroll—5. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That Mr. A. G. Wailes be instructed to collect the amount due by the Urban District of Wicklow to this Council. Carried by 11 votes to 5. Same division.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Osborne. Resolved—That in accordance with the



order at the last meeting of this Council, we now hereby suspend Mr. Thomas Dowling from his office of Rate Collector, and that Mr. McCarroll take necessary steps to take proceedings against Dowling and his sureties for outstanding balance of rates. Carried.

#### QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE COUNTY AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

On the recommendation of the County Surveyor, the following dates were fixed:—

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1902.	Autumn Quarter 1902.	Winter Quarter 1903.	Spring Quarter 1903.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Ennis-kerry.	11-30	Tues. July 1	Mon. Oct. 27	Mon. Jan. 5	Mon. Apl. 6
RATHDRUM Court-house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. „ 14	Mon. Nov. 10	Mon. „ 19	Mon. „ 20
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. „ 15	Tues. „ 11	Tues. „ 20	Thurs. „ 16
SHILLELAGH Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. „ 18	Fri. „ 14	Fri. „ 23	Fri. „ 24
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. „ 21	Mon. „ 17	Mon. „ 26	Mon. „ 27
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. „ 29	Tues. „ 18	Tues. Feb 3	Tues. May 5
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Mon. Aug 18	Mon. Dec. 8	Mon. „ 23	Mon. „ 25

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on 31st March, 1902. For the Sergeants of the Royal Irish Constabulary, acting as Inspectors of Food, the following articles were analysed:—

Article.	Number.
Milk	20
Butter	18
Whiskey	9
Tea	4
Pepper	3
Mustard	3
Cheese	1

Total, 58

Of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with 7.5 per cent. of added water, and one was deprived of at least 23 per cent. of its fats, and was, therefore, a debased article. The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, 24 drugs were analysed. One of them, namely, tincture of Ferric chloride was deficient in iron. Another, namely, vinegar of squills, was low in extract.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, nine drugs and a specimen of water were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimen of water, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—total solid matters, 5.600; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.007; saline ammonia, 0.007; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.994; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none. A slightly inferior water.

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

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4	No. 5
Total solid matters	9.100	9.800	10.500	20.300	27.300
Including—					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.010	0.014	0.012	0.007	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.011	0.017	0.010	0.007	0.009
Nitric Acid	trace	trace	trace	0.560	3.330
Chlorine	1.590	1.690	1.590	2.584	3.976
Sulphuric Acid	none	none	none	2.880	7.200
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	none	none	none	4.000	10.000

No. 2 was polluted; Nos. 1 and 3 were inferior waters; Nos. 4 and 5 were tolerably good ones.

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

	No. 1	No. 2
Total solid matters	20.300	12.600
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.007	0.0035
Nitric Acid	0.940	0.810
Chlorine	5.069	4.671
Sulphuric Acid	1.4412	1.4412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2.0000	2.0000

No. 2 was a fairly good water; No. 1 was not quite so good.

A specimen of milk analysed for Mr. J. Kelly, Bray, was under the average quality of pure milk.

For C. Greaves, Esq., Carrickmines, a specimen of milk was analysed. It was under the average quality of pure milk.

There were four specimens of manure analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, with the following results:—

	No. 1	No. 2	No. 3	No. 4
Soluble	—	22.62	18.71	—
Insoluble	—	4.89	1.82	—
Total Phosphates	—	27.51	20.53	—
Nitrogen	—	1.12	2.87	—
Equal to Ammonia	—	1.36	3.49	—
Potash	1.57	—	1.33	0.98
Potassium Sulphate	2.90	—	2.46	1.80

There were two specimens of manure analysed for Theo. Gardiner, Esq., Ashford, with the following results:—

	No. 1	No. 2
Soluble Phosphates	36.31	—
Insoluble Phosphates	1.25	—
Total Phosphates	37.56	—
Potash	—	12.67
Potassium	—	23.43



For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, 20 drugs and 2 specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs, namely, compound tincture of rhubarb, was high in spirit. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with 30 per cent. of added water. Total analyses—128. I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, CHARLES A. CAMERON, Public Analyst. 17 Castle-street. 9th May, 1902.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 26,952/1902—Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th May, 1902. Approving of lists of refunds to rate collectors, on account of irrecoverable rates, excepting 12s. 9d. on land in Rate No. 310, District No. 7.

No. 9,548/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 2nd May, 1902. Enclosing copies of Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902, under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Office of Public Works, Custom House Dublin, 18th April, 1902. Re Loan of £100 to Rathdrum Rural District Council under Public Health (Ireland) Acts.

Application from the Returning Officer, Mr. T. B. Doyle, J.P., for a further advance of £200, under Article 6 (3) of the Application of Enactments' Order, 1898, to meet the expenses of elections. Passed—On the recommendation of the Finance Committee.

8th May, 1902. From Councillor James Byrne, re increase in Lunatic Asylum charges.

19th May, 1902. From the proprietress, "Free Press," Wexford—Applying for a share of the county advertisements.

13th May, 1902. Invitation received by the Chairman of the County Council from the Earl Marshal, inviting him to the Solemnity of the Coronation of their Majesties King Edward VII and Queen Alexandra.

6th May, 1902. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—Demanding payment from County Council for preparing Contractors' Bonds. Read.

12th May, 1902. From Secretary General Post Office, Dublin—Applying for the consent of the Council for the erection of poles on the Greenhill-road. Granted.

Copy of Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill (as amended in Committee). Submitted.

22nd April, 1902. From Hon. Secretary, Newtown Fever Hospital—Re members who have lapsed from the Joint Committee of Management.

17th and 24th April, 1902. From Patriotic Assurance Company—Requesting a return of the Rate Collectors' Bonds. Read.

Letters from Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors—Re Keegan's malicious injury claim being dismissed "without costs."

12th May, 1902. From Arthur G. Wailes, Esq., Solicitor—Re having requisition signed for the taxing of his bill of costs. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Taxing Order for Mr. Wailes' bill of costs be signed and sealed, and that Mr. Frank Kennedy represent the council. Passed.

Orders for taxing the costs of Messrs. J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, and Batten, Proffitt and Scott—incurred in opposing the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902, and also the costs incurred by Messrs. Brown and McCann, solicitors, in opposing Clarke's Criminal Injury Application—were also signed and sealed.

Urban District of Wicklow, Town Hall, Wicklow, 7th May, 1902. Edward N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary Wicklow County Council.

Dear Sir—I am directed by the Wicklow Urban District Council to forward you a paying order value £179, being amount of last quarter's demand, ending 31st March, 1902, less 5 per cent., to cover cost of collection, rate books, demand and receipt books, stationery, etc.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, FRANCIS W. MACPHAIL, Town Clerk.

18th April, 1902. From Francis Kennedy, solicitor—Re £45 alleged to be due to Mr. George Mahon, for repairs to Glashaboy Bridge.

21st April, 1902. Resolution sent forward by the committee appointed by Rathdrum Rural District Council, for the purpose of suggesting a scheme of Agricultural and Technical Instruction. Referred to the County Committee.

Same—From the committee appointed by Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council. Like Order.

Notice of application to the County Court for Compensation for Criminal Injury, from Christopher Kavanagh—£6—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District. Police report on same. Order—Handed to Messrs. Brown and McCann, solicitors, to defend.

Decree for Compensation for Criminal Injury from Edward Carty, amounting to £1 12s. 4d.

21st May, 1902. Letter from J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, stating that an appeal had been lodged in this case. See Finance Committee's Report.

10th May, 1902. From the Secretary, Dublin Branch, Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd., 3 Westmoreland-street, Dublin—Relative to proposed Bond by Rate Collector Dowling. Read.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

29th April, 1902. From Waterford Technical Instruction Committee—Enclosing copy of letter from Bishop of Waterford and Lismore—re grants in aid of Agricultural and Technical Instruction.

April, 1902. From Dublin County Council—Resolution re establishing and endowing a University for Irish Catholics.

May, 1902. From Same—Resolution re abolishing the levy of income tax on occupiers in Ireland.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That on this, the occasion of the last meeting of the first elected County Council of County Wicklow, we desire to offer our warmest thanks to the Chairman, E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P.; for the able, dignified, and courteous manner in which he has discharged the duties of the chair, during his term of office. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That our best thanks are hereby tendered to our Secretary, County Surveyor, and Official Staff, for the manner in which they have executed their duties during the period now drawing to a close. Passed.



## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 14TH JUNE, 1902.

The Annual Meeting of the Council held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Saturday, the 14th June, 1902, at 11-30 a.m.

The following councillors signed the declaration, accepting office, before the Secretary:—Edward P. O'Kelly, R. Norman Thompson, Daniel Condren, E. C. Walsh, Peter Brennan, Michael Tallon, Francis Buckley, John McDermott, Michael Kelly, B. McDonald, Joseph Dunne, William Costelloe, William Osborne, A. Zeller, William Burke, Simon T. Doyle, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, Michael Fleming, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Michael Byrne.

The chair was taken by the outgoing chairman—E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P.

The following persons' names were proposed for co-option:—

W. G. Murphy—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.

Martin Langton—Proposed by Councillor W. Osborne, seconded by Councillor A. Zeller.

John McGrath—Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald.

R. R. Drought, D.L.—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Francis Buckley.

William Byrne—Proposed by Councillor William Costelloe, seconded by Councillor James Byrne.

An amendment was proposed by Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor A. Zeller:—That we do not co-opt any additional members to the County Council at this meeting. Lost—Proposer and seconder alone voting for amendment.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Francis Buckley. Resolved—That this council has great pleasure in co-opting Captain Drought, whose constant attention to the business matters of the County Council they much appreciate. Co-opted unanimously.

A division being taken on the other four, there voted for—William Byrne, 9; M. Langton, 6; John McGrath, 4; W. G. Murphy, 3. The last two names with the lowest number of votes being struck out, a further division was taken between Mr. William Byrne, and Mr. Martin Langton, as follows:—For Mr. Byrne—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, J. McDermott, R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; W. Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, Francis Buckley, Peter Brennan, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Tallon, M. Fleming—15. For Mr. Langton—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Osborne, Wm. Burke, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Michael Kelly, and Captain Alfred Zeller—7. The Chairman then declared Mr. William Byrne duly co-opted.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.; seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., be and is hereby elected chairman of this council for the ensuing year, and until his successor shall have been appointed. Elected nem. con.

A telegram was received by the Secretary, from Mr. Michael Byrne, Coolalug, stating that he had just missed his train, and would proceed by the next one.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor



R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne be elected Vice-chairman of this Council for the ensuing three years. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the following nine Councillors be appointed along with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council to form the Finance Committee:—

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| 1. D. J. Cogan, M.P.  | 6. William Byrne |
| 2. R. Norman Thompson | 7. J. McCarroll  |
| 3. E. J. Byrne        | 8. William Burke |
| 4. R. R. Drought      | 9. James Byrne.  |
| 5. E. C. Walsh        |                  |

Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor Daniel Condren, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That the following nine Councillors be appointed along with the Chairman and Vice-chairman of the Council to form the Proposals and Works Committee:—

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| 1. D. J. Cogan, M.P.  | 6. William Byrne |
| 2. R. Norman Thompson | 7. J. McCarroll  |
| 3. E. J. Byrne        | 8. William Burke |
| 4. R. R. Drought      | 9. James Byrne.  |
| 5. E. C. Walsh        |                  |

Carried nem. con.

No. 12,506/02. Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, Dublin, 4th June, 1902. Circular relative to the appointment of County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read by the Secretary. Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the members of the Technical Committee consist of 27—viz. 14 of the County Council, and 13 outside the council. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for County Wicklow:—

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| 1. Daniel Condren   | 8. D. J. Cogan, M.P.  |
| 2. Francis Buckley  | 9. R. Norman Thompson |
| 3. William Osborne  | 10. Michael Fleming   |
| 4. William Byrne    | 11. Joseph Dunne      |
| 5. James Byrne      | 12. Michael Byrne     |
| 6. E. J. Byrne      | 13. E. C. Walsh       |
| 7. Joseph McCarroll | 14. A. Zeller.        |

Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Peter Brennan. Resolved—The following are the numbers that each district is entitled to recommend for co-option on the County Committee:—Wicklow, 1; Arklow, 1; Rathdown, 1; Rathdrum, 4; Baltinglass, 3; Naas, 1; Shillelagh, 2; total 13. Carried nem. con.

No. 29,618/1902—Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th June, 1902. Sir—With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, with enclosures, relative to the suspension from office of Mr. Thomas Dowling as Collector of Poor Rate in County Wicklow, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have decided not to remove the suspension in this case, and the County Council should therefore now dismiss Mr. Dowling from office, and take steps to appoint a successor. A form of queries to be filled up respecting the person who may be appointed is here-

with enclosed.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. To the Secretary County Council of Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby, in accordance with the letter No. 29,618/1902, of the Local Government Board, dismiss Mr. Thomas Dowling from the position of Rate Collector under this Council, and call upon him to deliver up all books and documents of this Council in his hands. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the Secretary be directed to advertise for a Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District of Glenealy and Wicklow Rural, to be elected on Monday, 7th July, 1902. Carried nem. con.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 27,225/1902—Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th May, 1902. Stating that the Council should proceed under the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, in opposing the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill. The provisions of the Act complied with.

No. 24,843/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th May, 1902. Order showing area of charge—Baltinglass sewers.

No. 12,506/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th June, 1902. Circular relative to the appointment of County Committees of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

No. 13,083/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 12th June, 1902. Enclosing a report from a Travelling Inspector of the Department, with reference to a breach of the Margarine Acts at Wicklow, together with two copies of the County Analyst's certificate, and stating that the Department was desirous that the Local Authority should direct their Food and Drug Inspector to institute proceedings. Order—To be handed Food and Drug Inspector, with recommendation not to press for any penalty under the circumstances.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 20th May, 1902. Importation of Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1902.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin. Leaflet on treatment of Warble Fly in cattle.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th June, 1902. Circular relative to the Department's Section, Cork Exhibition.

From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Telegram stating that J. H. Coleman, Esq., Grifflinstown, Grange Con, had been appointed chairman of that Council.

Telegram from Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Notifying the appointment of Captain Alfred Zeller, as chairman of that Council.

9th June, 1902. From Clerk Shillelagh Rural District Council—Notifying the appointment of Mr. Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, as representative of that Council.

3rd June, 1902. From Clerk, Wicklow Urban Council—Enclosing resolution re-payment of instalment on foot of demand.

6th June, 1902. From Messrs. Brown and McCann, Solicitors—Relative to the attendance of J. J. O. Ramsay, C.E., as witness at the hearing of Clarke's Criminal Injury Case.



Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury from Paul A. Brown, Solicitor for applicant—Christopher Kavanagh—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—£6.

13th June, 1902. A letter from Wm. Ruddock, Court Keeper, Rathdrum—Relative to payment for coals, was received by the Chairman.

### RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

27th May, 1902. From Kerry County Council—Extract from "Minutes" of that Council relative to Local Taxation (Ireland) Account. Adopted.

5th June, 1902. From Limerick County Council—Relative to the Standard of Moisture in Butter, as laid down by the Department of Agriculture. Adopted.

### MINUTES OF MEETING ON 7TH JULY, 1902.

Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 12 noon, on Monday, the 7th July, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, J. H. Coleman, J. McDermott, Wm. Burke, Michael Tallon, Francis Buckley, B. McDonald, Wm. Byrne, Wm. Costelloe, D. Con-dren, S. T. Doyle, J. McCarroll, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, P. Brennan, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. J. Byrne, and Thomas Sheppard.

### AGENDA.

1. To pass quarterly Transfers to Rural District Councils and Unions.
2. To appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District.
3. To sign and seal the Warrants for No. 11 Collecting District.
4. To appoint Representatives upon the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum.
5. To appoint Representatives upon the Joint Committees of Management of Wicklow County Infirmary, and the Three Fever Hospitals.
6. To appoint the Thirteen Additional Members for the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the County.
7. To consider and recommend the Revisions required in the Valuation Lists for the coming year.
8. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
9. To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
10. To receive and consider official correspondence.
11. To receive and consider general correspondence.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 7th July, 1902:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, R. R. Drought, E. C. Walsh, and William Burke; and recommend payment of the undermentioned sums:—

### TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

Baltinglass, £865 10s.; Naas, £216 5s.; Rathdown, £918 11s. 4d.; Rathdrum, £2,453 4s. 4d.; Shillelagh, £758 12s. 6d.; total, £5,212 3s. 2d.

### TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

		General.		Separate.	
		£	s. d.	£	s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	...	105	10 0	45	15 0
Naas No. 2	...	65	0 0	18	0 0
Rathdown No. 2	...	207	15 0	42	0 0
Rathdrum	...	351	11 7	79	3 1
Shillelagh	...	73	10 0	30	0 0

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman, 7th July, 1902.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.; seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

The Secretary read the advertisement published in the WICKLOW NEWS-LETTER and "Wicklow People," for Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District:—Wicklow County Council. Poor Rate



Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Court-house, Wicklow, on the 7th July, 1902, proceed to appoint a Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Wicklow Rural and Glenealy, at a remuneration of 5d. in the £, collected and lodged within the financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable rates, approved by the Local Government Board, will be refunded the Collector. Written applications to be lodged in my Office not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,000, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500. By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council, Wicklow. And the six replies received from:—Richard Byrne, 2 Margaret-place, Dublin; Wm. T. McGarry, Ruabon, North Wales; Patrick Behan, Rathnew, Wicklow; Robert W. Douglas, Kilnamanaghmore, Glenealy; Albert E. Giff, Wicklow; John Kelly, Ballecece, Rathdrum. After three preliminary polls, in which the candidate receiving the lowest number of votes was dropped out in each case, a final poll between Patrick Behan and John Kelly was taken, as follows:—For Behan—Councillors Wm. Burke, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, B. McDonald, S. T. Doyle, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, J. H. Coleman, and R. R. Drought—10. For Kelly—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, J. McDermott, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Wm. Costelloe, James Byrne, F. Buckley, Peter Brennan, Michael Tallon, P. J. Carey, and Wm. Byrne—11.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor J. McDermott. Resolved—That John Kelly be appointed Rate Collector for No. 11 District. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we now direct that the warrants for Mr. John Kelly, Rate Collector, be signed and sealed, the same not to issue until he has been approved by the Local Government Board, and has lodged the necessary bond with our Secretary. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the following six gentlemen be appointed as representatives on the Richmond Asylum Joint Committee:—E. P. O'Kelly, J.P.; E. C. Walsh, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Wm. Burke, Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P.; Pierce O'Mahony, B.L. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed on the Joint Committee of Management of the Wicklow County Infirmary:—Dr. Norman Thompson, J.P.; Joseph McCarroll, Colonel Tottenham, D.L.; Rev. Thomas Carberry, P.P.; Peter O'Brien, Wm. Byrne, William Burke, Peter Brennan, R. R. Drought, D.L.; Rev. James Roche, P.P.; E. M. Collins, Rev. James Dunphy, P.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed on the Joint Committee of Management of Wicklow Fever Hospital:—Joseph McCarroll, Colonel Tottenham, D.L.; Rev. Thomas Carberry, P.P.; Peter O'Brien, William Byrne, Rev. James Roche, P.P.; E. M. Collins, and R. R. Drought, D.L. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed

on the Joint Committee of Management of the Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy Fever Hospital:—Rev. B. O'Reilly, P.P.; Rev. P. Earley, C.C.; Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P.; Rev. Robert Fagan, P.P.; Wm. Corbett, Augustine Ryder, Simon T. Doyle, Major P. La Touche, J.P. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That the Local Government Board be hereby requested to amend the Order in Council, dated 6th July, 1899, by increasing the number of representatives from this council to six, instead of one, as at present allowed on the Committee of Arklow Fever Hospital, and that the appointment of our representatives be postponed until a reply is received. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That a special meeting of the council be held on Thursday, the 17th July, to appoint the remaining members of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee. Passed.

The lists of revisions required in the Rate Books of the County for the coming year, and letter No. 27199/1902, dated 23rd June, 1902, from the Commissioner of Valuation, Valuation Office, 6 Ely-place, Dublin, were considered, and the following resolution passed:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That we approve of the Revisions on the accompanying Revision Sheets being considered and dealt with by the Valuation Office. Passed.

Letter, dated 27th June, 1902, from Alexander Hill, Ballinderry, was read, and his son's name placed on the lists in respect of the holding referred to.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That the County Surveyor carry out all necessary ordinary repairs to the County Court-house and Quarter Session Houses at Arklow, Bray, Baltinglass, and Tinahely, as may be required from time to time—at a cost not to exceed (£7), seven pounds, in each case. Passed.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 38188/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th June, 1902. Relative to certain copyrighted forms of account for committees appointed under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction Act, 1899.

No. 32052/1902. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd July, 1902. Notice of examination for position of Assistant Surveyor.

No. 34325/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th July, 1902. Re complying with the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, in opposing the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill. Order—The Secretary was directed to place the whole facts of the case, along with copies of the advertisements, before the Local Government Board. Statutory Declaration not necessary under the circumstances.

Valuation Office, 6 Ely-place, Dublin, 2nd July, 1902. Stating that Mr. N. D. Buckley had been appointed to make the Annual Revision of Valuation in the Rural Districts of the County.

General Prisons' Board, Dublin Castle, 21st June, 1902. Re accommodation for prisoners of both sexes at the Court-house at Wicklow, during the sitting of the Court at Assizes and Quarter Sessions. The Secretary was directed in the first instance to apply for the return of the Goal Premises, which are stated to be no longer required.

26th June, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—



Notifying appointment of Mr. Patrick J. Kinlan, of Montrose, Grey-stones, as the Rural District representative on the County Committee. Order—Referred to a Special Meeting on 17th July, 1902.

3rd July, 1902. From same—Re dates of Quarterly Meetings. Read.

16th June, 1902. From Brown and McCann, Solicitors, re Kavanagh's malicious injury claim.

Certificate of Taxation of Bill of Costs of Arthur G. Wailes, Solicitor, for £12 15s. 2d. Bill of Costs not enclosed.

Batten, Proffitt, and Scott's, and J. H. McCarroll's Taxed Bill of Costs incurred in opposing the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1902—amounting to £60 12s. 10d, together with £3 costs of taxation—were submitted.

28th June, 1902. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, re Demand on Bray Urban Council.

4th July, 1902. Telegram to Chairman re same.

21st May, 1902. From same—Stating that he had served appeals in each of the Criminal Injury Cases of Carty and Kavanagh.

2nd June, 1902. From Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company—re audit of Company's accounts. The Secretary was directed to make arrangements in accordance with the Company's letter of the 4th February, 1902.

4th July, 1902. From Clerk, Balrothery Union—enclosing resolution relative to the supply of water for the Portrane Asylum. Order—Referred to the representatives of the Council on the Asylum Joint Committee of Management.

5th July, 1902. Letter from Town Clerk, Wicklow, enclosing copy of correspondence re County Council Demand. Read.

5th July, 1902. From Clerk Rathdrum Rural District Council— notifying the appointment of four Rural District Representatives on the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Order—Referred to Special Meeting on 17th July, 1902.

7th July, 1902. From Edward Ellison, Corballis, Rathdrum—re contract granted at Rathdrum Rural District to a minor. Order—Secretary to write for certificate of age, and contractor to be warned that if he is under age his contract is void.

Wire from Mr. McCarroll to the Chairman, asking for permission to give Bray Urban Council a week's extension to deliver their defence, and the Chairman's reply as follows:—"Yes, if it be not injurious to case.—O'Kelly."

Ballinacoola, Glenealy, County Wicklow, 5th July, 1902. Dear Sir,—Kindly allow me to express to you and to your fellow-councillors of the County of Wicklow, my very grateful appreciation of the honour you and they have done me in co-opting me a member of your body, a compliment rendered all the greater and more acceptable from the gracious and handsome manner in which it was done.—Faithfully yours, R. R. DROUGHT. The Chairman, Wicklow County Council.

Councillor William Byrne, who was present, signed the declaration accepting office, and thanked the Council for his co-option.

After a number of the Councillors had left the Council-Chamber, it was ascertained that Mr. John Kelly was disqualified, under Article 8 of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899, from acting as Poor Rate Collector; the remaining councillors therefore directed the Secretary to re-advertise for candidates to be appointed at the Special Meeting to be held on the 17th July, 1902. The Chairman to be written to to request him to summon a Special Meeting for that purpose on the same day.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17TH JULY, 1902.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Thursday, the 17th July, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors E. J. Byrne, James Byrne, R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, R. Norman Thompson, J. H. Coleman, Thomas Sheppard, Michael Fleming, Joseph Dunne, Michael Kelly, E. C. Walsh, P. Brennan, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Michael Byrne, William Burke, J. McDermott, William Byrne, and Francis Buckley.

## AGENDA.

1. To receive Applications from Candidates, and to appoint a Poor Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District.

2. To sign and seal the Warrants for No. 11 Collecting District.

3. To appoint the Thirteen Additional Members for the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for the County, on receipt of the names sent forward by the Rural and Urban District Councils.

The Accountant read the advertisement published in the WICKLOW NEWS-LETTER and the "Wicklow People," for Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District. Wicklow County Council. Poor Rate Collector Wanted. The above-named Council will, at its Meeting to be held in the Court-house, Wicklow, on the 17th July, 1902, proceed to appoint a Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Wicklow Rural and Glenealy, at a remuneration of 5d. in the £, collected and lodged within the financial half-year. No poundage will be paid unless the entire amount of the warrant is lodged with the County Treasurer within its respective half-year; irrecoverable rates, approved by the Local Government Board, will be refunded the Collector. Written application to be lodged in my Office not later than 11 o'clock on the morning of the Meeting, giving the name and address of the Applicant, and the names and addresses of two solvent Sureties willing to enter into a joint bond for the due performance of the Collector's duties, in a sum of £1,000, or else the name of an approved Guarantee Society, willing to give a bond for the same purpose in a sum of £500.—By Order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council, Wicklow. And the three replies received from—Patek Behan, Rathnew, Wicklow; Robert W. Douglas, Kilnamanamore, Glenealy; Peter Blake, Rathdrum. On a poll being taken, there voted as follows:—For Behan—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, J. McDermott, Michael Byrne, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Michael Kelly, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, J. H. Coleman, Michael Fleming, and R. R. Drought.—13. For Douglas—Councillors E. C. Walsh, James Byrne, and William Byrne.—3. For Blake—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, F. Buckley, and P. Brennan.—3.

Proposed by Councillor William Burke, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. Patrick Behan be appointed Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. N. Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now direct that the warrants for Mr. Patrick Behan, Rate Collector, be signed and sealed, the same not to issue until he has been approved by the Local Government Board, and has lodged the necessary bond with our Secretary. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be



appointed on the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction:—Philip Bollard, Coan, Stratford-on-Slaney; Thomas Burke, Hollywood, Ballymore Eustace; Thomas Norton, Ballyliffin, Dunlavin; William Boothman, Miley Hall, Blessington; Patrick J. Kinlan, Montrose, Greystones; Rev. John Staples, P.P., Rathdrum; Rev. Robert Fagan, P.P., Roundwood; James Galvin, Mount Avon, Rathdrum; C. McSweeney, National School Teacher, Aughrim; Rev. J. R. Willis, Moyne Rectory, Rathdrum; Rev. William Byrne, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno, Tullow; George F. Fleming, Solicitor, 6 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow; Rev. Thomas Carberry, P.P., The Abbey, Wicklow. Carried nem. con.

Mr. McCarroll's Clerk attended before the Council with a notice of motion in re David Kelly, a bankrupt. Mr. McCarroll was authorized to accept service of notice of motion.

The County Surveyor mentioned that, in accordance with instructions given at a previous meeting of the Council, he had an interview with the General Prison Board Authorities relative to the taking over of portion of the Gaol premises by the County Council. The County Surveyor was directed to prepare plans in accordance with the requirements of the Prisons' Board.

The following telegram, dated 7th July, 1902, and received late for the Council Meeting on that date, was submitted.—“Matter very pressing, Arklow Town Commissioners want permission to erect Gas Plant for public lighting in Court-house yard—space fourteen square feet. Wire Town Clerk.” Order—Granted subject to approval of County Surveyor.

An order was given to put on Agenda Paper for next meeting—“To instruct Mr. McCarroll to proceed against late Collector Dowling's Sureties for amount outstanding on his collection.”

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 18TH AUGUST, 1902.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 18th August, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Francis Buckley, R. R. Drought, Peter Brennan, John McDermott, A. Zeller, William Osborne, Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, W. Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and James Byrne.

## AGENDA.

1. To consider report from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
3. To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
4. To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
5. To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
6. To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
7. To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
8. To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
9. To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates.
10. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
11. To consider Reports from County Officers.
12. To consider official correspondence.
13. To consider general correspondence.

The Trustees of the Meath Industrial School, Bray, have withdrawn their application for a loan for enlarging the school, of which notice was previously published.

The Vice-Chairman read the following telegram received from Mr. E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., chairman:—“Can't go. Sister-in-law dead.—O'KELLY.”

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That this council have heard with much regret of the family bereavement of the Chairman, and beg to express their sincere sympathy with him. Passed.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 29th July, 1902:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought and Joseph McCarroll.



The Committee examined the proposals for payment by the Proposals Committee, and from the Rural District Councils, and recommend the following payments:—

£				s.	d.	£				s.	d.
County at large:—						3,341 10 4					
Baltinglass No. 1:—											
District Proposals						590	4	11			
Proposals Committee's proposals						51	14	10—	641	19	9
Naas No. 2:—											
District Proposals						328	1	11			
Proposals Committee's Proposals						326	17	4—	654	19	3
Rathdown No. 2:—											
District Proposals						339	13	1			
Proposals Committee's Proposals						—			339	13	1
Rathdrum:—											
District Proposals						1,558	12	0			
Proposals Committee's Proposals						1,263	12	4—	2,821	18	4
Shillelagh:—											
District Proposals						515	9	4			
Proposals Committee's Proposals						345	4	3—	860	13	7
Wicklow Urban:—											
Proposals Committee's Proposals									67	10	8

The Committee recommend the following paying orders to be cancelled, as they were not presented for payment by the payee:—

Quarterly Meeting.	No. of Paying Order.	Amount.
1900.		d.
June	483	6
September	1,062	3
December	564	3
1901.		
March	1,121	3
June	457	3
September	1,145	3
December	467	3
Total		2s. 0

Auditor's report on the accounts of Richmond Asylum, for the year ended 31st March, 1902—together with abstracts of the accounts—were submitted.

Letter was received from Collector Joseph Keane—with reference to the 10s. disallowed on Rate No. 911 in his collecting district.

The Committee directed that Mr. Keane furnish the name of the caretaker of the house in question, and include the item in his next Irrecoverable Rates Lists.

Preliminary notice of application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to Property, from William Graham, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, £100. Submitted.

Police report on alleged incendiary fire in barn, and part of cow-house, the property of Mrs. Catherine O'Toole, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, was submitted.

The Secretary was directed to charge the legal expenses incurred in enforcing payment of Urban District Demands to the respective Urban Districts for which they were incurred.

A claim from the Town Clerk of Bray Urban Council, for postage on Requisition Forms returned, was received and sent back to be dealt with by that body, as has been done in the case of the Unions.

A letter from Joseph Keane, Collector, re levying of rates on Kilmurry Camping Ground, was received, and the Secretary was instructed to refer him to the Council's letter of the 17th January last.

Signed—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought; seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Passed.

## PROPOSALS FROM THE PROPOSALS COMMITTEE, AND THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor F. Buckley; seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County at Large, amounting to £3,341 10s. 4d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £641 19s. 9d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor A. Zeller; seconded by Councillor W. Osborne. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £654 19s. 3d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £339 13s. 1d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor P. Brennan; seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,821 18s. 4d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne; seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £860 13s. 7d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll; seconded by Councillor P. Brennan. Resolved—That we approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £67 10s. 8d., as amended and initialled by the Chairman, and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the foregoing payments be now signed. Passed.

## PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Approved and confirmed.

Naas N. 2:—Contract No. 109 given in charge to County Surveyor at £35. Remaining contracts approved and confirmed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Nil.



Rathdrum:—11th August, 1902. Letter from Lord Carysfort's Agent, enclosing cheque for £10—Lord Carysfort's grant towards the cost of the Killahurler road—received. Contracts approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Nil.

Proposed by Councillor A. Zeller; seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That there being no tender for Proposal No. 3 (Dist. Reg. No. 109), Naas No. 2 Rural District,—viz.: To build a one-ope gullet on the road at Scurlock's Leap, adjoining Ballysmuttan Bridge, the work be given in charge to the County Surveyor, at £35. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor Francis Buckley. Resolved—That several contracts which have been approved at this quarterly meeting, be now sealed and signed. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the certificate for Bounty in Lieu of Rates, and the certificate for Refund of Expenses, under the Diseases of Animals Acts, be signed. Passed.

Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway:—County Surveyor's report to the County Council of the County Wicklow, at their Quarterly Meeting, 18th August, 1902. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen of the County Council.—In compliance with the 35th clause of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Order, 1887, I inspected that part of the line situated in the County Wicklow, on 1st inst., and most of the engines and rolling stock on 5th inst., and beg to report as follows:—Parts of the line have been cleaned, but the greater part is in a more or less weedy and grassy condition, so much so that in many places the fish plates and fastenings cannot be properly examined without first removing the weeds. The ballast requires to be weeded, loosened and replenished. As I have frequently pointed out, a side drain or water table should where possible be sunk between the ends of the sleepers and the fence. I found but few of the fastenings loose or missing, and there is an improvement in this respect. Some new sleepers have been put in, principally at the three sharp curves at the Blessington end; but all along the line a considerable number require renewal. Work was in progress in renewing the fastenings through the street of Blessington. Nearly all the timber mile and quarter mile posts are broken off and should be replaced with proper iron posts. At my visit to the Depot at Templeoge, I found No. 1 engine undergoing general repairs, and another engine having minor repairs carried out. On 29th April last, a wagon was burned at the Lamb siding. It has been replaced by a wagon built at the depot. I saw one new wagon in course of building. Four additional new wagons have been hired with a view to purchase. In general with the exception of the above two engines the rolling stock is in good working order.—I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. 6th August, 1902.

18th August, 1902. To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the County Wicklow County Council.—With your kind permission, I purpose taking a month's leave of absence.—Your obedient servant, CARTER DRAPER. Granted.

Recommendation of the County Surveyor to provide heating apparatus for Baltinglass Court-House, on Grundy's principle.—Proposed expenditure £50—(upon which the Proposals Committee declined to formulate a proposal until directed to do so by the council).

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne; seconded by Councillor P. Brennan. Resolved—That the proposal to expend £50 on a heating apparatus for Baltinglass Court-House, be rejected. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought; seconded by Councillor P. Brennan. Resolved—That the outside wood and ironwork of Baltinglass and Tinahely Court-House, being in need of painting, the Co. Surveyor is hereby instructed to have the work done. Passed.

## COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—I beg to report that I have made the following analyses during the quarter ended on 30th June, 1902.

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

Article.	Number.
Butter	38
Milk	15
Whiskey	10
Flour	3
Indian Meal	3
Buttermilk	3
Confectionery	2
Cheese	2
Brandy	1
Bread	1
Total	78

Of the specimens of butter, one contained at least 20 per cent. of fats, foreign to butter. One of the specimens of Buttermilk was adulterated with at least 77 per cent. of added water, exclusive of 25 per cent. allowed for churning purposes. The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, twenty-three drugs were analysed. Three, namely—Solution of Ammonium Acetate, Cherry Laurel Water, and Solution of Bismuth and Ammonium Citrate, were received in a filthy condition, and unfit for analysis. Another, namely—Syrup of Phosphate of Iron with Quinine and Strychnine, was received in a decomposed state. A specimen of Syrup of Ferrous Iodide received from the same Union, contained an excess of Iodine.

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

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, seventeen drugs were analysed. They were correct.

Arsenic was found in the viscera of a calf, but none in specimen of water, both of which were forwarded for analysis by Mr. Dagg, Clerk of Baltinglass Rural District Council.

A specimen of milk analysed for Mr. Walter Kearney, Iron-grange, Baltinglass, was of rich quality.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-four drugs and ten specimens of milk, were analysed. One of the drugs, namely—Compound Tincture of Cardamoms, was slightly low in extract. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with 8.9 per cent. of added water.



Two specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total Solid Matters	30·100	32·200
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0·007	0·012
Saline Ammonia	0·0035	0·024
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0·894	0·894
Sulphuric Acid	1·4412	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2·0000	None

No. 2 was polluted.

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

Total analyses—166.—I am, Gentlemen, your obedient servant, CHARLES A. CAMERON, Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow. 17 Castle-street, Dublin. 2nd August, 1902.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne; seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That the Bond of the Patriotic Company be accepted as Security for Collector P. Behan, subject to its being approved of upon our behalf by Mr. Joseph McCarroll, Solicitor. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne; seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That in the event of the Patriotic Assurance Company failing to complete Mr. P. Behan's Bond within fourteen days, Mr. Behan to give personal security in two solvent persons, or a Fidelity Bond, to be approved by Councillors R. R. Drought, Wm. Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll, who are hereby delegated by this Council to accept said Bond, and seal same, and direct Mr. Behan to proceed with his collection. Passed.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 37902/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th July, 1902. Asking on what grounds the Council suggest that the representation on Arklow Fever Hospital Committee should be altered.

No. 39457/1902. Rathdrum Union. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th July, 1902. Enclosing copies of correspondence between the Clerk of Rathdrum Union and the Board, relative to the service of Requisition Forms in the collecting district of Mr. Thomas Dowling. Proposed by Councillor F. W. Buckley; seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the County Council having had before them the correspondence of the Local Government Board with the Rathdrum Board of Guardians, relative to the service of Requisition Forms by Mr. Kelly, we desire to inform the Local Government Board that it was through Collector Thomas Dowling's default that the Requisition Forms remained unserved, and therefore the Council consider the Rathdrum Guardians were justified in having them served to prevent the Disfranchisement of the Ratepayers, the suggestion having been made by the Chairman of this Council to Mr. P. Brennan, County Councillor, who is a member of Rathdrum Board, and we consider the Rathdrum Guardians should be permitted to pay for said service. Passed.

No. 40147/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 1st August, 1902. Approving of appointment of Mr. Patrick Behan as Rate Collector for No. 11 Collecting District.

No. 42119/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th August, 1902. Re complying with the Provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888.

No. 38441/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th July, 1902. Stating area of charge for Newtown-Mt. Kennedy sewerage.

Local Government (Ireland) (No. 2) Act, 1902. No. 42731/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th August, 1902. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant, and, in reply, I am to state that in pursuance of the powers vested in them by Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the Local Government Board have extended the time within which payment of the following accounts may be made to a period not exceeding six months from the dates at which the several amounts became due—viz.: (1) £12 15s. 2d. to Arthur G. Wailes, Esq., Solicitor—being the amount of his taxed costs. (2) £2 10s. 6d. to James Murray, Esq., J.P.—for expenses at inquests. (3) £27 6s. 2d. to Messrs. Batten, Proffit, and Scott—for Parliamentary costs. (4) £25 13s. 10d. to Mr. J. H. McCarroll—for Parliamentary costs. (5) £1 5s. 6d. to Mr. Wm. Ruddock—for fuel supplied to Rathdrum Court-House.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

General Order of Local Government Board, re Compulsory Acquisition of Land by a County Council for the purpose of widening an old road or making a new one.

No. 15415/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st July, 1902. Stating that six samples of butter taken up by their Inspector in Dunlavin and Wicklow, were found on analysis, to be pure.

Department of Agriculture's Report of Proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the year 1901.

No. 8043/ General Prisons Board, Dublin Castle, 14th July, 1902. Asking for a plan showing the portion of the gaol premises proposed to be taken over by the County Council. The Secretary stated that he had communicated with the County Surveyor, who informed him that the plan had been forwarded, as desired.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 22nd July, 1902. Re loan of £4,075 to Rathdrum Rural District Council, under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

8th June, 1902. From T. J. Troy, Arklow, relative to the sea-faring and fishing interests of the county, and asking that aid be applied for from the Department of Agriculture.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh; seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we earnestly urge the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction to take steps in the interest of the large and poor population of fishermen in Arklow to at once revive the Oyster Dredging on the Wicklow Coast, which would offer a fruitful source of employment to many deserving hands. Passed.

6th August, 1902. From Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., resigning his position on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond Asylum, and asking that some other member be appointed in his place. Councillor William Osborne was unanimously elected as representative of the Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum in place of Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.—resigned.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 13th August, 1902. Relative to the number of members of the Asylum Committee as appointed by the Lord Lieutenant:



"In the Matter of the Industrial Schools (Ireland) Act, 1885, 48 Vic., chap. 19, and an Intended Application thereunder for a Loan. To all whom it may concern, notice is hereby given, pursuant to the 6th section of the above Act, that the County Council of the County of Wicklow will meet in the Courthouse, Wicklow, at noon on the 18th day of August, 1902, and will then, on the application of the Trustees of 'The Meath Industrial School for Protestant Girls, Bray,' take into consideration the application of the said Trustees for a contribution, to be raised off the said County of Wicklow, of £800 to be applied towards enlarging said Industrial School, situate in the Manor of Bray, in the Barony of Rathdown, and County of Wicklow, and the borrowing or securing of the same under the provisions of the said Act mentioned.—By order, E. N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council. Wicklow, 13th June, 1902."

The Aske, Bray, County Wicklow, 16th July, 1902. Meath Protestant Industrial School for Girls, Bray. E. N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary County Council, Wicklow. Dear Sir,—I beg to inform you that the Committee of the Meath Industrial School, Bray, having made other arrangements, it does not at present purpose borrowing from the Board of Works, so I shall be much obliged if you will cancel their application to the County Council, dated March 21st, 1902.—Yours faithfully, Wm. K. DARLEY, Hon. Treasurer.

8th August, 1902. From Kevans and Son, 22 Dame-street, Dublin—Enclosing copy of their report on the audited accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, for the half-year ending 30th June, 1902, showing the County contribution towards the Guaranteed Dividend for that period—viz.: £346 16s. 1d. Proposed by Councillor Wm. Osborne; seconded by Councillor A. Zeller. Resolved—That the Secretary send the Clerk of Naas Union an abstract showing the amounts paid the Blessington Tramway Company since 1899, and the recoupments received from the Treasury and credited to the Tramway Rates. Passed.

11th July, 1902. From Secretary Dublin County Council—Enclosing a report of the Conference of Representatives recently appointed from the several public bodies contributing to Richmond District Lunatic Asylum on the great and annually increasing cost of maintaining that Institution.

15th July, 1902. From Medical Superintendent, Richmond District Asylum—Relative to the facilities for proper care of the insane in workhouses.

5th August, 1902. From Collector Joseph Keane—Relative to the levying of the rate on Kilmurry Camping Ground. The Secretary was directed to refer Collector Keane to the Council's letter of the 17th January last.

3rd August, 1902. From Sergeant John O'Leary, Wicklow—Acknowledging the receipt of seventy-two punches for the stamping of Weights and Measures.

29th July, 1902. From J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor—Reporting that in the case of Wicklow County Council against Bray Urban Council, the judge gave liberty for either party to apply to the full court for judgement. Order—Mr. McCarroll to be instructed to take all necessary steps to collect these arrears.

In the case of Kavanagh against the County Council—Reporting that the decision of the County Court Judge, giving a decree for £30 and costs, was reversed by the Judge of Assizes.

Reporting also that in the case of Carty against the County Council, the original decree was confirmed.

14th August, 1902. From same—Enclosing bill of costs, together with requisition to tax same, to be signed and sealed. Order—Application to be sent for approval to Local Government Board.

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to property in the case of Mrs. Catherine O'Toole, Moanrugh, Donard—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, £60—together with police report on same. Order—Notice of application to be referred to the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 1 to take such steps in the matter as they may think right.

Preliminary Notice of Application for Compensation for Criminal Injury to property in the case of Joseph L'oyd, Annacrivy, Enniskerry—Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—£6, together with police report on same.

Similar notice in the case of William Graham—£100—Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, together with police report on same. Order—Mr. J. H. McCarroll to be instructed to defend the Council's interests at the hearing of these two applications.

12th July, 1902. From Hon Secretary Irish County Councils' General Council—Relative to the insertion of a clause in the Local Government (Ireland) Bill (No. 2) 1902, Section 13, enabling Councils to pay the reasonable expenses of delegates to the General Council.

14th July, 1902. From William Jones, Bahana, Rathdrum—Stating that he was under age. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson; seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That the contract in Rathdrum Rural District, Proposal No. 8, Spring 1902—700 perches, between three roads at Glassnarget North and three roads at Bahana—be hereby cancelled, as William Jones, the contractor, is a minor. Passed.

Letter to the Chairman from Myles Carroll, road contractor, asking for an increase on the 3d. per perch allowed on the contract taken by his late father. Applicant, who was present, was informed that his father's representative and the sureties to the contract, were bound to carry out the terms of the contract.

31st July, 1902. From Londonderry County Council—Resolution re proposed clauses to be inserted in the Local Government (Ireland) Amending Act, 1902. Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll; seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That Mr. T. B. Doyle be directed to pay Mr. McPhail the £1 11s. 6d. which remains due him as Deputy Returning Officer for the Rural District of Wicklow. Passed.



## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH OCTOBER, 1902.

Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, at 12 o'clock on Wednesday, the 15th October, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., and subsequently Michael Byrne, chairmen; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Thomas Sheppard, Francis Buckley, James Byrne, Daniel Condren, William Burke, Michael Tallon, R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, William Costelloe, Peter Brennan, and William Byrne.

## AGENDA.

1. To pass Quarterly Transfers at foot of Demands from Unions and Rural District Councils.
2. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
3. To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
4. To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
5. To receive and consider General Correspondence.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Wednesday, 15th October, 1902:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson and R. R. Drought, and recommended payment of the undermentioned sums:—

## Transfers to Funds of Unions.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	...	865	10 0
Naas	...	217	10 0
Rathdown	...	918	11 3
Rathdrum	...	2,453	4 4
Shillelagh	...	758	12 6

Total £5,213 8 1

## Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

	General.	Separate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	105 10 0	45 15 0
Naas No. 2	65 0 0	18 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	174 5 0	70 0 0
Rathdrum	351 11 6	79 3 1
Shillelagh	73 10 0	30 0 0

Transfer to credit of the Subsidiary Account £692 11s. 4d.

15th Oct., 1902.

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor William Burke. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor D. Condren, seconded by Councillor M. Tallon. Resolved—That we now sign Transfers for the amounts on foot of the estimates and demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils, and Subsidiary Account, as recommended in the Finance Committee's report. Passed.

14th October, 1902. From County Surveyor—Stating that he was unwell.



Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the thanks of this council are hereby tendered to the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company for kindly carrying out the alterations suggested to them on their line at Burkeen, and thus rendering the traffic of the county road so much freer from danger. Passed. Copy to be sent the Railway Company.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby direct and empower the Finance Committee to pay out of the Subsidiary Account from time to time, as they become due, the salaries of the permanent and temporary clerks in the council's employment. Passed.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 44626/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th August, 1902. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the County of Wicklow, for the half-year ended the 31st of March, 1901, and I enclose two copies of the abstracts duly certified by me. The expenditure includes some items paid contrary to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, Sec. 51 (7). The amounts are small, chiefly payments to court-keepers, etc., and the circumstances having been explained to me, I have taken the responsibility of passing them on this occasion, but I wish to point out that in future, before any such payment is made, application should be made for the extension of time provided for in the Act, in order to avoid a possible disallowance. The collection of rates was closed within the half-year in every district, except Collecting District No. 11, in which the Collector, Thomas Dowling, was £66 19s. 8d. in arrears. He has since made default, and proceedings are pending against his sureties. In connection with the payments for roads, it appeared that in some cases where the annual sum payable included fractions of 4d., these were disregarded, while in others they were met by adding a 1d. to some of the quarterly payments. These cases should be dealt with in a uniform and regular manner, and as equal quarterly payments are very desirable (as tending to greater accuracy in Form 14), the District Councils might be asked to state in future advertisements for tenders that in calculating the annual sum payable, fractions of 4d. will be disregarded.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. L. KING, Auditor. Approved.

No. 46361/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th August, 1902. Relative to the absence of precise dates in the bill of costs of Mr. J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, and directing them to be inserted.

No. 48595/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th September, 1902. Relative to the collection of rates by Collectors Tutty, Kelly, and Brennan. Replies received from Collectors Tutty and Kelly.

No. 45967/1902. Wicklow Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th September, 1902. Enclosing copy of letter sent Wicklow Urban Council, relative to an application made by them for the board's sanction to a loan of £400 towards re-building Wicklow Fever Hospital, and pointing out that the Urban District Council cannot borrow for the purposes named, and that any steps towards re-building the hospital must be taken by the County Council, and pointing out the mode of procedure in case the County Council desire to take the necessary steps.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll:—"That the County Council agree to borrow £500

from Local Government Board for the purpose of Fever Hospital, on the condition of Wicklow Urban Council guaranteeing repayment of the £500."

No. 50554/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th October, 1902. Stating that the board have given directions for the preparation of an order increasing the number of the council's representatives on the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital, from one to six. Order—Secretary to place the question of nomination of representatives on agenda for next meeting.

No. 48727/1902. Bray Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 10th October, 1902. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have had before them the report of their adjusting Auditor, Mr. J. W. Drury, on the inquiry held by him on the 21st January last, into the Financial Relations between the County of Wicklow and the Urban District of Bray. With reference thereto, I am to state that after careful consideration of the question, the board propose to give instructions for the preparation of a Provisional Order, revising the said relations to the following extent:—1, The Urban District of Bray to be exempt as from the 1st of April, 1899, from contributing to the following expenses—viz.: The salaries, pensions, and expenses of: County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyors, Clerks and Officers in the County Surveyor's Office, whether permanent or temporary; Clerks and Officers in the offices of the Secretary of the County Council, other than the Secretary, whether permanent or temporary. Expenditure incurred in respect of: The printing of books and forms, other than printing provided for by Section 96 (2) and (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. The publication of notices and documents not directly concerning the Urban District. Improvements and repairs to premises or portions of premises used solely as offices of the County Council. Legal advice and law costs incurred in respect of matters not directly concerning the Urban District. Remuneration and expenses (including all expenses on account of superannuation and compensation) of collectors of poor rate transferred to, or at any time, whether before or after the date of the order, appointed by the County Council. Fees for audits of the accounts of the County Council.—2, Sections 28, 29, and 30 of the Bray Township Act of 1866, to be repealed.—3, A clause to be inserted in the Provisional Order, stating that the Bray Township Act, 1866, is to be amended by the rescinding of sections, or parts of sections which relate to the County of Dublin, from which the Bray Urban District is now separated.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. The Secretary, County Council of Wicklow, Court-House, Wicklow.

No. 38602/1902. Wicklow Urban. Local Government Board, Dublin, 14th October, 1902. Enclosing printed Draft Order altering Financial Relations between County Council and Wicklow Urban District Council.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That having read the Draft Provisional Orders proposed to be made by the Local Government Board for Ireland, fixing the Financial Relations between this council and the councils of the Urban Districts in this county, we again request that board to make one and the same order for both Urban Districts, by relieving both said districts from the cost of the County Surveyor, and charging both with the cost of permanent staff in council's office, which latter is employed almost exclusively on county-at-large work. Passed.

No. 54251/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board,



Dublin, 11th October, 1902. Relative to the collection of the rates for No. 11 Collecting District. Letters from Collector Patrick Behan re same.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Daniel Condren. Resolved—That Mr Patk. Behan be called upon to supply his completed bond with this council within ten days from this date, failing which the Secretary is hereby directed to inform Mr. Behan that he is suspended from his appointment in accordance with the Local Government Board's letter, and to advertise for a new collector. In the event of the bond being supplied within the ten days, and being approved of by the councillors already deputed to do so, we now authorise them to issue his warrants to him when the Local Government Board also approve said bond, and with that board's consent when received, direct Mr. Behan to proceed forthwith with the collection of the year's rates in Collecting District No. 11. Passed.

No. 2524/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 21st August, 1902. Acknowledging copy of resolution relative to oyster dredging on the Wicklow coast. Read.

No. 19397/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th Sep., 1902. Enclosing copy of a scheme of Technical Instruction for the County of Wicklow.

No. 691/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 6th October, 1902. Re Swine Fever (Ireland) Order, 1901. Order—The inspectors to furnish the necessary reports.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 8th October, 1902. Forwarding a supply of notices regarding the Industrial Conference to be held at the Cork Exhibition on the 22nd and the 23rd inst. Order—Secretary to supply cards.

No. 22357/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th Oct., 1902. Relative to an alleged Breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in the Sale of Butter by Miss Lizzie Cullen, 22 Main-street, Bray.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That the Travelling Inspector of Food and Drugs report on a Breach of Adulteration of Food Act in Bray, be forwarded to the Council's Inspector to deal with, and institute proceedings within the prescribed time. Passed.

No. 11340/1902. Office of Public Works, Dublin, 22nd August, 1902. Asking what action had been taken by the council on the County Surveyor's report on the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway, dated 6th August, 1902. Order—Secretary to write calling Tramway Company's attention to the matters complained of, and asking them when steps will be taken to remedy same.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 30th August, 1902. Re loan of £1,426 to Rural District Council of Shillelagh, under Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

22nd August, 1902. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—Relative to tender of James Byrne, Scorlax Leap, Manor, Kilbride, for work No. 109, in Naas No. 2 Rural District.

10th October, 1902. From same—Asking the council to at once fill the vacancy on the Education Committee of Naas No. 2 Rural District, caused by the disqualification of the Rev. T. Heffernan, P.P. Postponed for attendance of district representatives.

Baltinglass, 21st August, 1902. My dear Mr. Wynne,—I beg to thank you and my fellow members of the Wicklow County Council, for the resolution of sympathy passed at last quarterly meeting in the great bereavement we have met with.—Yours sincerely, EDWARD P. O'KELLY.

25th August, 1902. From Clerk, Bray Urban Council—Relative to the account of the Urban Council for surcharge postage on Requisition Forms. Order—Secretary to deal with this at next Proposals Committee meeting.

25th August, 1902. From T. B. Doyle, J.P., Returning Officer—Acknowledging copy of resolution directing him to pay Mr. Francis W. MacPhail the £1 11s. 6d. claimed by him as Deputy Returning Officer, and stating he has no funds available for such payment.

9th October, 1902. From Collector Geoghegan—Enclosing correspondence with the Patriotic Assurance Company, relative to his bond. Order—To be referred to Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, to obtain his opinion on the matter.

Preliminary notice of application for compensation for criminal injury to property from Peter Kearns—£15—Rathdrum Rural District; and notice of application for compensation for criminal injury to property from Gerard Gregg, Balisland, Carnew—£31—Shillelagh Rural District. Order—To be sent to Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, to defend the interests of the council.

20th September, 1902. From "People" Printing Works—Copy of tender for the Rathdrum Union printing. Read.

July, 1902. From A. W. Shaw, President of the Chamber of Commerce, Limerick—Appending a letter addressed by Mr. McCann, M.P., to the Chairman of the Boyne Navigation Company, in the matter of Canal Traffic in County Meath.

4th March, 1902. From Town Clerk, Glasgow—Relative to a Conference of Municipal Representatives on Valuation and Taxation of Land Values for Local Purposes. Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., appointed as representative to attend the conference.

Re malicious injury claim of Catherine O'Toole. Letter of 8th October, 1902, from Cecil G. Thompson, Solicitor—Giving notice of withdrawal of application.

#### RESOLUTIONS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

16th August, 1902. From Carlow County Council—Relative to the custody of Court-Houses, etc. Passed.

28th August, 1902. From King's County Council—Relative to the dates fixed in the various counties by the Local Government Board for the collection of the rates in autumn. Read.

28th August, 1902. From Roscommon County Council—Relative to the custody of Court-Houses, etc. Read.

3rd September, 1902. From Limerick County Council—Relative to the Bill before Parliament, legalising the sale of milk-blended butter. Passed.

25th September, 1902. From Mayo County Council—Relative to the custody and repairs to County Court-Houses, etc. Read.

13th October, 1902. From Carlow County Council—Re Land Commissioners. Read.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Wicklow County Council desire to express their full concurrence in the advisability of a conference between the recognised representatives of the Irish Landlords, and the recognised representatives of the Irish Tenants, in the hope that such conference would materially tend to a full and satisfactory settlement of the Land Question, so vital to the interests of the nation. Passed unanimously.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That copies of the resolution re the conference between landlords and tenants be forwarded to the Chief Secretary, Duke of Abercorn, and John E. Redmond. Passed.



# MINUTES OF MEETING ON 8TH DECEMBER, 1902.

The Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 8th December, 1902.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, William Byrne, William Costelloe, Joseph Dunne, B. McDonald, Peter Brennan, Francis Buckley, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Thomas Sheppard.

## AGENDA.

1. To consider report from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
3. To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
4. To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
5. To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
6. To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
7. To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
8. To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
9. To appoint six Representatives to act on the Joint Committee of Management of the Arklow Fever Hospital.
10. To consider following notice of motion by Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"That the County Council agree to borrow £500 from Local Government Board for the purpose of Fever Hospital, on the condition of Wicklow Urban Council guaranteeing repayment of the £500."
11. To appoint a person to fill the vacancy in Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee.
12. To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
13. To consider Reports from County Officers.
14. To consider official correspondence.
15. To consider general ditto.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 18th November, 1902, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, William Byrne, William Burke, and Michael Byrne.

The Committee, having examined the proposals for payment by



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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at large:—				4,112	18	11
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District Proposals	551	4	2			
Proposals Committees Proposals	119	19	10	671	4	0
Naas No. 2:—						
District Proposals	241	15	7			
Proposals Committees Proposals	36	16	3	278	11	10
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District Proposals	535	0	4			
Proposals Committees Proposals	124	2	3	659	2	7
Rathdrum:—						
District Proposals	1,479	9	1			
Proposals Committees Proposals	1,281	17	3	2,761	6	4
Shillelagh:—						
District Proposals	606	6	2			
Proposals Committees Proposals	380	19	5	987	5	7
Wicklow Urban:—						
Proposals Committees Proposals				52	0	2

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

Collecting District No.	Collector.	Amount of Refund. £ s. d.	Poundage to be Deducted. s. d.
1.	Joseph Doyle	6 10 3	3 9
2.	Richard Geoghegan	5 1 3	2 1
3.	Thomas Tutty	2 6 2	1 2
4.	Nicholas Byrne	5 9 4	2 8
5.	Michael Kelly	1 18 0	11
6.	Michael McGrath	2 10	1
7.	Charles S. Sutton	22 17 3	11 5
8.	John Tallon	1 4 9	7
9.	Joseph Keane	3 4 0	1 7
10.	John Murphy	5 16 4	2 5
11.	Patrick Behan		
12.	John F. Evans	37 6 10	18 8
13.	George Evans	1 9 11	9
14.	James Byrne	7 16 7	3 3
15.	John Brennan	18 10 5	9 6
16.	William Smith	12 7 3	6 3
17.	Philip Doyle	18 10	5
18.	Thomas Ebbs		
19.	Terence Byrne	3 10 4	1 6

A letter was received from the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, complaining that the Fireproof Room had been flooded.

Your Committee directed that the County Surveyor should have the necessary work done to remedy the defect.

Auditor's reports on the accounts of Rathdrum Union, Rathdrum Rural District, Shillelagh Union, Shillelagh Rural District, Rathdown Union, and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, were submitted.

We directed Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, to take the necessary steps to secure the interests of the council in certain questions raised on the Patriotic Assurance Company's Bonds.

Signed—R. NORMAN THOMPSON, Chairman. 8th Dec., 1902.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by

Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted. Adopted.

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

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County at Large, amounting to £4,112 18s. 11d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Order—Cheque for law costs not to issue until certificate of taxation is lodged.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor B. McDonald, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £671 4s. (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 James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £278 11s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor F. Buckley, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £659 2s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,761 6s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £987 5s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £52 0s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the Treasurer's authorities for the foregoing payments be now signed. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we strongly recommend payment of the remainder of Mr. J. H. McCarroll's bill of costs to the consideration of the Local Government Board. Carried nem. con.



## PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

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

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

Rathdown No. 2:—Nil.

Rathdrum:—Contract No. 269, 1,269p. for 2 years, having been tendered for by Laurence Kelly, Montiagh, Rathdrum, his tender at twelve pence per perch was accepted, and the existing contract on the road—viz.: Dist. Reg. No. 119, No. 28, Spring 1900, 1,269 perches, Peter Carroll, contractor, was cancelled at the request of the Rural District Council.

Contract No. 272, was given in charge to Mr. Campbell Boyd, Assistant Surveyor, at £35.

Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Contracts approved and confirmed.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this Quarterly meeting, and also the bonds of the several rate collectors, be now signed and sealed. Passed.

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

The following telegram was handed in to the Chairman:—"Rathmines, Dublin. Chairman, County Council Court-house, Wicklow.—My father, Carter Draper, died last night.—Hastings Draper."

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Resolved—That this council have heard with deep regret of the death of the County Surveyor, Mr. Carter Draper, and beg to tender to his widow and family, their sincere sympathy in their bereavement and great loss. Carried nem. con. Order—That a copy of this resolution be forwarded to Mr. Draper's friends by our Secretary.

The appointment of six representatives to act on the Joint Committee of Management of the Arklow Fever Hospital, was postponed, the following telegram having been received:—"Arklow, Chairman, County Council, Wicklow.—Please postpone election of representatives on Arklow Fever Hospital. Am ill.—Walsh."

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the County Council, 8th December, 1902. Gentlemen,—Since your last meeting, Mr. McCarroll, according to your order, proceeded against the Bray Urban Council in the Court of King's Bench, for payment of the instalment of the County Council's Demand, due last April. The case occupied a considerable time and I attended five days in Dublin in connection with it. The correctness of the Demand of the County Council was not questioned, but the Court has reserved judgement on the point, raised by the Urban Council, whether the Local Government Board, in prescribing the form of the Demand Note, as given in the Order in Council, had not acted ultra vires. You may recollect when the Act of 1898 first came into operation, I declined to take any responsibility for this form, knowing from experience, that Bray would oppose every payment, and at my request you obtained counsel's opinion upon the form to be used. Mr. Justice Madden warned counsel for Bray Urban District, that if the Court gave judge-

ment against the form of the Demand Note upon the point he raised, his clients must be prepared to pay the gross demand forthwith, as the 51st Section, taken apart from this form, created a debt of the gross amount payable upon demand. In this connection I wish to draw your attention to the paragraph of the Auditor's report dealing with Urban charges, and would strongly advise the council to direct immediate steps to be taken to enforce payment of the instalments long overdue by both Urban Districts, otherwise this council will lose these payments to the injury of the ratepayers, as has already occurred to the Monaghan County Council. I drew the attention of your Finance Committee to this matter three months ago. I attended before the Commission appointed to hear the council's appeal against the assessment to Income Tax, and got the amount reduced from £170 odd to £123. I therefore claimed total exemption as being under £160; the result has not since been communicated to me. The Patriotic Assurance Company, as I am informed by the collectors, has been creating a number of difficulties in the renewal of their indemnity bonds, and in consequence, two or three collectors have not yet been able to obtain the renewal receipts, although they have tendered, or rather paid the premiums originally agreed upon. This raises a very serious question for the County Council. If it turns out that the Company can cancel these bonds at will (I do not say that they propose to), but there appears to be some hitch about the renewal of them. I would recommend the council to have nothing further to do with indemnity societies, but to require solvent personal security in every case. The council should empower some such committee, as was appointed in Collector Behan's case, to approve of such security as may be offered in the event of any of these bonds falling through.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. Arthur G. Wailes be instructed to have a writ served without delay upon the Wicklow Urban Council for the amount now overdue upon the County Council's demand; and that Mr. J. H. McCarroll be instructed in like manner to have a writ served upon the Bray Urban Council for the amount of the instalment overdue from them. Carried nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That in order to protect the interests of the ratepayers, we hereby direct our Secretary to have proceedings taken by such solicitor as our Chairman may from time to time name for the recovery of each instalment of the several Urban District demands, which shall in future remain unpaid for fourteen days after it shall fall due. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the powers of the County Surveyor be, and are hereby delegated and vested in the Assistant County Surveyors, each in their respective districts, pending the appointment of a County Surveyor; and that Messrs. Pansing and Boyd are hereby directed to undertake the duties in Mr. Gallagher's district during his illness, and to be paid their proportion of salaries for same. Passed.

## COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, November 13th, 1902. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th September, 1902.



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

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Article.	Number.
Whiskey ... ..	11
Butter ... ..	6
Milk ... ..	3
Buttermilk ... ..	1
Cheese ... ..	1
Total	22

They were all of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, six 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 Matters	18.760
Including—	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.025
Saline Ammonia	0.0025
Nitric Acid	Trace
Chlorine	1.590
Sulphuric Acid	None
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	None

A somewhat polluted water.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

Total Solid Matters	25.340
Including—	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.008
Saline Ammonia	0.008
Nitric Acid	2.750
Chlorine	5.665
Sulphuric Acid	5.0442
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	8.0000

A tolerably good water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, nine drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. One of the specimens of milk was deprived of at least 10 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, eighteen drugs and two specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, Solution of Bismuth, was slightly low in bismuth sulphide. The specimens of milk were of rich quality.

There were thirteen specimens of butter analysed by direction from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. One was adulterated with excess of water, of which it contained 21.46 per cent.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-five drugs and eight specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, Tincture of Opium, was slightly high in alkaloids. Another—namely, Liquid Extract of Pareira, was low in extract. A specimen of Easton's Syrup received from the same Institution, was very high in phosphorus pentoxide. Two of the milks were of very poor and doubtful quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificate of adulteration.

Six specimens of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council,

which is partly situated in the County Wicklow, had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.
Total Solid Matters	33.320	35.000	58.800
Including—			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.007	0.005	0.010
Saline Ammonia	0.005	0.005	0.005
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace	8.350
Chlorine	1.391	1.491	5.467
Sulphuric Acid	4.3236	4.3236	11.5296
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6.0000	6.0000	16.0000
Fairly good water.			

	No. 4.	No. 5.	No. 6.
Total Solid Matters	53.900	38.500	44.100
Including—			
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.009	0.009	0.007
Saline Ammonia	0.0025	0.0035	0.002
Nitric Acid	7.200	2.120	4.000
Chlorine	5.268	2.120	3.774
Sulphuric Acid	10.0884	5.7648	8.6472
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	14.0000	8.0000	12.0000
All fairly good.			
Total analyses—111.			

C. A. CAMERON.

3rd December, 1902. Letter from the Clerk Urban District Council, Wicklow—Enclosing one from the Local Government Board, and resolution of the Urban Council thereon.

In accordance with notice of motion, the following resolution was: Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.—That this council comply with the request of the Wicklow Urban Council to raise a loan of £400 for the Wicklow Fever Hospital, provided the Urban Council guarantees the repayment of such loan and interest, and that the Urban Council satisfies this council that they, the Urban Council, can legally make such repayment and give this council satisfactory security for such repayment, and that this council is satisfied of its legal position in the matter. Rejected—Councillors J. McCarroll, D. J. Cogan, M.P., and R. R. Drought dissenting.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That the Rev. Bernard Duffy, C.C., be appointed on the School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor P. J. Carey. Resolved—That the resolution of 7th July, appointing six representatives of this council on the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Joint Committee of Management, be, and is hereby rescinded; and that the following five representatives be, and are hereby appointed on the said committee:—D. J. Cogan, Dr. Thompson, E. P. O'Kelly, Pierce O'Mahony, and E. C. Walsh. Passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.:—"I beg to give notice that I will move at the meeting of this council to be held in January, 1903, that the necessary steps shall be taken to petition Parliament against the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company's proposed Bill to alter their line from Bray to Wicklow."



## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th October, 1902. Enclosing copy of the Public Libraries' (Ireland) Act, 1902 (2 Edw. 7, Ch. 20).

No. 57286/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th October, 1902. Enclosing copy of auditor's report on audit of accounts for half-year ended 30th September, 1901, together with an attested abstract of the accounts.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That the Secretary is hereby instructed to apply to Mr. Toomey for a refund of the amount which has been disallowed by the auditor, and that an appeal be made to the Local Government Board to remit the auditor's surcharge of the contribution of this council to the expense of the County Council's General Council. Passed.

No. 54889/1902. Dublin County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd October, 1902. Stating that the Board's Chief Engineering Inspector, Mr. Cowan, would hold an inquiry into the application of the Joint Committee of Richmond Asylum for sanction to a loan of £39,270, towards completion of Portrane Asylum—the inquiry to be held at the Asylum on Monday, the 3rd proximo.

No. 56762/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd October, 1902. Extending the time for payment of such portion of the bill of costs of Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, as has accrued due during the past twelve months.

No. 57453/1902. Wicklow Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th October, 1902. Relative to the order proposed to be issued by the board revising the Financial Relations between the County of Wicklow and the Urban District of Wicklow.

Copies of the Local Government Board order altering the Financial Relations between the Council of the Administrative County of Wicklow, and the Council of the Urban District of Wicklow.

No. 59435/1902. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th October, 1902. Asking for the name and address of the Chairman of the County Council of County Wicklow, actually in office on 9th August, 1902.

No. 60203/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th November, 1902. Stating that the board will raise no objection to the acceptance of Collector Patrick Behan's bond with the Royal Exchange Assurance Company by the County Council.

No. 60052/1902. Bray Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th November, 1902. Stating that the board had given instructions for the preparation of a Provisional Order revising the Financial Relations between the County of Wicklow and Bray Urban District.

No. 63778/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st November, 1902. Returning the Rate Collectors' Lists of Irrecoverable Rates for the half-year ended 30th September, 1902, with the approval of the board to same, upon the 11d. assessed on land in No. 2,133 on Collector T. Byrne's list being transferred to column 9.

Annual report of the Local Government Board for Ireland for the year ended March, 1901. Order—To be bound.

No. 24323/1902. Dublin Castle, 25th October, 1902. Acknowledging copy of resolution from the County Council—re conference between landlords and tenants.

Dublin Castle, 4th November, 1902. Enclosing copy of certificate for expenses under Section 19 of Winter Assizes Order in Council.

Dublin Castle, 11th November, 1902. Acknowledging claim for repayment of witnesses', etc., expenses.

Report for the year ended 31st March, 1901, of the inspector appointed to visit the Reformatory and Industrial Schools of Ireland.

No. 24221/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th Nov., 1902. Relative to an alleged breach of the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts, by Mrs. Sarah Williams, Kilcool.

No. 24548/1902. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 7th Nov., 1902. Relative to a number of samples of butter taken in County Wicklow under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts.

Reports on the working of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order, 1901, in their respective districts received from M. J. Carroll, V.S.; George Newsom, V.S.; and William A. Young, V.S.—In reply to the letter of the Department of Agriculture, dated 6th October, 1902. No. 691. Order—Reports to be sent forward to the Department.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 11th November, 1902. Re loan of £350 to the Rathdrum Rural District Council under Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 19th November, 1902. Re loan of £130 to the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council, under Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878.

13th November, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of resolution asking the council to cancel the contract for 1,269 perches of the road from Rathdrum to Ashford, and stating that the Rural District Council, in equalising quarterly payments, have decided that all sums be "rounded up." Contract cancelled.

29th November, 1902. Letter to the Chairman from the County Surveyor—Re Mr. Gallagher's illness, and reply.

25th October, 1902. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Enclosing correspondence re Collector Geoghegan's bond, and stating that in his opinion the Patriotic Assurance Company are not entitled to charge an increased premium.

5th November, 1902. From same—Re County Council v. Bray Urban Council. Order—The council authorise consultation held after argument on New Trial Motion.

5th November, 1902. From same—Re David Kelly, a bankrupt, and Wicklow County Council. Reporting that case had been adjourned.

5th November, 1902. From same—Re Secretary of State for War v. Joseph Keane. Reporting that Chief Crown Solicitor had agreed to settle case on terms mentioned.

6th December, 1902. From same—Stating that costs in malicious injury cases would be taxed on 15th January. Payment passed subject to the production of the bill of costs, duly taxed.

4th December, 1902. From Patriotic Assurance Company—Stating that the bond of Collector James Byrne (No. 2,580) would not be renewed after the 13th of December, 1902.

Letters of 4th and 10th November, 1902. From County Inspector, R.I.C.—Enclosing abstract shewing fees and expenses incurred under Weights' and Measures' Acts, during financial year ended 31st March, 1902.

20th October, 1902. From same—Notifying three vacancies in the List of Food and Drug Inspectors for the County, and enclosing list shewing proposed new inspectors. Order—That the following members of the Royal Irish Constabulary be appointed as inspectors under the Food and Drugs' Act, to the County Council, as local authority:—Sergeant Wm. G. McDonough, Bray; Sergeant James Clifford, Redcross; Acting Sergeant Patrick McCluskey, Hollywood.

14th November, 1902. From Sergeant David Connor, late Food and Drug Inspector in Bray—Giving result of proceedings in the case



against Margaret Cullen, 22 Main-street, Bray, under Food and Drugs' Acts.

12th November, 1902. From Secretary, Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company—Shewing the action taken by the Company's Engineer on the matters mentioned in the County Surveyor's report.

17th September, 1902. From Town Clerk, Bray—Enclosing copy of resolution passed relative to the recent drowning accident at Bray Head. Order—The Coroner to be asked to explain.

25th October, 1902. From Secretary, Dublin Wicklow and Wexford Railway Company—Acknowledging copy of resolution of the council.

17th November, 1902. From John Byrne, Ballinagooneen, Glenmalur—Asking that his name be inserted on the Rate Books for the Mountain of Connavalla, instead of the reps. Thomas Byrne. Order—Referred to Revising Valuer.

3rd December, 1902. From Collector John F. Evans—Stating that he had made a lodgment of £14 16s. with treasurer in respect of March, 1903, collection.

20th October, 1902. From Collector John Brennan—Asking for instructions towards changing one of the sureties, from Mr. Peter Brennan, Ballyknocken—now a member of the County Council—to Mr. Robert Merrigan, Killahurler, Woodenbridge.

25th October, 1902. From Waterford County Council—Enclosing copy of resolution on the subject of the collection of Poor Rate.

Paper read by A. W. Shaw, President Limerick Chamber of Commerce—On canals and waterways in Ireland.

31st October, 1902. From the editor, "County Council Times"—Enclosing copy of one of the issues of that paper, with a view to obtaining patronage.

From All Ireland Pig Dealers' Association—Asking for co-operation and assistance in having an 8 o'clock hour for the buying of pigs, on the proper fair-day only established.

5th December, 1902. From Kerry County Council—Resolution relative to the proposed change of dates in the closing of the rate collections.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 12TH JANUARY, 1903.

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, at 12-30 p.m., on Monday, the 12th January, 1903.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Francis Buckley, J. McDermott, Peter Brennan, William Costelloe, William Byrne, Joseph Dunne, Simon T. Doyle, William Burke, James Byrne, P. J. Carey, Michael Fleming, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. C. Walsh, and Joseph McCarroll.

### BUSINESS.

1. To consider report from the Finance Committee.
2. To pass quarterly transfers at foot of demands from Unions and Rural District Councils.
3. To pass a payment to the General Cattle Diseases Fund in the Bank of Ireland of £300 3s. 10<sup>1</sup>/<sub>2</sub>d. on certificate of the Local Government Board.
4. To arrange terms of appointment and advertisement for new County Surveyor.
5. To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.:—"I beg to give notice that I will move at the meeting of this council to be held in January, 1903, that the necessary steps shall be taken to petition Parliament against the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Company's proposed Bill, to alter their line from Bray to Wicklow."
6. To receive and consider reports from committees.
7. To receive and consider reports from county officers.
8. To receive and consider official correspondence.
9. To receive and consider general correspondence.

### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 12th January, 1903:—Councillor R. R. Drought, chairman; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, R. Norman Thompson, Michael Byrne, Wm. Burke, E. J. Byrne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; James Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll; and recommend payment of the undermentioned sums:—

#### Transfers to Funds of Unions.

	£	s.	d.
Baltinglass	...	...	...
Naas	...	...	...
Rathdown	...	...	...
Rathdrum	...	...	...
Shillelagh	...	...	...
	£5,213	8	1

#### Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

	General.	Separate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	105 10 0	45 15 0
Naas No. 2	65 0 0	18 0 0
Rathdown No. 2	174 5 0	70 0 0
Rathdrum	351 11 7	79 3 1
Shillelagh	73 10 0	30 0 0

To the General Cattle Diseases Fund on certificate of the Local Government Board

300 3 11



We recommend, in connection with the wording of the Provisional Orders recently issued altering the Financial Relations between the County Council and the Urban District Councils, that among other matters, the following shall be charged in the County Council's accounts and estimates as items of expenditure directly affecting Urban District: I—The cost of all county notices, documents, and printing required by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace in connection with his office. II—Expenditure on all notices, printing, legal advice and law costs incurred by the County Council in connection with any Railway or Tramway Scheme, or Company whose line runs through East Wicklow (such line being considered in the light of an approved and adopted main road). Also that all expenses incurred in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company be charged to the guaranteeing area for that tramway. We recommend that the sum of £77 8s. 8d. due by Bray for payments made by the Grand Jury at their last assizes, be dealt with as may be advised by counsel. With regard to the appointment of a County Surveyor, we recommend that the County Surveyor shall reside within the County Wicklow; shall keep an office open in the County Court-house every working day, and that his salary shall be £400 per annum; the County Council to supply him with a clerk, who shall attend in the said office. The County Surveyor to devote his whole time to the county business.—R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson—That the report of the Finance Committee be adopted.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the salary of the County Surveyor be fixed at £400 a year, to cover all expenses.

There voted as follows: For the amendment—Councillors Michael Byrne, William Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, F. Buckley, Peter Brennan, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, Michael Fleming, William Byrne—10. Against—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, J. McDermott, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; James Byrne, J. McCarroll, R. R. Drought—9. Passed by 10 votes to 9.

The report, as amended by the foregoing resolution, was then passed and adopted, and the Secretary directed to insert advertisements for the County Surveyor—applications to be sent to him early enough to submit to Local Government Board in time for our next quarterly meeting.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we now sign transfer for the amounts due on foot of the estimates and demands from the several Unions and Rural District Councils, and to the General Cattle Diseases Fund, as recommended in the Finance Committee's report. Passed nem con.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the two requisitions for taxation of Mr. McCarroll's costs, be now signed and sealed. Passed.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To Wicklow County Council, 12th January, 1903. Gentlemen,—Since last quarterly meeting, the Court of King's Bench has given judgement in the two cases of the County Council v. Bray Urban Council, and the County Council v. Wicklow Urban Council, the verdict in each case being in favour of the County Council, with costs. The collection of the further instalments due by each of these Urban Councils since the cause of action, was then, according to your orders, placed in the hands of the solicitors you named, and they also have now been paid. I informed you in my last report that in consequence of the action of

the Patriotic Assurance Company, several of your collectors had not sent in their receipts for the renewal of their bonds with the council. The Patriotic Company has since given notice that they have cancelled a further bond. I recommended then that the council should, in future, require the collectors to give solvent personal security, instead of such guarantees. Mr. McCarroll, who you directed to make enquiries regarding the above-mentioned Assurance Company and Collector Geoghegan's bond, writes also recommending the same thing. I would ask you definitely to settle something with regard to these bonds now, as otherwise serious complications may arise. One of Collector Ebbs' sureties has died. One of Collector Brennan's has been disqualified, and Collector McGrath's bond has been cancelled. I have written to each to submit the names of solvent sureties to replace them; these names come before you now for approval. I would suggest that you should authorise me, in the event of any vacancy occurring, through death or otherwise, in the sureties or guarantors of any of your collectors, to submit the name or names of the proposed new sureties to the Chairman of the respective Rural District Council, and upon obtaining his approval of their solvency (which he can ascertain in his district) have their bonds entered into without delay; failing compliance by the collector, to call for the surrender of his warrants, pending the meeting of the council.—Yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE. Carried nem. con. Order given to Secretary, as recommended.

Correspondence from the Patriotic Assurance Company re cancelling certain bonds, was submitted:—

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That the Patriotic Assurance Company having given notice of their desire to discontinue them, we hereby consent to and approve of the cancelling of the following Rate Collectors' Bonds with that Company, as advised by Mr. McCarroll, solicitor:—No. 2580, R. Geoghegan, £400, as from 20th September, 1902; No. 2580, James Byrne, £500, as from 13th December, 1902; No. 2606, Michael McGrath, £1,000, as from 26th January, 1903. Passed.

The following sureties, whose names were submitted by the collectors, were considered:—

Richard Geoghegan—Anthony Ovington, Woodfield; Michael Kelly, Colvinstown.

James Byrne—Mrs. Anne Byrne, Rockbog; William Costelloe, Ballyvantrim, Kilbride, Wicklow.

John Brennan—Robert Merrigan, Killahurler, Woodenbridge (to replace surety disqualified).

Thomas Ebbs—William Deegan, Minmore; Jacob Brownrigg, Cronyhorn Lower.

Sureties approved and accepted.

Michael McGrath—Thomas Eustace, Kilbride Camp, Brittas, County Dublin; James McGrath, Cloghlea, Manor, Kilbride, via Dublin. Order—Refer to District Council for report, which, if favourable, is approved of.

The Secretary read the following notice, which had been inserted for ten clear days in the local papers:—"Wicklow County Council. Notice by advertisement, pursuant to the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888. Notice is hereby given, pursuant to the provisions of the Borough Funds (Ireland) Act, 1888, that a Special Meeting of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, will be held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, at 12-30 o'clock, in the afternoon of Monday, the 12th day of January, 1903, to approve of the propriety of opposing in Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Bill, Session 1903; and also to consider, and if approved, adopt a resolution or resolutions, in reference to opposing, and the expenses of opposing the said Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Bill, Session 1903.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council; Wicklow, 26th December, 1902.



Communications were received from the following districts, notifying their intention to appear before the council by deputation—viz.: Calary, Ballinastoe, Glassnamullen, Corrigower, Knockraheen, Roundwood, Annamoe, Glendalough, Ashford, and Newtown-Mt.-Kennedy. The deputations attended and gave the views of their respective districts on the subject. Memorials were handed in by the districts of Arklow, Wicklow, Newcastle, and Rathdrum, approving of the alteration of the line, as proposed in Dublin and Wicklow Railway Bill. The Assistant County Surveyor for the district, through which the proposed railway diversion is to pass, reported on the manner in which the proposed alteration of the line would affect the existing county works.

In accordance with notice of motion, it was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor William Burke—That we hereby approve and confirm the propriety of opposing in the coming or following Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1903, and that the costs and expenses to be incurred shall not exceed £500.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That a deputation be appointed by the various deputations present, with the sanction and encouragement of this council, to appoint a sub-committee to wait on the Directors of the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, to try and obtain increased facilities and a compromise, and that meantime the approximate cost and mileage of the new route be ascertained. Carried nem. con.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.—I hereby give notice that I will move at the next quarterly meeting, to be held on 23rd February next, a resolution to the following effect:—That this council hereby approves and confirms the propriety of opposing in the coming or following Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1903, and that the cost and expenses to be incurred shall not exceed the sum of £500.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 65769/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th December, 1902. Sealed order fixing area of charge—Dalgany sewerage.

No. 65372/1902. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd January, 1903. Re payment to the General Cattle Diseases Fund in the Bank of Ireland of £300 3s. 10½d. (See Finance Committee's Report).

No. 1M/1903. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd January, 1903. Giving date of next examination of candidates for qualifications as Assistant County Surveyors in Ireland.

No. 176M/1902. Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th January, 1903. Enclosing copy of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902.

No. 70048/1902. Bray Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th January, 1903. Enclosing a copy of a Provisional Order altering the financial relations between Bray Urban District and the Counties of Wicklow and Dublin.

Office of Public Works, Custom House, Dublin, 8th January, 1903. Re loan of £2,410 to the Rathdrum Rural District Council—under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 11th December, 1902. Copy of Swine Fever (Movement from Ireland) Temporary Order of 1902.

No. 21614/ Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 17th December, 1902. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts.

Second annual general report of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland—1901-02.

Parliamentary notices re Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill—from George Keogh and Sons, 52 Westland-row, Dublin, solicitors.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 8th December, 1902. Pointing out that on the average of the three local financial years, the representation for the County of Wicklow should not exceed four. Order—That the following being the first four on the list, be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Asylum:—E. P. O'Kelly, J.P.; D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Dr. R. Norman Thompson, J.P.; E. C. Walsh.

31st December, 1902. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District—Enclosing copy of resolution urging the County Council to oppose the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1903.

Similar resolution sent forward from a public representative meeting held at Glendalough, on the 22nd December, 1902.

16th December, 1902. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District—Enclosing resolution asking to have the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, put in force for twelve months in that district, at a cost not to exceed £35. Approved.

9th January, 1903. From William Toomey, B.L., Sub-Sheriff for County Wicklow, 1 Duncairn terrace, Bray—Acknowledging copy of resolution of council re surcharge, and declining to refund amount of same.

26 Grosvenor-road, Rathmines, 19th December, 1902. Dear Mr. Wynne,—I have to thank you very much indeed for your kind letter of sympathy in my great sorrow. Please convey to the members of your council my deep appreciation, and that of my family, for their kind resolution of sympathy.—Yours sincerely, S. DRAPER. Edward N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary, County Council, Court-house, Wicklow.

23rd December, 1902. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Re Wicklow County Council v. Bray Urban District Council. Reporting that the Conditional Order was duly served.

1st January, 1903. From same—Re Geoghegan and the Patriotic Assurance Company. Recommending the council to resume the old system of personal security.

3rd January, 1903. From same—Re writ of mandamus. Wicklow County Council v. Bray Urban District Council.

11th December, 1902. From A. G. Wailes, Esq., County Council v. Wicklow Urban District Council. Stating that the Conditional Order for the mandamus was made absolute.

10th January, 1903. From J. Murray, J.P., Coroner, Cooladangan House, Arklow—Acknowledging copy of resolution re drowning accident recently at Bray Head, and stating that he had made full inquiries into the case on the spot, and satisfied himself that an inquest was not necessary.

17th December, 1902. From Town Clerk, Wicklow—Notifying that he had forwarded to A. G. Wailes, Solicitor, three quarters' payment of County Council's demand, amounting to £534 10s. 6d.

8th December, 1902. From Brown and McCann, Solicitors, Naas—Re George Reilly's road contract.

5th January, 1903. From George Reilly, Whitestown, Stratford-on-Slaney—Re same.

5th January, 1903. From Patriotic Assurance Company—Re Bond No. 2606, Collector Michael McGrath.

#### CIRCULARS FROM VARIOUS BODIES.

11th December, 1902. From Londonderry County Council—Re proposed clause to enable Irish County Councils to promote Irish Bills in Parliament.

Abstract from minutes of proceedings of meeting held on 10th December, convened by Limerick County Council to inquire into question of Calf Mortality.



22nd December, 1902. From Thomas Mayne, 19 Lord Edward-street, Dublin—Enclosing catalogue of Optical Magic Lanterns and accessories.

The following were read at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on 8th December, 1902, but not printed at the time:—

No. 57286/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 30th October, 1902. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the County Council, a copy of the auditor's report on his audit of their accounts for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1901, together with an attested abstract of the accounts showing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads for the period mentioned, and I am to draw special attention to the fact that delay in instituting proceedings to compel payment of the amount demanded from Urban Districts may result in loss to the County Council, as the courts have decided that the provisions of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, apply to demands of County Councils equally with other debts. Should therefore the county suffer loss by reason of the omission of the council, to take proceedings for the recovery of amounts due them in proper time, the council would incur serious responsibility.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. The Secretary of the Council of Wicklow County.

#### AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 57286/1902. Wicklow County. Omagh, 17th October, 1902. Gentlemen,—I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the County of Wicklow for the half-year ended the 30th of September, 1901, and I herewith transmit two copies of the Abstract duly certified in the prescribed manner. The collection of rates was closed in a satisfactory way, except in District No. 11, in which a sum of £115 6s. 9d. remained to be accounted for at the close of the half-year. The Collector, Thomas Dowling, has been dismissed. In connection with the collection of rates, I would draw the attention of the County Council to the fact that some of the collectors appear to retain moneys in their hands contrary to the terms of their appointments, a practice which should not be permitted to continue. The demands of the County Council upon the Urban District Councils have not been punctually met by the latter authorities. In the case of Bray Urban District, nothing was paid in respect of the demand for the service of the financial year ended the 31st March, 1902, till the 27th of March. On that date, as the result of legal proceedings, half the demand was paid, the whole being then due. At date of audit nothing had been paid by Bray on foot of the demand for the current year, although the third instalment had just become due. Wicklow Urban District was further in arrear, owing the last instalment of the previous demand as well as the instalments due on the current demand. The punctual payment of these demands should be insisted on, and I may mention that the County Council have decided to charge against the Urban Districts the cost of enforcing their claims in this respect. The expenditure contained a payment of three pounds to the Irish County Councils General Council, which I disallowed as unauthorised by any Statute. I further disallowed the sum of six pounds paid in December, 1901, to William Toomey, in respect of services rendered in connection with Quarter Sessions in the year 1900, contrary to the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, section 51 (7). In connection with the sub-section of the Act just cited, I think it well to draw attention to the fact that the County Solicitor has not furnished his bill of costs each half-year to enable the County Council to comply with the requirements of the sub-section. When the account is furnished it should be borne in mind that the County Council cannot legally pay any items thereof incurred anterior to the time prescribed by the said sub-section.—I have the honour to be, gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. L. KING, Auditor. The Local Government Board, Dublin.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That in order to protect the interests of the ratepayers we hereby direct our Secretary to have proceedings taken by such solicitor as our Chairman may from time to time name for the recovery of each instalment of the several Urban District demands, which shall in future remain unpaid for fourteen days after it shall fall due. Passed.

#### MINUTES OF MEETING ON 30TH JANUARY, 1903.

Special Meeting of the Council held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on Friday, the 30th January, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor Michael Byrne, chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Francis Buckley, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Daniel Condren, E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, William Costelloe, William Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

#### BUSINESS.

1. To consider letter from the Local Government Board re appointment of County Surveyor, and to arrange terms of appointment and form of advertisement in accordance.
2. To appoint representatives on Arklow Fever Hospital Joint Committee of Management.
3. To sign application for refund of expenses under Diseases of Animals Acts.
4. To receive and consider reports from committees.
5. To receive and consider reports from county officers.
6. To receive and consider official correspondence.
7. To receive and consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That Standing Order No. 14 be hereby suspended. Passed.

No. 2576/1903. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st January, 1903. Sir,—With reference to your letter of the 13th instant, relative to the appointment of a County Surveyor for County Wicklow, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, a copy of regulations regarding the appointment of County Surveyors, and to state that it would be well that the substance of the regulations should be included in the advertisements issued by the Wicklow County Council. I am to add that by virtue of Section 1 (1) of the County Surveyors (Ireland) Act, 1900, a person may be appointed to the office of County Surveyor whose qualifications have been at any time examined into and certified by the Civil Service Commissioners. As regards the proposed salary, I am to point out that under Section 43 of the Grand Juries' Act, 1836, as adapted by the Schedule to the Local Government (Adaptation of Enactments) Order, 1899, it is obligatory on the County Council to provide an office for the County Surveyor, and defray all the expenses of the same, and accordingly the salary of that officer should be fixed independent of such expenses. In view of the qualifications of a



County Surveyor, the responsible duties devolving on him, and the necessarily large outlay for travelling expenses, the Local Government Board consider that his salary should not be less than £400 a year.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. M. SWAINE, Secretary. To the Secretary Wicklow County Council.

It was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson—That the salary of the County Surveyor be £400 per annum, with an allowance of £60 for office expenses.

As an amendment, it was proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne—That the salary be £350 per annum, and £60 for office expenses.

On a division being taken, there voted as follows:—For the amendment—Councillors D. Condren, Michael Byrne, Wm. Costelloe, F. Buckley, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, William Byrne—7. Against the amendment—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; J. McCarroll—3.

The resolution, as amended, was then put, and declared passed in the following form:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary is hereby directed to advertise for a duly qualified person as County Surveyor for the County Wicklow, at a salary of £350 per annum. The Surveyor appointed shall reside within the County of Wicklow, and devote his whole time to the duties of his appointment, and he shall keep an office open in the Court-house, Wicklow, for his regular attendance all the year round, the expenses of said office, not exceeding £60 per annum, shall be defrayed by the County Council, a clerk to be present to represent the County Surveyor on each working day that the Surveyor has to be absent from his office. Passed.

No. 50554/1902. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th October, 1902. Sir,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 12th ultimo, relative to the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital, and, in reply, I am to state that the Board consider that the Wicklow County Council have made a fair case for the amendment of the Board's Order of the 6th July, 1899, and the board have accordingly given directions for the preparation of an Order whereby the number of the representatives of the Wicklow County Council will be increased from one to six, with a corresponding decrease in the number of the representatives of the previous governing body of the hospital.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council, Court-house, Wicklow.

Proposed by Councillor William Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Costelloe. Resolved—That the following be appointed members of the Joint Committee of Management of the Arklow Fever Hospital:—Peter Kavanagh, Main-street; Daniel Condren, Lower Main-street; Thomas Birthistle, Main-street; William Kavanagh, Wexford-road; Charles Murray, Ferrybank; Michael Kavanagh, Main-street. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the application for refund of the expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts be now signed. Passed.

23rd January, 1903. From A. G. Wailles, solicitor, enclosing bill of costs re Wicklow Urban District Council, and asking that the accompanying requisition to tax should be signed.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the requisition to tax Mr. Wailles' costs be now signed and sealed, and that Mr. F. Kennedy be named as the solicitor to attend the taxing of same on behalf of this council. Passed.

# OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 67953/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th January, 1903. Sealed Order fixing area of charge for improvement of Kilcool water supply.

No. 60224/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th January, 1903. Sealed Order fixing area of charge for well at Weavers-square, Baltinglass East.

No. 2576/1903. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th January, 1903. Acknowledging receipt of Secretary's communication re appointment of County Surveyor.

No. 1336/1902. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th January, 1903. Form of minute prescribed by Sealed Order in pursuance of Section 18 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1902, on acceptance of a tender which is not the lowest tender received.

No. 3801/1903. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd January, 1903. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the security of the Collectors of Poor Rate in Wicklow County, and I am to state that the Draft Bond, submitted by you, and herewith returned, is in satisfactory form. The Board presume that the County Council will take the necessary steps to satisfy themselves as to the solvency of the proposed sureties. I am to add that the Board will be obliged if you will furnish them with a statement showing the amount of security in each case.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. M. SWAINE, Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

No. 5118/1903. Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th January, 1903. Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 24th instant, respecting the security of the Collectors of Poor Rate in Wicklow County, and in reply, I am to state that the proposed amount of security appears to be adequate in each case.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, A. R. BARLAS, Assistant Secretary. To the Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

No. 6M/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th January, 1903. Circular letter enclosing new form of return relative to the state of the rate collection.

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 21st January, 1903. Enclosing a return of the admission of patients from County Wicklow into Richmond Asylum for the quarter ended 31st December, 1902.

In connection with the heating of Baltinglass Court-house, a memorial was received from the Councillors of Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, asking the council to have arrangements made for heating the court, also the following letters from E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P., chairman, with enclosures.

St. Kevin's, Baltinglass, 28th January, 1903. Dear Sir,—If I cannot attend on Friday, I beg to enclose you an offer I got from Rev. W. J. Nelson, of a disused stove they purchased second-hand for Stratford-on-Slaney Church. The communication speaks for itself.—Yours sincerely, E. P. O'KELLY. The Presiding Chairman, Wicklow County Council. The council directed the Secretary to request Mr. O'Kelly and Mr. J. J. O. Ramsay, to inspect the stove referred to, and to report to the next meeting on its value, and whether it would be suitable for the purpose.

23rd January 1903. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Returning Form 12/14 and refusing to accept responsibility for the figures in columns 12, 13, and 14 thereof.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the Clerks of the several Rural District Councils be required, before sending the Forms 12/14 forward to the County Council, to total each column of figures, 9 to 14 inclusive,



and cross total same at the foot of each sheet of these forms in ink, as required by the Local Government Board's Auditor; and that they be informed that this council will not entertain the proposals for payment entered upon such forms unless they have been so totalled. A copy of this resolution to be sent to each Rural District Clerk. Passed.

14th January, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of resolution demanding a reduction in the Poor Rate for the year ending 31st March, 1904.

26th January, 1903. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Enclosing copy of resolution re same.

15th January, 1903. From Stokes Bros. and Pim, 36 College Green, Dublin—Enclosing report in duplicate of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Co., for the half-year ended 31st December, 1902, shewing the amount due by the guaranteeing area on account of the half-year's working—viz.: £150 11s. 7d.

22nd January, 1903. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Acknowledging receipt of the sum of £54 18s. 9d. from Collector Joseph Keane, and stating that this amount had been paid over to plaintiff's solicitor, in re Secretary of State for War v. Keane.

23rd January, 1903. From Collector Joseph Keane—Enclosing receipt for £54 18s. 9d. paid J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, in re Secretary of State for War v. Keane.

22nd January, 1903. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Re Patriotic Assurance Company's Bonds.

28th January, 1903. From same—Enclosing copy of letter from Mr. James O'Connor, junior counsel, in which he recommends the County Council to appeal against an order, adverse to the County Council, just made re Kelly a bankrupt, and asking that a senior counsel be given him in the case if the County Council decide to appeal.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be directed to appeal in the case of Kelly, a bankrupt, and that he employ Mr. Moloney, as senior counsel, in addition to Mr. O'Connor, B.L. Passed.

16th January, 1903. From the Secretaries, Office of National Education, Dublin—Acknowledging receipt of communication of the 15th instant.

23rd January, 1903. From Collector C. S. Sutton—Asking for a supply of printed forms of declaration re exemption from rates. Marked "read."

24th January, 1903. From Secretary, Automobile Club, 119 Piccadilly, London, W.—Enclosing memorandum giving particulars concerning the Gordon Bennett Cup Race, as also lists of members of Parliament who have promised support to the proposal to hold the race in Ireland.

15th January, 1903. From the Editor "The Leader," 200 Great Brunswick-street, Dublin—Asking for a share of the council's patronage.

28th January, 1903. From Miss Fitzgerald, Enniskerry—Re cultivation of small holdings, fruit growing, etc. Order—Referred to County Committee.

Letter to the Chairman from W. J. Johnston, Enniskerry—Re a pipe drain through his land, stated to be choked. Order—The matter to be referred to the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That Mr. Pierce O'Mahony, B.L., be asked to give evidence on behalf of this council before the Parliamentary Committee of Inquiry on Re-valuation. Passed.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 23RD FEBRUARY, 1903.

The Winter Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, at 11-30 a.m. on Monday, the 23rd February, 1903.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, N. Norman Thompson, Michael Tallon, Francis Buckley, E. C. Walsh, William Osborne, William Costelloe, Simon T. Doyle, J. McDermott, James Byrne, William Burke, M. Fleming, Thomas Sheppard, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; B. McDonald, and E. J. Byrne.

## BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To sign certificate for refund of expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts.
- 9—To sign return for Bounty in lieu of Rates.
- 10—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 11—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 12—To consider the Estimates and Strike the Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1904.
- 13—To move a resolution approving of the Gordon-Bennett Motor Race being held in Ireland.
- 14—To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P.:—"I hereby give Notice that I will move, at the next Quarterly Meeting to be held on the 23rd February next, a resolution to the following effect—That this Council hereby approves and confirms the propriety of opposing in the coming or following Session of Parliament the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1903. and that the cost and expenses to be incurred shall not exceed the sum of £500."
- 15—To consider official correspondence.
- 16—To consider general ditto.



## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 23rd February, 1903, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, William Burke, and Edward P. O'Kelly.

The committee regret that owing to the existing unsatisfactory fiscal arrangements they are unable to recommend a further reduction in the Secretary's estimate, as he is obliged to retain a large balance in hands at the end of each financial year to meet the demands from Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils; we therefore recommend the estimates for the rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1904, to the Council Council for adoption, as submitted by the Secretary.

Form 12/14 from Naas No. 2 Rural District, having now been completed by the Clerk of the Rural District, proposals for payment amounting to £300 13s. 7d. are recommended.

The following payments are also recommended:—J. H. McCarroll—Taxed bill of costs, £220 3s. 1d.; do., do., £80 2s. 5d.; do., do., £166 6s. 6d.; do., do., £48 5s. 2d.—amounting in all to £514 17s. 2d. Arthur G. Wailes—taxed bill of costs, £16 19s. 11d.; Charles S. Sutton—poundage on collection, £37 10s.; Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee, £150 11s. 8d.

Consideration of the Secretary's application for room outside office was adjourned to next meeting.—Signed, D. J. COGAN, Chairman. Adopted. 23/2/03.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve and adopt the estimate of rates laid before us for the year 1903-1904. Carried nem. con.

## ESTIMATE OF RATES.

## GENERAL CHARGES.

	Land.	Other Hereditaments.
	s. d.	s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	1 2½	2 9½
Naas No. 2	2 0½	3 6½
Rathdown No. 2	1 7½	2 9
Rathdrum	1 5	2 9½
Shillelagh	1 7½	3 1

## SEPARATE CHARGES.

Purpose or Name of Charge.	Special Poundage Rate.
	d.
Arklow Harbour Loan	1½
Wicklow Harbour Loan	4
Greystones Pier	½
Blessington Tramway Guarantee	1½
Baltinglass No. 1—Public Health Charges	1
Naas No. 2 do.	¾
Rathdown No. 2 do.	¾
Rathdrum do.	¾
Shillelagh do.	¾
Powerscourt E.D.—Criminal Injury	¾
Baltinglass Sewer	1
Greystones Waterworks, etc.	5½
Greystones Sewerage	10½

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we now sign the estimates and demands on the Urban District Councils of Bray and Wicklow. Carried nem. con.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 3rd February, 1903, when the following members attended:—Councillor R. Norman Thompson, Chairman; Councillors Joseph McCarroll and R. R. Drought.

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

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
County at large:—		3,465 8 10
Baltinglass No. 1:—		
District Proposals	624 4 0	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	3 18 0—	628 2 0
Naas No. 2:—		
District Proposals	Nil.	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1 0 0—	1 0 0
Rathdown No. 2:—		
District Proposals	325 9 3	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	34 6 9—	359 16 0
Rathdrum:—		
District Proposals	1,532 6 11	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	341 18 1—	1,874 5 0
Shillelagh:—		
District Proposals	507 8 7	
Proposals Committee's Proposals	57 14 10—	565 3 5
Wicklow Urban:—		
Proposals Committee's Proposals		15 16 4

Rathdrum—£341 18s. 1d. This item is made up of charges to Bank of Ireland for Arklow harbour, amounting to £286 19s. 4d., and Joseph Keane, law costs re Kilmurry rates—£54 18s. 9d.

The Committee recommend that the County Council direct and empower Collector Keane to take the necessary steps to recover the rates due on Kilmurry from the party whose name appears on the rate book, by proceeding as his solicitor shall direct.

Proposals for payment by Naas No. 2 Rural District not being in accordance with the resolution of the County Council, and a letter having been received from the Clerk of the Rural District refusing to comply with the resolution, the matter was referred to the Local Government Board for their instructions in the matter, no amount is therefore included.

The Committee recommended the Chairman to sign the requisition to tax Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs, as between solicitor and client for the opposition to Bray and Enniskerry Railway Bill, 1900, subject to the Bill being first checked and signed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson and the Secretary.

A letter was received from Collector C. S. Sutton, re arrears of rate in respect of the Bray and Enniskerry Railway. A letter from the Local Government Board re same, dated 17th January, 1902, No. 1287/1902, having been submitted, the committee recommend that Collector Sutton be directed to enter the arrears referred to in his next irrecoverable rates' lists, with an explanation.

The Secretary having drawn the attention of the committee to the fact that a number of the rate collectors had made no lodgment on account of the current half-year's rates, the committee directed the Secretary to proceed to Baltinglass and Naas, these being the districts from which no lodgments have yet been made, to examine the collectors' books, and to ascertain the cause of failure to make lodgments on account of rates, and to report to the County Council the result of his investigations.—Signed, D. J. COGAN, M.P., Chairman. 23/2/03. Adopted new con.



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

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County at Large, amounting to £3,455 1s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £628 2s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor B. McDonald. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £301 13s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £359 16s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costelloe, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,874 5s. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £565 3s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban District:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £15 16s. 4d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman) and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the quarterly payments, which have been passed by this council, be now signed. Passed.

Several deputations being present, it was moved that Councillor Cogan's notice of motion be next taken up. Having heard the deputations at length, and the details of the alternative route for the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway, deviation having been explained by Mr. J. P. Bergin, C.E., the following resolution was proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke—“That this council hereby approves the propriety of opposing in the coming or following Session of Parliament, the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Railway Bill, Session 1903, and that the cost and expenses to be incurred shall not exceed the sum of £500.” A division being taken, there voted as follows: For the resolution—Councillors William Burke, J. McDermott, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; F. Buckley, and Michael Tallon—5. Against—Councillors E. C. Walsh, E. P. O'Kelly, William Osborne, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, William Costelloe, B. McDonald, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, Michael Fleming, and R. R. Drought—14. The Chairman then declared the resolution lost, by 14 votes to 5.

## PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Provisional proposal, and contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

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

Rathdrum:—Contract No. 276 was given to James Merrigan, Rathnew, at 1s. Guarantors—Norman Wallace, Lowville, Merrion; and Hugh R. McCarroll, Wicklow. No. 286 was given to John Cleary, Curraivanish, Tinahely, at £24 8s. Guarantors—James Doyle, Askakee, Ballinglen; and James Kavanagh, Rosbawn, Tinahely. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this quarterly meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

## SURVEYORS' REPORT.

Surveyors' report to the Wicklow County Council, assembled at their Quarterly Meeting, on 23rd February, 1903. Gentlemen,—The number of road maintenance contracts renewed at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Rural District Councils, and which now come before you for consideration, was as follows:—Baltinglass No. 1, 16; Naas No. 2, 2; Rathdown No. 2, 3; Rathdrum, 10; Shillelagh, 15; total, 46. The new contracts will all commence on the 1st April next. Nearly all the expiring contracts were tendered for at the rural meetings. The competition, on the whole, was light; but some roads were taken at unprovident prices. In addition to the road contract renewals, 22 special works were passed: namely—10 in Baltinglass No. 1, 6 in Rathdown No. 2, 4 in Rathdrum, and 2 in Shillelagh. 4 of these were not tendered for at the Rural District adjourned meetings. They will probably be taken up now. None of the works call for special remarks, be we can give the council any information required, when the list comes before you. Generally speaking, the roads and public works are in fairly good repair. Full detailed reports have been furnished by us, with our certificates for payments, to the various district quarterly meetings.—We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants, Campbell Boyd, John Pansing, J. J. O. Ramsay, S. G. Gallagher, Assistant County Surveyors. Wicklow, 23rd February, 1903.

Adopted.

## COUNTY WICKLOW, DUBLIN, AND BLESSINGTON STEAM TRAMWAY.

Report to the County Council at their Quarterly Meeting, on 23rd February, 1903.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—In compliance with your instructions, I have recently inspected the County Wicklow part of the tramway, especially with reference to the defects mentioned by the late Mr. Draper, in his report of last August, and I beg to report as follows:—A great part of the line has not yet been cleared of weeds, and some of it about Hempstown in covered with grass like a field. The rails in many places have been allowed gradually to sink lower than the adjoin-



ing road surface, and should be "lifted," with a good supply of fresh ballast. This is most necessary for the proper drainage of the line, and has only been done to a small extent for years past. The water-table next fence, recommended by the late Mr. Draper, has not been made anywhere, and many of the existing outlets across the line, and through the fence, for surface water, are choked, causing pools to lie along the side of the road in wet weather. A great many of the fish bolt nuts are loose, and washers broken, except near Blessington, but scarcely any fish bolts are missing. A few new sleepers are now being put in, a good many of the old ones being slightly decayed. No new mile, etc., posts, have been put up, either of wood or of iron, as recommended by the late Mr. Draper. So far as I could see the rolling stock is in fair order.—I am, gentlemen, your obedient servant, J. J. O. RAMSAY, Assistant Surveyor. February, 1903.

### SECRETARY'S REPORT.

Winter Quarterly Meeting, 23rd February, 1903. Gentlemen,—The estimates for the rates for the ensuing financial year come before you for consideration and adoption to-day, and as a great deal of misapprehension appears to exist in connection with them throughout the county, I think perhaps a few words on the subject might remove some of it. Many ratepayers, and some District Councils, appear to think that because the council at any time has a balance to credit at its treasurers, it is treating them unjustly (the language used on the subject is sometimes more forcible!) and in fact, overtaxing them. Well, unless we keep a reserve fund in the bank the council cannot carry on the housekeeping of the county, as I will now show you. The rate collections are closed and the amounts lodged by the 31st March in each year, no further rates come in till the new rate is in force. The council makes that rate and signs the warrants to collect during the last week in May, and these are in the collectors' hands the first week in June, the demand notes have then all to be issued, and the first rates are lodged about the 1st August: in the meantime transfers to the Unions, Rural District Councils and the Lunatic Asylum, amounting to £14,726 will have been paid out (in addition of course, to the whole of the quarterly meeting payments in May, which latter are taken into account in the net balance on 31st March), and on the 17th of August payments amounting to about £8,523 more will become due, and have to be paid. Now so far as I see the rate has never been paid in earlier than it was last summer—well, up to the 17th August last year the total rates lodged from this county—outside, Rathdown and Rathdrum Rural Districts—only amounted to £540, the two districts named added £3,800, and Government grants about £1,000, to the above, making together £5,340, which, if we have no reserve fund, will leave us bankrupt to the extent of £18,000. This is calculating upon the estimates now before you, which are considerably less than last year from several causes. When going through the estimates on a former occasion, I and your Finance Committee found that this reserve should not be less than £20,000. I was told a couple of years ago that in Waterford, it was £65,000, and I see by the report of the last quarterly meeting in Wexford this balance put down at over £50,000, though the valuation of the county is only about one-quarter more than this. But we HAVE kept this reserve balance up, and therefore we shall be able to pay our way

honestly as we go. I have got your accountant to make out the total receipts and the total expenditure of the county since the Local Government Act came into force, they are as follows:—

	£	s.	d.
Total receipts to 31st March, 1903	271,027	3	4
Total expenditure do. do.	245,933	11	3
Estimated balance do. do.	£25,093	12	1
Expenditure to 17th August next, as given above	23,249	2	0
Leaving balance after August meeting	£1,844	10	1

which I do not think can be called excessive on an expenditure of over quarter of a million sterling. Of the £245,933 expenditure to the 31st March, 1903, only £149,847 have been charged to the rates, or in other words the rates levied were less by £100,000 than the sum required for the council's expenditure. One of your Rural Districts has demanded that some balance they state stands to their credit, amounting to £2,000, shall be credited to rates of their district on this occasion. If we took this basis the total amount we should credit to the rates for the county would amount to £30,000! After very careful calculation and trusting to the council insisting upon the rates being lodged more regularly, I have been able to credit some £6,000 in all, reducing the rates all round about 4d. in the £1. In Rathdown I have been able to reduce the rates by 9d. in the £1 in consequence of the rates being collected so early there, that a much smaller reserve fund is required, in fact, Mr. Sutton, who is without exception the best collector the council has, lodges the entire of his warrant six weeks before any other in the county. In Rathdrum, where a number of collectors also lodge in good time, I have been able to reduce the rates 7½d. in the £1. After months of correspondence, I have at length succeeded in getting from the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, under Section 58 (4) of the Local Government Act, a refund of £275 12s. 7d. on account of harbour rates for the districts paying both Arklow and Wicklow harbour rates, and a similar refund of £126 4s. 7d. on account of Blessington Tramway guarantee. In consequence of this, and of now having paid up the hanging half-year's instalment on both, Arklow harbour rate is reduced to 1½d. in the £1, and the tramway guarantee to the same rate. As your rates have been thus reduced on this occasion, the council should give the Urban District Councils clearly to understand that it intends in future, rigidly to carry out its resolution to enforce payment of all instalments of its demands that are fourteen days overdue, and that they must therefore provide a similar reserve fund, or suffer by law costs. The collection of the rates must also receive more attention in several districts. When the last monthly return of rates was sent in to the Local Government Board, no less than ten collectors had lodged nothing; not one penny had been then received from either Baltinglass or Naas Rural Districts, although five to six thousand pounds had already been received from this side of the county. At the last meeting of your Finance Committee I was directed to visit ultramontane Wicklow, and examine the collectors' books there, and enquire into this default. The day before I visited these districts I had the Naas Rural Districts' account balanced, as this district had called on the council to place a large balance, they stated they had, to the credit of their rates. The account, without allowing for its share of the law costs, showed a balance to their credit of £399 4s. 8d. The collectors all informed me that it is impossible to collect a penny of the rates until the last month of the half-year, and some of the ratepayers, who are the loudest in their complaints of the council keeping money in reserve, refuse to pay any rate until the last week of the collection; these ratepayers cannot have realised the fact that the council has to make its payments QUARTERLY, NOT HALF-YEARLY.



Some four of the collectors I found systematically neglected to enter in their blocks the date of the payments of the several rates. This I pointed out was a serious matter. For instance, in these books I found receipts corresponding to very large sums of money had been removed, but there was no date to show how long the collector had had the money in his possession. I think it but fair to say I have no reason to believe that in any of the cases one penny had been improperly detained, but it rendered the collector liable to serious suspicion, which there was no means of checking. In conclusion, I would draw attention to the manner in which I am expected to do your business, and must respectfully but firmly decline to continue it. It is most unfair to your staff and to the interests of your county. Article 7 (3) of the Procedure of Councils' Order, enacts that all applications by persons claiming payment must be sent to the council, at least 30 days before the quarterly meeting. A number of the applications for payment, which are to be considered by you to-day, and which affect the estimates for the rates, were only received by me on Friday, and even Saturday last, and then only in reply to letters and telegrams from me, solely through negligence on the part of the applicants. The Secretary's office has also been called on for some time past, to do the County Surveyor's work, although the ratepayers have been paying the expenses of the County Surveyor's office for doing this work. All this comes in at the very time that your staff is most busily engaged preparing for the quarterly meetings, and arranging every thing to enable contractors and others to receive their payments without delay, in addition to putting additional burden on the rates. Again Article 22 of the County Councils' Order, 1899, has been altered so as to require your estimates to be adopted not later than the 1st of March, instead of the 31st March, as first enacted, but the Valuation Act has not been altered to correspond, so that the Valuation Office is not required to supply the revised valuations till the 1st of March; how then would it be possible to complete the estimates? I drew attention to this before, and in reply to Councillor Cogan's application in Parliament, the Valuation Office have consented to send the rate books (unofficially) in the beginning of February, but not the abstract of the district and county totals till the 1st March. I do not require the rate books till March, but must have the totals before I can make the estimate. The matter should not be allowed to rest until these are sent a month earlier; the revision could commence a month earlier if necessary. The whole of your complicated estimates have had to be prepared in the last few days, which is an unfair strain to put on your secretary and accountant.—Yours faithfully,

E. N. WYNNE.

Order—Adopted. The Secretary to write to the various clerks of unions, with respect to irregularities pointed out in the report.

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

I, Edw. N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with Article 1 of the above named Order in Council, that the following Collector of Poor Rate for the Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, Mr. Charles S. Sutton, has duly and properly lodged with your treasurer, the entire amount named in his warrant, within the time prescribed by the above named Order in Council, and that he is therefore now entitled to payment of his poundage upon his collection.—E. N. WYNNE. 21st February, 1903.

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 7th February, 1903.  
Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st December, 1902.

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

Article.	Number.
Butter	38
Whiskey	17
Butter	6
Tea	5
Port Wine	2
Linseed Meal	2
Pepper	2
Flour	2
Buttermilk	1
Claret	1
Total	76

Of the specimens of butter, five were adulterated with at least 11, 17, 22, 22 and 24 per cent. of fats foreign to butter, respectively. One of the specimens of milk was adulterated with at least 10 per cent. of added water. The remaining articles were of good quality.

There were twelve specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Upper Merrion-street, Dublin, which were taken up in the County of Wicklow. One was adulterated with at least 14 per cent. of fats foreign to butter.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union twenty-two drugs were analysed. They were correct.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union seventeen drugs were analysed. They were correct.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union nine drugs, two specimens of milk, one of butter, and one of water, were analysed. The drugs were correct. The specimens of milk and butter were pure. The specimen of water had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 8·400; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·014; saline ammonia, 0·005; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0·795; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none. A slightly inferior water.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total Solid Matters	12·600	31·500
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0·012	0·010
Saline Ammonia	0·0035	0·0035
Nitric Acid	Trace	3·330
Chlorine	1·391	3·677
Sulphuric Acid	1·4412	5·7648
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	2·0000	8·0000

There were four specimens of manure analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow.



Two specimens of water analysed for the Earl of Wicklow, had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total Solid Matters	.....	.....
Including—		
Albuminoid Ammonia	0·015	0·015
Saline Ammonia	0·0015	0·0015
Nitric Acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0·894	1·292

Tolerably good waters.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, thirty-six drugs, six specimens of milk and five of water, were analysed. Two specimens of compound tincture of camphor were both high in alcohol. The milks were of rich quality. The specimens of water had the following compositions:—

One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.	No. 3.	No. 4.	No. 5.
Total Solid Matters	49·420	48·300	30·800	23·800	70·000
Including—					
Albuminoid Ammonia	0·060	0·014	0·010	0·010	0·030
Saline Ammonia	0·0025	0·003	0·0025	0·002	0·007
Nitric Acid	3·670	Trace	0·500	Trace	10·620
Chlorine	1·690	4·473	1·590	1·590	4·970
Sulphuric Acid	4·3236	4·3236	2·8824	None	14·412
Equal to Calcium Sulphate	6·0000	6·0000	4·0000	None	20·000

Nos. 1 and 5 were bad waters; the others were usable.

A specimen of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following composition: One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 27·300; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·006; saline ammonia, 0·010; nitric acid, 0·500; chlorine, 1·391; sulphuric acid, 1·4412; equal to calcium sulphate; 2·0000. A fairly good water.

Total analyses, 198.

C. A. CAMERON.

Proposed by Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, seconded by Councillor M. Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby record our full approval of the proposal to hold the great International Motor Car Race for the Gordon-Bennett Cup, in Ireland, provided that sufficient arrangements are made to ensure the safety of the public, and we appeal to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant to take the necessary steps to induce the Government to bring a Bill before Parliament without delay to enable this race to be run as proposed. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That the seal of the council, and the Chairman's signature, be placed on the petition approving of the Gordon-Bennett Motor Race. Passed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Wm. Burke—"That resolution of the 8/12/02, relating to payment of demand on Urban Districts be rescinded or varied at next meeting, so that one month be given for payment, instead of 14 days."

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the Secretary to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction be granted leave of absence for the week commencing 2nd March, 1903, in order that he may be able to attend the several shows of mares to be held in the county under the Schemes for Improvement of Live Stock, 1903. Granted.

Proposed by Councillor M. Fleming, seconded by Councillor Ml. Tallon. Resolved—We congratulate the Land Conference on the result of their labour, and we call on the Government to give effect to their deliberations by embodying them in the new Land Bill, and thus end for ever the Agrarian War, which has entailed so much misery and ruin on Ireland, and we call on our Parliamentary Representatives to safeguard the cause of the tenants during the passage of the measure. Passed.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 6394/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th February, 1903. Stating that while still of opinion that £400 a year should be the minimum salary of a County Surveyor, the Board will raise no objection to the County Council issuing advertisements in the terms set forth in their resolution of the 30th ultimo., with a view to ascertaining whether persons possessed of the necessary training and prima facie qualifications will offer themselves as candidates for the County Surveyorship.

No. M/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th February, 1903. Sealed Order relative to the admission of representatives of the Press to meetings.

No. 69227/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th February, 1903. Sealed Order closing Rathnew Burial Ground on and after the 1st March, 1904.

No. 7270/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th February, 1903. Stating that the Board consider it to be the duty of the Clerk of the Rural District Council to total the columns of figures in the Amalgamated Forms 12/14.

Correspondence in connection with same from the Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District.

No. 22M/1903; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th February, 1903. Circular re overdue accounts payable out of the poor rate.

No. 1479/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, January, 1903. Circular to sellers of fertilizers or feeding stuffs, under the Fertilizers and Feeding Stuffs Act, 1893.

No. 1161/. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 30th January, 1903. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin. Leaflet No. 21, diseases of poultry; leaflet No. 22, basic slag; leaflet No. 23, dishorning calves.

301/03. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 2nd February, 1903. Relative to the observance of the Provisions of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order of 1901, in the county.

20th February, 1903. From Veterinary Inspector, George New-som, Killougher, Ashford—Re same.

No. 2499. Dublin Castle, 11th February, 1903. Enclosing correspondence and order for £401 17s. 2d., being refund of £126 4s. 7d. in connection with the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Guarantee; and £275 12s. 7d. on account of the Wicklow and Arklow Harbour Loans, under Section 58 Sub-Section 4 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, during the year 1900-01.

No. 918/1903. Office of National Education, Dublin, 5th February, 1903. Refusing to apply the Provisions of the Irish Education Act of 1892, to the Rural District of Shillelagh, for a limited period.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 30th January, 1903. Announcing loan of £350 to the Guardians of the Poor of Naas Union, under the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, etc.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 9th February, 1903. Announcing loan of £130 to the Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Public Health (Ireland) Act.



20th February, 1903. From Clerk, Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—Re failure of collectors in his district to make the necessary lodgments.

9th February, 1903. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—Complaining that the estimates for that district hitherto represented a rate of 2s. 9d. in the £1 in excess of the amount required, and calling on the council to give credit for this excess in the coming rate.

Circular letter sent by Clerk of Naas No. 2 Rural District on 14th November, 1902, to the collectors of the poor rate in his district, giving the dates for examination of their collections for the half-year ending 31st March, 1903.

Telegram from J. H. McCarroll, Solicitor, stating that the County Council had won their case against David Kelly, a bankrupt.

15th February, 1903. From C. McSweeney, Aughrim—Secretary to the Aughrim Ratepayers' Association—Enclosing copy of resolution from that body relative to the increase in harbour rate in past year.

14th February, 1903. From W. C. Merrey, Petty Sessions Clerk, Blessington—Enclosing the finding of a jury at an inquest held by two justices (in the absence of the coroner through illness) on the body of Mrs. Alice Olive Barnes, Blessington.

19th February, 1903. From William Earls, 76 Main-street, Bray—Secretary of the St. Kevin's Catholic Burial Society—Asking for the use of a room in the Court-House, Bray, to hold their weekly meetings in.

22nd February, 1903. From John Kelly, Ballee, Rathdrum—Application for settlement of claim for remuneration for delivering Requisition Forms (2 Books) not served by late Collector Dowling.

21st February, 1903. From Laurence Murphy, Togher, Roundwood—Relative to inducing the Automobile Club to promote motor excursions through the county.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 2ND APRIL, 1903.

Special Meeting of the County Council held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on Thursday, the 2nd April, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

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

### BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider the Report of Finance Committee.
- 2—To pass Quarterly Transfers at foot of Demands from Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 3—To appoint two persons to serve on the Council of Agriculture.
- 4—To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor William Burke:—"To rescind and alter the resolution of the 8th December, 1902, relating to payment of Demand by Urban Districts."
- 5—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 6—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 7—To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
- 8—To receive and consider General Correspondence.

### REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

31st March, 1903.

The following members attended this day, and, having examined the various accounts, submit their report to the County Council:—Councillor R. R. Drought, presiding; Councillors Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne.

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

### UNIONS.

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

### RURAL DISTRICTS.

	General Charges.	Separate Charges.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Baltinglass	119 0 0	31 0 0
Naas	52 5 0	6 15 0
Rathdown	90 10 0	300 5 0
Rathdrum	333 7 1	49 1 9
Shillelagh	57 10 0	25 0 0
	£852 12 1	£412 1 9

The Committee recommend that the room outside the door of the County Secretary's Office, be added to that office.

The Clerk of Shillelagh Union applied to have his annual compensation commuted to a single payment under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1900. The commutation of his compensation to one payment of £21 14s., in accordance with the Schedule of the Act referred to is recommended.

The attention of the County Council is drawn to the Auditor's Report on the Accounts of Naas Union.



The committee recommend that a Paying Order be issued for £97 5s. 8d. in favour of Mr. J. H. McCarroll, being the amount of costs given against Bray Urban Council, and improperly lodged by that council to credit of the County Account.—Signed, R. R. DROUGHT, Chairman. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authority for the Transfers to the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed, as also Treasurer's Authority for £97 5s. 8d. to J. H. McCarroll, his costs against Bray Urban Council. Passed.

In accordance with the Department's circular letter, dated 16th March, 1903, the following councillors were appointed members of the new Council of Agriculture to hold office for the three years ending 31st March, 1906, under Section 27 (1) of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899:—Councillors R. Norman Thompson and D. J. Cogan, M.P.

19th February, 1903. Circular letter from the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council, 10 Leinster Street, Dublin—Asking the council to nominate delegates (not exceeding three in number) to the General Council, and to fix the annual subscription to same. Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That this council votes the sum of three pounds, as an annual subscription to the Irish County Councils' General Council. Also that this council appoints E. P. O'Kelly, J.P., Baltin-glass; R. Norman Thompson, M.B., J.P., Kindlestown, Delgany; D. J. Cogan, M.P., 115 Thomas Street, Dublin; as its representatives on the Irish County Councils' General Council. Passed.

27th February, 1903. From the Committee Irish Industrial Conference, Jury's Hotel, Dublin—Requesting a delegation (not exceeding ten in number) to the meeting of the Irish Industrial Conference, to be held in the Royal University, Earlsfort Terrace, Dublin, on Wednesday, the 15th April, 1903, at 2 p.m. The following councillors were nominated to attend:—E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and R. Norman Thompson.

13th March, 1903. From the Secretaries United Irish League, 39 Upper O'Connell Street, Dublin—Circular letter asking the County Council to send six delegates to the National Convention, to be held in the Round Room, Mansion House, Dublin, on the 14th and 15th April, 1903, at 11 o'clock sharp, and enclosing cards of admission required by the delegates on both days. The following members were appointed to attend:—E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and R. Norman Thompson.

Councillor William Burke not being present, the notice of motion standing in his name on the agenda paper, was not moved.

A deputation from the Wicklow Fever Hospital Committee of Management attended and submitted a Draft Lease for Building Site for the new Fever Hospital. Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby approve of the Draft Lease of the Site for the proposed Fever Hospital now submitted to us, and authorise and direct our Chairman and Councillor J. McCarroll to sign and seal the lease itself on our behalf, when approved by the Local Government Board and engrossed. Passed nem. con.

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 71677/1902; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th February, 1903. Enclosing copy of the Light Locomotives on Highways (Ireland) Order, 1903.

No. 11558/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 9th March, 1903. Acknowledging receipt of Secretary's letter

of the 7th March, relative to the non-attendance of Collector P. Behan at the Office of the Clerk of the Union, Rathdrum, to have his books checked. Order—The Local Government Board to be asked to extend the time for closing the collection in Mr. Behan's district, to the 20th April.

No. 11344/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st March, 1903. Stating that the Board had transmitted the list of applicants for the County Surveyorship to the Civil Service Commissioners, with the exception of F. W. Moore, who is apparently beyond the age limit.

No. 978/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 4th March, 1903. Acknowledging receipt of report furnished by Mr. Newsom, V.S., as to the manner in which the provisions of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order of 1901, are being observed in the county, and stating that the Board would raise no objection to Mr. Newsom's claim for extra remuneration being paid.

No. 1146/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th March, 1903. Stating that the enforcement of the provisions of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order of 1901, is a duty incumbent on the Local Authority, and that the point as to whether an inspector may reasonably be granted remuneration over and above the amount of his regular salary in any particular circumstances, is one for the discretion of the Local Authority.

Killoughter, Ashford, Wicklow, 30th March, 1903. From George Newsom, V.S., relative to his application for fees and expenses for inspecting swine lairs and pig-dealers' premises in his district. Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That five pounds sterling be allowed. Passed.

Coppenagh House, Tullow, 25th March, 1903. Report from Wm. A. Young, V.S., as to the manner the provisions of the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order, 1901, No. 38, were carried out in his district. Order—To be forwarded to the Department of Agriculture.

20th March, 1903. From same—Stating that he had been directed by the Department of Agriculture to bring under the County Council's notice, as the Local Authority, the fact that more than one outbreak of sheep scab in his district had been traced by him to the movement of sheep from the Curragh into the County of Wicklow, when affected with sheep scab, or coming from amongst sheep so affected. Order—Sheep not to be brought into County Wicklow unless dipped. The Chairman to consult the Chairman of Kildare County Council on the subject.

No. 4744/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 10th March, 1903. Notifying the number of samples of butter taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Act.

No. 4131/ Dublin Castle, 25th February, 1903. Acknowledging copy of resolution of the council in favour of the Gordon-Bennett Cup Motor Race being held in Ireland.

20th March, 1903. From Councillor William Osborne—Enclosing an order of the Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, asking for a return showing the balances in favour or against the Rural District in respect of all charges on the 30th September, 1901; 31st March, 1902; and 30th September, 1902. Order—Return to be furnished.

28th February, and 6th March, 1903. From Clerk Rathdrum Union—Re non-attendance of Collector Behan to have his books checked.

28th February, 1903. Application from Arthur Alexander, Laragh Lodge, Rathdrum, to be registered as a person carrying on the trade or business of a dairy.

14th March, 1903. From Clerk Shillelagh Rural District—Notifying that a resolution proposing to apply the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, to the Rural District in accordance with the



terms of the Act, was lost, at a meeting of the Rural District Council on the 6th March.

Letters, dated 3rd, 5th, and 7th March, 1903, from Hastings D. Draper, Solicitor, 12 Windsor-road, Rathmines—Claiming £121 1s. 11d. proportion of salary, and £9 6s. 3d. proportion of office expenses, to date of death of the late Carter Draper, Esq., in place of £120 2s. 3d., and £9 4s. 9d. respectively, being the proportion calculated and paid him by the County Council. Also letter from Secretary in reply, showing the County Council's calculations to be correct. Marked "read."

Notice of application for compensation for criminal injury to property from Charles Byrne, Keatingstown, Wicklow, for £107 10s. Police report on same. Order—Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, to be instructed to protect the interests of the council.

19th March, 1903. From Kilkenny County Council—Enclosing resolution re amalgamation of unions, with a view to the better treatment and industrial training of the children.

3rd March, 1903. From Town Clerk, Waterford—Enclosing copy of resolution urging Mr. Thomas Sexton to return to Parliamentary duties. Adopted.

23rd February, 1903. From the Secretary Gaelic League—Relative to the revival of the Irish Language.

March, 1903. Circular letter from the Fine Art and General Insurance Co., Ltd., 90 Cannon Street, London, E.C.—re municipal self-insurance.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 25TH MAY, 1903.

The Spring Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 25th May, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, chairman; Councillors T. Sheppard, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Daniel Condren, E. C. Walsh, Michael Tallon, Michael Kelly, William Osborne, William Costelloe, Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne.

## BUSINESS.

- 1.—To make the Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1904, and sign and seal the Rate Books and Rate Collectors' Warrants.
- 2.—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 3.—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 4.—To consider proposals for payment from the five Rural Districts.
- 5.—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 6.—To consider proposals for contracts from the five Rural Districts.
- 7.—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 8.—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 9.—To appoint an Auditor for the Accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Tramway Company to represent the County Council for the current year.
- 10.—To receive and consider reports from Committees.
- 11.—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 12.—To consider official correspondence.
- 13.—To consider general correspondence.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we now sign and seal the rates made for the financial year ending 31st March, 1904. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor T. Sheppard, seconded by Councillor Joseph McCarroll. Resolved—That the rate collectors' warrants for the collection of the rates made for the year ending 31st March, 1904, be signed and sealed. Passed.

## REPORT OF THE FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following members attended on Friday, 15th May, 1903:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, Joseph McCarroll, and William Byrne. Having examined the County Surveyors' certificates, we recommend payment of the following amount of compensation for extra military traffic on roads to Imaal Camp:—Year 1900-01, £15 10s.; year 1901-02, £18 10s.; year 1902-3, £17; total, £51; and to Daniel O'Brien, for 1901-02, and 1902-3 (240 cubic yards limestone at 4s. 6d. per cubic yard), under special agreement, £54. The committee having examined the proposals for



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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at large:—				3,918	14	6
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District Proposals	661	9	1			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	131	16	0—	793	5	1
Naas No. 2:—						
District Proposals	312	8	4			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	36	7	5—	348	15	9
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District Proposals	352	5	5			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	80	5	2—	432	10	7
Rathdrum:—						
District Proposals	1,642	7	10			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	1,306	13	4—	2,949	1	2
Shillelagh:—						
District Proposals	488	18	7			
Proposals Committee's Proposals	403	15	0—	892	13	7
Wicklow Urban:—						
Proposals Committee's Proposals				52	1	8

Further payments, amounting to £11 4s. 3d. in Baltinglass, and 6s. 3d. in Rathdrum, have been certified for by those Rural District Councils, but as the previous payments upon these contracts have been surcharged, the Finance Committee do not see their way to recommend them for payment until the attention of council has been drawn to them. The committee has had these payments entered upon separate forms of Treasurer's Authorities; the amounts are in each case correct according to the contracts entered into. Rate Collectors' Lists of Irrecoverable Rates were examined, and the following amounts were recommended to be refunded the collectors as irrecoverable, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from their payments:—

Collecting District No.	Collector.	Amount of refund.	Poundage to be deducted.
		£ s. d.	£ s. d.
1	Joseph Doyle	7 2 7	0 3 7
2	Richard Geoghegan	4 13 4	0 1 11
3	Thomas Tutty	2 0 1	0 1 0
4	Nicholas Byrne	5 11 3	0 2 9
5	Michael Kelly	1 7 9	9/8 disallowed 0 0 8
6	Michael McGrath	0 4 5	3/10 do. 0 0 1
7	Charles S. Sutton	31 9 10	0 15 9
8	John Tallon	1 6 4	0 0 8
9	Joseph Keane	1 17 0	0 0 10
10	John Murphy	5 11 5	3/5 do. 0 2 4
11	Patrick Behan	3 0 10	0 1 3
12	John F. Evans	3 0 7	0 4 3
	Refund to the Collector and carry forward	5 10 2	
13	George Evans	1 18 7	0 0 11
14	James Byrne	11 4 9	11/7 do. 0 4 8
15	John Brennan	11 4 8	0 6 6
	Refund to the Collector and carry forward	1 12 8	
16	William Smith	12 16 5	14/4 struck out 0 6 5
17	Philip Doyle	3 16 10	0 1 11
18	Thomas Ebbs	—	—
19	Terence Byrne	3 13 10	0 1 10

In No. 5—Collector Michael Kelly—former order to be adhered to regarding "houses down." On the application of Collector John Murphy, dated 11th April, 1903, the committee recommend that a fixed salary of £40 per annum be paid to Mr. Murphy—commencing from 1st April, 1903. A bill of miscellaneous costs was received from J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, including items from 13th January to 21st March, 1903, together with requisition order to tax same. The committee have disallowed item No. 28, and the items marked for preparation of bonds, as not incurred. All these bonds were filled by the Secretary, and executed before him in the office of the collectors' solicitors, and were subsequently sent Mr. McCarroll for registering only, for which the Taxing Master has heretofore allowed £1 4s. 6d. each. The Committee are surprised why Mr. McCarroll should charge these items in his account, and wish to draw his serious attention to this matter, and hope such inaccuracies shall not again take place. Auditor's report and attested abstract of the accounts of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ended 30th September, 1902, was read and considered satisfactory. The committee recommend that the Boards of Guardians of each Union in the county, from whom patients have been, or may in future be sent, take the necessary steps to ascertain whether the relatives of such patients are in a position to contribute the whole, or a portion of the maintenance of such patients in the Asylum, and to report to the Resident Medical Superintendent; and the Secretary should communicate with the Petty Sessions Clerks, asking them to draw the attention of the magistrates in the county to the desirability of ascertaining at the time of committal whether the relatives of such patients can so contribute. The committee recommend that in future the statement of resolutions be printed, similar to that issued for Summer 1899, in accordance with the Order in Council; and that the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be held on the third Monday in February, May, August and November; the Proposal Committee to meet twenty days beforehand, and that the first Rural District Quarterly Meeting be held on the first Tuesday in each quarter, as arranged between the Secretary and the Assistant County Surveyors. The committee checked the subsidiary account for the past quarter, with the vouchers, and found it correct, and recommend a transfer of £504 9s. 1d. to credit of said account.—R. NORMAN THOMPSON.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll—That the Finance Committee's report be adopted.

As an amendment:—It was moved by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor Francis Buckley—That the recommendation regarding Collector Murphy's salary be not adopted. A division being taken, there voted as follows: For the resolution—Councillors E. C. Walsh, D. Condren, R. Norman Thompson, William Costelloe, Joseph McCarroll, Michael Tallon, and William Byrne—7. For the amendment—Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Michael Byrne, F. Buckley, Michael Kelly, Thomas Sheppard, and R. R. Drought—6. Carried by 7 votes to 6; the report was therefore declared adopted as it stood.

Councillor Michael Byrne then handed in the following notice of motion:—I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council of Wicklow, I, or some one for me, will move that all the new collectors' remuneration be increased and made a fixed salary, on the same scale as Collector Murphy.

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

Certificate under the County (Poor Rate Collectors') No. 2 Order, 1899.

I, Edward N. Wynne, Secretary to the County Council of the County of Wicklow, hereby certify in accordance with article one of



the above-named Order in Council, that the following collectors of poor rate in this county have duly and properly lodged with your Treasurer, the National Bank, Wicklow, the entire amount named in their respective warrants within the time prescribed by the above-named Order, and by a Sealed Order of the Local Government Board, dated the eighteenth day of May, one thousand nine hundred and three, and are therefore entitled to payment of their poundage fees upon their collections:—

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

23rd May, 1903.

E. N. WYNNE.

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County at Large, amounting to £3,918 14s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

The Deputy County Surveyors having reported on the roads referred to in the auditor's report, payment of the following amounts was deferred to the next quarterly meeting:—Baltinglass Rural District, £11 4s. 3d.; Rathdrum Rural District, £35 6s. 3d.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor Michael Kelly, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £898 5s. 1d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £348 15s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor M. Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £432 10s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor D. Condren. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £2,914 7s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor M. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £892 13s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £52 1s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initiated by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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

## PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contract No. 297 was rejected. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

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

Rathdrum:—Contract No. 293 was rejected. A notice was received from Hamilton and Craig, solicitors, drawing attention to an alleged irregularity in the tender accepted by the District Council for contract No. 304. The Council having considered the matter, the contract as standing in the name of Thomas Kelly, Proby's-row, Arklow, was cancelled. Contract No. 296 was given to Michael Byrne, Castle-street, Wicklow, at 6d. per perch; guarantors—John Kavanagh, Dunbur, Wicklow; and Simon Rutledge, New-street, Wicklow. Contract No. 305 was given to Denis Kavanagh, 8 Marlboro' terrace, Arklow, at 2s. 8d. per perch; guarantors—Patrick Kavanagh, Johnstown, Arklow; and John Hemenstall, Wexford road, Arklow. Remaining contracts, as submitted, were approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That the several contracts which have been approved of at this quarterly meeting be now signed and sealed. Passed.

An application was received from William Gahan, road contractor, applying for permission to remove a quantity of road metal placed by him in excess of his required measurement on a road, the new contract for which had been given to another contractor. Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the application be allowed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor William Osborne, seconded by Councillor Michael Kelly. Resolved—That Messrs. Stokes Bros. and Pim, be appointed auditors of the accounts of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway Company, for the next twelve months, to represent the County Council in accordance with the Order in Council. Passed.

## COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 16th May, 1903. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 31st March, 1903. 101 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R.I.C., as follows:—Butter, 58; milk, 24; whiskey, 12; cheese, 3; buttermilk, 2; margarine, 1; coffee, 1; total 101. Of the specimens of butter one was composed almost entirely of fats foreign to butter, and one contained at least 16 per cent. of fats foreign to butter. Of the specimens of milk one was adulterated with at least 7.5 per cent. of added water, and one was deprived of at least 16 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article. One of the specimens of whiskey was 40 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 20 per cent. of added water. The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union fifteen drugs, two specimens of milk, and one of butter were analysed. The drugs were correct. One of the milks was adulterated with at least 60 per cent. of added water. The specimen of water had the following composition—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 25.900; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0.005; saline ammonia, 0.0015;



nitric acid, 2·620; chlorine, 1·192; sulphuric acid, 7·206; equal to calcium sulphate, 10·000. A very good water.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, nineteen drugs, two specimens of butter and two of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, tincture of nux vomica, was slightly high in alkaloids. One of the milks was of poor quality, but not sufficiently so to warrant certificate of adulteration.

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

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

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	18·060	16·520
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0·010	0·007
Saline ammonia	0·0015	0·005
Nitric acid	0·620	1·330
Chlorine	3·772	3·677
Sulphuric acid	2·8824	1·4412
Equal to calcium sulphate	4·0000	2·0000

Fairly good water.

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

For Major Gardiner, Glanmore, Ashford, three specimens of manure, and one of meal were analysed.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, three specimens of manure were analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, thirty-six drugs, four specimens of milk and one of water, were analysed. Of the drugs, two specimens of tincture nux vomica, were both high in alkaloids. Two of the milks were under the average quality of pure milk. The specimen of water had the following composition—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 33·600; including—albuminoid ammonia, 0·005; saline ammonia, 0·003; nitric acid, 1·670; chlorine, 1·988; sulphuric acid, 4·3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6·0000. A good water.

A specimen of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following composition—One imperial gallon contained in grains—Total solid matters, 46·900; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·0035; saline ammonia, 0·0015; nitric acid, 3·440; chlorine, 7·057; sulphuric acid, 4·3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6·0000. A very good water.

Total analyses, 210; adulterated articles, 6.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

It was directed that the County Analyst be asked in future to send in his report in triplicate.

### SURVEYORS' REPORT.

Wicklow, 25th May, 1903. To the Chairman and County Council of Wicklow assembled at their Spring Quarterly Meeting, 1903. Gentlemen,—The number of road maintenance contracts expiring at next Summer Assizes, and which were renewed at last Quarterly Meeting of the Rural District Councils, was unusually large, and now come up for your approval as follows:—Baltinglass No. 1—At the adjourned meeting twelve road maintenance contracts were all renewed, making sixteen new contracts by dividing four of the roads; the prices being

about the same as before, except for the road at Imaal Military camp, where the old price was 4d., and the new 3s. per perch, for one year. Out of ten special works, eight were contracted for; one was not tendered for; and the tender for Granabeg Bridge and road was not accepted, but referred to the County Council, this being a similar case to some surcharges in other districts. The Local Government Auditor made no surcharge in this district, but he apparently intends to surcharge at next audit any payments for Kilcough Bog roads, Nos. 254 and 272 in District Register. A military traction engine broke down 36 yards of gullets in Dunlavin, which have been repaired at a cost of £7 4s., payable out of the War Office contribution. A sudden damage to a road and gullets near Rathdangan was repaired by the contractor, for which a payment of £4 has been recommended. Naas No. 2—Five road maintenance contracts were all renewed at about the same prices as before, except for a road used by the military, where the price per perch was increased from 5d. to 9d., for one year. There was only one special work, which was not tendered for. William Dempsey, contractor, road No. 56 in District Register, is to be prosecuted, for total neglect, at June Quarter Sessions, and a new contract will be required for this road. The Local Government Auditor made no surcharge in this district. Rathdown No. 2—Two road maintenance contracts were renewed at slightly reduced prices, and three out of four special works passed were taken at the full prices allowed—the 4th work—viz.: a new footpath at Blacklion, was not tendered for. In the matter of one the road contracts above mentioned (i.e., the Ballinagee-road, 320 perches), the contractor who took it at 5½d. per perch lives five miles away from the road, while the other contractor who tendered at 6d., lives about half way along the road. The District Council's attention was called to this, but owing to a recent order of the Local Government Board, they decided to accept the lowest tender. It might have been better if the higher tender was accepted, in this case especially, as there was good reason for doing so. None of the last quarter's payments passed are likely to be surcharged. There are no iron gates across any of the roads in this district—but there are some temporary wooden ones—for keeping sheep on the mountain. There are no private rights reserved, and the public traffic is in no way interfered with. Rathdrum—Thirty-two road maintenance contracts were renewed at slightly reduced prices, and two special works tendered for—two road contracts were not tendered for. In the case of one of the special works, that of repairing the boundary wall at Newtown-Mt. Kennedy, passed at £25, and taken at £19 10s., the County Council should consider whether they are liable for the repairs to this wall, as the greater portion of the damage was caused by the falling of two trees during the storm in February last, the other portion being a great many years down, also caused by the vibration of two other trees still standing, and which must be removed to rebuild the wall. The last quarterly payments passed in the district likely to be surcharged are No. 155, 6s. 3d. Two-Mile-Water road; and No. 243, £35, on account of Kilahurler new road. Shillelagh—Fifteen road maintenance contracts were renewed, most of which were tendered for at about half the prices allowed, and one special work taken at the full price. The payment 10s. on No. 750, passed at last quarterly meeting, is likely to be surcharged next audit. The contract roads and public works are generally in fair order, and we have furnished the necessary reports and certificates to the several district quarterly meetings. Over-head Bridges—With reference to a paragraph in the auditor's report, which states that the Great Southern and Western Railway Company contribute to the maintenance of the approaches to over-head bridges, while the Dublin, Wicklow and Wexford Company do not, we beg to state that the portion of the former line in County Wicklow is of comparatively recent construction,



and as newly made raised approaches keep subsiding for a considerable time after they are laid, it was probably found more convenient, in this case, for the Railway Company to contribute towards the cost of maintenance, especially as some of the approaches are of considerable length. The Wicklow Company's over-head bridges are somewhat differently circumstanced. There are few instances where the slanting embankment, adjoining the bridge, is of much magnitude, consequently, when the bridges were built, the alterations in the roads were trifling. In most cases, practically only what crosses the railway line. Therefore, we may take it that the same provision for their maintenance was not found necessary, as on the Great Southern Railway. The surface of the roads crossing the Dublin and Wicklow line being heretofore maintained by the county, while any repairs to fences or walls were carried out by the Railway Company.—We are gentlemen, your obedient servants, John Pansing, Campbell Boyd, J. J. O. Ramsay, S. G. Gallagher.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be held upon the third Monday in February, May, August, and November: the Proposal Committee to meet twenty days beforehand. The first Rural District Quarterly Meeting to be held on the first Tuesday in each quarter. Adopted.

QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF RURAL DISTRICTS  
AND OF THE  
PROPOSAL COMMITTEE AND COUNTY COUNCIL,  
For the Year 1903-1904.  
Fixed by Resolution of the County Council.

Name of District and Place of Meeting.	Hour.	Summer Quarter 1903.	Autumn Quarter 1903.	Winter Quarter 1904.	Spring Quarter 1904.
RATHDOWN No. 2 ... Court-house, Enniskerry.	11-30	Tues. July 7	Tues. Oct. 6	Tues. Jan. 5	Tues. Apl. 5
RATHDRUM ... Court-house, Rathdrum.	12	Mon. „ 13	Mon. „ 12	Mon. „ 11	Mon. „ 11
BALTINGLASS No. 1 ... Court-house, Baltinglass.	11-30	Mon. „ 20	Mon. „ 19	Mon. „ 18	Mon. „ 18
NAAS No. 2 ... Court-house, Blessington	1-45	Tues. „ 21	Tues. „ 20	Tues. „ 19	Tues. „ 19
SHILLELAGH ... Court-house, Shillelagh	1	Fri. „ 24	Fri. „ 23	Fri. „ 22	Fri. „ 22
PROPOSALS COMMITTEE Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Tues. „ 28	Tues. „ 27	Tues. „ 26	Tues. „ 26
COUNTY COUNCIL ... Court-house, Wicklow.	11-30	Mon. Aug 17	Mon. Nov. 16	Mon. Feb. 15	Mon. May 16

OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 17644/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th April, 1903. Enclosing copy of auditor's report, and attested abstract of the council's accounts, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1902.

AUDITOR'S REPORT.

No. 17,644.—1903; County Wicklow.

Grand Hotel, Tramore, 21st March, 1903.

Sir.—I have the honour to report I have audited the Accounts of Wicklow County Council, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1902, the certified Abstracts of which are enclosed herewith. The Collection of the Rate was closed up within the half-year, except in the case of Collector Thomas Dowling, who has become a defaulter. It appears from the Returns that some of the Collectors apparently believe that if they lodge the full amount of their warrants within the half-year, they have sufficiently complied with the Regulations. I think it right to point out, for their information, that the first moiety of Rates becomes due and payable after they receive their warrants, and the second moiety is payable on and after 1st October, therefore the system of delaying the collection and only lodging the amount of the moiety in the last few weeks of each half-year must cease. If, at any time, I have to report a Rate Collector, I will ask you to take such action as will effectually put a stop to such a dangerous practice. I notice that the County Council receive a contribution from the Great Southern Railway Co. for the maintenance of the approaches to over-head bridges in the county, but that no such contribution is received from the Dublin, Wicklow, and Wexford Co. The Council might give this matter their consideration. Surcharges—I regret to say I have felt it my duty to disallow six payments in the present account. Five of these payments are in respect of the maintenance of roads, which, after due consideration, I have been forced to declare are not "public roads," such as the council could legally contract for the maintenance and repair of. The other surcharge is in connection with a contract for the repair of Two-mile-water Bridge, in Rathdrum Rural District. As this bridge was not on a public road, the procedure adopted was to put the road over this bridge under contract, in order to make it a "public road," and then a contract was taken to repair the bridge on this supposed "public road," at a cost of £24, and although the late County Surveyor reported these facts to the County Council, and stated the road was a "private road," yet the County Council passed the proposals, both for the road and bridge, thereby making themselves responsible for these illegal contracts. It must not be supposed that this is an isolated case. In several other cases which came under my notice during the half-year, but in which payments were only made subsequently, contracts were entered into by the council, although the County Surveyor reported against the proposals, on the ground of illegality. In Shillelagh Rural District two disallowances of £2 9s. 7d., each are in respect of the maintenance of 70 perches of lane running from the county road at Carrigroe to townland of Ballycumber; this lane crosses a river, and it seems quite clear that it was deliberately contracted for, with the idea of making it a "public road," in order that a bridge, at a cost of £185, should be built across this river. I have had the contract for the latter work before me during the audit, but no payment was made on foot of it during the half-year, and of course there is no disallowance. I have been made aware that there are actually iron gates across several roads in the county, which have been under contract for years. The council should require the Assistant Surveyors to report on the subject, and they should then assure themselves that these roads have been dedicated to



the use of the public, and are, in reality, "public roads." I confess I have grave doubts on the subject, and I would like the County Council should have reviewed any such cases before I take up consideration of them.—I have the honour to be, sir, your obedient servant, JOHN H. CALVERT, Auditor.

The Secretary, Local Government Board, Dublin.

No. 17095/1903; Dublin County; Richmond District Lunatic Asylum. Local Government Board, Dublin, 2nd April, 1903. Enclosing copy of auditor's report and attested abstract of the accounts of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ended 30th September, 1902. A copy of the report was also received from the Medical Superintendent. (See Finance Committee's report.)

No. 22582/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th April, 1903. Stating that the Civil Service Commissioners had fixed Tuesday, the 5th May, 1903, as the date of commencement of examination of candidates for office of County Surveyor.

No. 26356/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 5th May, 1903. Enclosing letter from Civil Service Commissioners, stating that the result of the examination for vacant County Surveyorship could not be communicated before the 25th inst.

No. 20820/1903; County Wicklow. Local Government Board, Dublin, 28th April, 1903. Sealed order extending the period for appointment by Naas No. 2 Rural District Council of the members of the Joint Committee of the Dublin and Blessington Steam Tramway.

No. 28009/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 15th May, 1903. Granting an extension of the time for collection of the rate in Collector P. Behan's district to the 20th April, 1903.

No. 28009/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th May, 1903. Sealed order extending the time for collection of the rate in Collector P. Behan's district to the 20th April, 1903.

No. 29411/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th May, 1903. Returning the Poor Rate Collectors' Lists of Arrears of rate in the County, with the ruling of the Board duly stamped on same, with the exception of the lists of Collector N. Byrne and M. Kelly.

No. 83M/1903; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st May, 1903. Notifying that the Board are of opinion that District Councils and Proposals Committees should require the lodgment of a deposit of a reasonable sum with all tenders for public works. Order—The County Council recommend that this sum shall not be less than 5s. in the case of contracts up to £10 in value, and not less than 10s. for any contract over that value.

No. 8140/. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 15th April, 1903. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

No. 10823/1903; Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th May, 1903. Notifying a further number of samples of butter taken up in the county under Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

No. 580/1903; Veterinary Branch; Department of Agriculture, Dublin, May, 1903. Enclosing copy of suggested form of Movement Regulations for Local Authorities under the Swine Fever (Ireland) Order of 1900 (No. 8).

Richmond District Asylum, Dublin, 29th April, 1903. Enclosing a return of patients admitted from County Wicklow for the three months ended 31st March, 1903, and asking the council to investigate the circumstances of the relatives of the patients, and their ability to meet cost of maintenance. Order—To be communicated to the Rural District Councils. (See Finance Committee's report).

11th May, 1903. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District Council, asking for a return showing the valuation of the Government property in the Rural District, and the amount of bounty in lieu of rates received in respect of same for each year since the Local Government Act came into force. Order—Annual amounts of bounty received to be furnished.

12th May, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—Enclosing resolution drawing the attention of the council to the state of the Enniskerry Court-house, when used for District Council purposes. Read—The council having no power to appoint a court-keeper.

6th April, 1903. From D. J. Cogan, M.P., returning thanks to the council for electing him as their representative on the Irish County Councils' General Council, and on the Council of Agriculture.

20th May, 1903. From V. J. Stevens, Verington, Wicklow—Applying for a license to store petrol (motor spirit) for sale.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the fee for license under the Petroleum Act, 1871, Sec. 9, to be issued by the Secretary be (1s.) one shilling. Carried.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Osborne. Resolved—That the license applied for by Mr. Victor Stevens under the Petroleum Acts to enable him to keep not more than 40 gallons of petrol, or other inflammable oil for retail, be granted upon the usual terms and conditions. Carried.

19th May, 1903. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor, relative to his bill of costs, and the signing of the requisition to have same taxed.

Proposed by Councillor M. Tallon, seconded by Councillor F. Buckley. Resolved—That the requisition to tax Mr. McCarroll's bill of costs be signed and sealed after the bill has been amended, by striking out the items not incurred by the County Council. Passed.

11th April, 1903. Application from Collector John Murphy for a fixed salary for the collection of the poor rate in his district. Approved. (See division on Finance Committee's report).

23rd May, 1903. Notifying certain changes in the officers already appointed as Food and Drug Inspectors, and forwarding the names of three new inspectors for appointment.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we hereby appoint Acting-Sergeant Angus Madden, Aughrim; Acting-Sergeant Timothy McInerney, Stratford; and Acting-Sergeant Robert Johnston, Donard; Inspectors for the County Council, as the local authority under the Food and Drugs Acts.

7th April, 1903. From the Secretary, Cyclists' Touring Club, 47 Victoria-street, Westminster, London, S.W.—Enclosing copy of the by-law relating to covered vehicles recently adopted by the Hull Corporation.

7th April, 1903. From Secretary, Accident Insurance Co., Ltd., 14 Lower Sackville-street, Dublin—Enclosing proposed form for insuring the County Council under the Workmen's Compensation Act., etc., etc.

6th March, 1903. From Dublin County Council—Resolution calling attention to the fact that the Commissioner of Valuation is not obliged to supply valuation lists until 1st March, while rates must be struck in February.

23rd May, 1903. From Thomas Rothwell, Pound-keeper, Carnew—Notifying the fact that one of the side walls of the Carnew pound is in a dangerous condition, and asking to have same re-built. Read—Not a county pound.



1st April, 1903. From Strabane Urban District Council—re taxation in Ireland.

14th April, 1903. From Mayo County Council—re re-valuation of Ireland, and the proposals put forward by Sir John Barton, relative to same. Adopted.

25th May, 1903. Application from Thomas Williams, Court-keeper, Wicklow—Asking for sufficient linoleum to cover the floor of one of his apartments. Granted.

# MINUTES OF MEETING ON 15TH JUNE, 1903.

The Annual Meeting of the Council, held in the Council Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on Monday, the 15th June, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors J. H. Coleman, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, Michael Kelly, William Byrne, Daniel Condren, Joseph McCarroll, E. J. Byrne, P. J. Carey, and Simon T. Doyle.

## BUSINESS.

1. The chair to be taken by the outgoing chairman.
2. To elect a chairman.
3. To elect a vice-chairman.
4. To revise the names on the Veterinary Committees.
5. To consider report from Finance Committee.
6. To Sign Treasurer's Authority for certain payments.
7. To consider the Revisions necessary.

8. To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor Michael Byrne:—"I beg to give notice that at the next meeting of the County Council of Wicklow, I or someone for me, will move that all the new collectors' remuneration be increased and made a fixed salary on the same scale as Collector Murphy."

9. To receive and consider reports from Committees.
10. To receive and consider reports from County Officers.
11. To receive and consider Official Correspondence.
12. To receive and consider General Correspondence.

The chair was taken by the outgoing Chairman, E. P. O'Kelly, Esq., J.P.

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

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That Councillor Michael Byrne, J.P., be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year. Elected nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor Michael Byrne, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That the following gentlemen be appointed as members of the Veterinary Committees for the several Rural Districts:—

Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—J. H. Coleman, J.P., Grifflinstown, The Grange, Athy; J. Rochford, Dunlavin; D. J. Kehoe, Baltinglass; M. Doyle, Baltinglass; W. Flint, Baltinglass.

Naas No. 2 Rural District—Alfred Zeller, Lackan House, Blessington; James McGrath, Cloghlea, Manor Kilbride, via Dublin; Daniel McEvoy, Ballyknockan, Blessington; James J. Dowling, Blessington; Philip Lawler, Blessington.

Rathdown No. 2 Rural District—Francis Bucklev, Chairman, Enniskerry; Michael Tallon, Vice-Chairman, Enniskerry; Dr. R. Norman Thompson, Kindlestown, Delgany; P. J. Kinlen, Montrose, Greystones; R. M. Barrington, Fassaroe, Bray.

Rathdrum Rural District—Patrick J. Carev, J.P., Tomanierin, Aughrim; William Byrne, Coolbeg, Wicklow; Edward Ellison, Corballis, Rathdrum; Daniel Condren, Lower Main street, Arklow; Martin Doyle, Ballinacor, Kilbride, Wicklow.

Shillelagh Rural District—Edward J. Byrne, J.P., Chairman, St. Mullins, Tinahely; Joseph Gahan, Vice-Chairman, Boley, Shille-



lagh; Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh; John V. Gahan, Park, Clonegall; John O'Keeffe, Knockananna, Hacketstown.  
Passed.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members attended on Monday, the 15th June, 1903:—Councillor R. R. Drought, Chairman; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, Micaael Byrne, E. J. Byrne, William Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, and J. McCarroll. The Committee considered the question of the Poundage Rates allowed the new Rate Collectors, and recommend that the Poundage Rate be raised once for all from 5d., as at present, to 6d. in the £1, collected and lodged, for all the collectors appointed by the County Council. It is further recommended that the County Council apply to our Parliamentary Representatives to bring before Parliament the necessity of having the Valuation Books, with the total valuations of the county and the several districts (Rural and Urban), supplied to the County Council in the first week in February in each year, in order that the estimates may be prepared upon the new valuations. The Committee further recommends the payment of £1 2s. 6d. for advertising, certified as correct by the Naas School Attendance Committee. Signed—R. R. Drought, Chairman. 15th June, 1903. Adopted nem. con.

Treasurer's Authority for certain payments was then signed.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor R. R. Drought:—"I give notice that I, or some other councillor for me, will, at the next meeting of the County Council, move to rescind the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on 25th May, ult., relative to the proposed rise of salary to Collector John Murphy."

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

The notice of motion standing in the name of Councillor Michael Byrne, was withdrawn.

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

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 31612/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin 27th May, 1903. Acknowledging Secretary's letter re application of Contractor William Gahan to be allowed to remove surplus road metal.

No. 31612/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 6th June, 1903. Stating that the Board will raise no objection to the Council allowing Road Contractor William Gahan to remove surplus road metal.

No. 35457/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 13th June, 1903. Acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing resolution fixing the increased poundage to Collector John Murphy.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, May, 1903. Report of proceedings under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the year 1902.

2nd June, 1903. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—Acknowledging the recommendation of the Finance Committee re maintenance of Lunatics from that district in Richmond Asylum.

8th June, 1903. From same—Notifying the appointment of J. H. Coleman, Griffinstown, Grangecon, as Chairman of the District Council for ensuing year.

10th June, 1903. From Naas No. 2 Rural District Council—Telegram notifying re-election of Captain Alfred Zeller as Chairman of the District Council for ensuing year.

8th June, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Stating that as the Chairman of the Council, Mr. F. Buckley, was an elected member of the County Council, Mr. M. Tallon, Ennis-kerry, had been selected as an additional member. Order—Mr. M. Tallon to be placed on the County Council for the ensuing twelve months.

4th June, 1903. From same—Stating that the recommendation of the Finance Committee re maintenance of Lunatics from that district in Richmond Asylum, had been marked "read."

8th June, 1903. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District Council—Notifying re-election of E. J. Byrne, J.P., St. Mullins, Tinahely, as Chairman of the District Council, and nomination of Michael Fleming, Ballynultagh, Shillelagh, as District Representative on the County Council, during the Chairman's term of office.

3rd June, 1903. From Deputy County Surveyor, J. Pansing—Acknowledging receipt of, and returning letters from the Corporation of Dublin's Engineer—relative to the laying of a 3-inch water main in the Dargle-road.

10th June, 1903. From Hunter and Burland, solicitors, 50 Dame-street, Dublin—Preliminary notice of application for £5 damages for malicious injury to Virginian Creeper in the town of Tinahely. Order—To be handed to Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, to be defended.

10th June, 1903. From King's County Council—Enclosing copy of resolution asking the Department of Agriculture to urge upon the Government the necessity for having the dissimilarity manifest between the Fishery Laws in Ireland and England removed.

June, 1903. From Antrim County Council—Enclosing copy of a similar resolution. Adopted.

12th June, 1903. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Reporting that the County Court Judge had made a decree for £19, for breach of contract against Road Contractor Dempsey, and sureties.

11th June, 1903. From Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council—Stating that the annual meeting of the General Council will be held in Dublin, on Friday, the 28th August, 1903, and asking if the County Council have any questions for consideration.

An estimate for the painting, papering, etc., of the room added on to the Secretary's Office, Court-house, Wicklow, received from John Flynn, contractor and builder, Summer-hill, Wicklow, for £3 12s. 6d., was accepted, and the work ordered to be done.

7th May, 1903. From the Elected Board of Conservators, Dublin Fishery District—Appealing for funds to assist them in carrying on their work of preservation of salmon and trout in the waters of the district.

#### MINUTES OF MEETING ON 28TH JULY, 1903.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-House, Wicklow, on Tuesday, the 28th July, 1903, at 1-15 p.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P. Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, William Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, Thomas Sheppard, and James Byrne.

#### BUSINESS.

1. To receive the Finance Committee's Report.
2. To pass the Quarterly Transfers to the Five Unions and Rural District Councils.
3. To transact such general business as may be necessary.



# RECOMMENDATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 28th July, 1903:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, William Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

## Transfers to Funds of Unions.

Baltinglass, £941 10s.; Naas, £231 10s.; Rathdown, £873; Rathdrum, £2,482 1s. 2d.; Shillelagh, £790; total, £5,318 1s. 2d.

## Transfers to Funds of Rural District Councils.

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

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman, 28th July, 1903. Adopted.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Thomas Sheppard. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authority for the transfers to the several Unions and Rural District Councils be now signed. Passed.

Wicklow, July 25th, 1903. To E. N. Wynne, Esq., Secretary, Wicklow County Council: Sir,—We beg to apply, on behalf of Ashford Sports Committee, to your Council for permission to hold a Motor Hill Climbing Competition on Ballymacrow Hill, near Ashford, on Saturday, August 22nd, from 2 to 5 p.m.—Yours faithfully, Wm. E. Hanen, John Byrne, Hon. Secretaries.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor William Byrne. Resolved—That upon the application of the Ashford Sports Committee, we hereby grant permission to hold a Hill Climbing Competition upon Ballymacrow Hill, and for this purpose we hereby close the roads from Killfee Schoolhouse to Annagowlawn Three Roads, and from Killfee Schoolhouse to Ballycullen Cross Roads, between the hours of one and six in the afternoon of August the 22nd, the Sports Committee to give the County Council a written undertaking to indemnify the Council from any loss or damage that may accrue from said competition, and that the Committee will take all proper precautions to insure the safety of the public and its property. Passed.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we, the Wicklow County Council, moved with the most profound feelings of sorrow at the death of His Holiness Leo XIII., beg to tender to the Vatican our most sincere sympathy in its great bereavement and in the loss the universal world has sustained, and we direct that a copy of this resolution be sent to the Most Rev. Dr. Walsh, Archbishop of Dublin, for transmission to the Holy See. Passed unanimously.

The reading of the Official Correspondence was adjourned to the Quarterly Meeting.

# MINUTES OF MEETING ON 17TH AUGUST, 1903.

The Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 17th August, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, J. H. Coleman, Michael Tallon, Simon T. Doyle, Daniel Condren, Peter Brennan, Joseph Dunne, William Costelloe, William Byrne, William Burke, P. J. Carey, M. Fleming, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; E. J. Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, and Francis Buckley.

## BUSINESS.

1. To consider report from the Finance Committee.
2. To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
3. To consider proposals for payment from the Five Rural Districts.
4. To sign Treasurer's authorities for the past quarter's payments.
5. To consider proposals for contracts from the Five Rural Districts.
6. To consider tenders sent forward to the County Council.
7. To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
8. To appoint a County Surveyor from among those candidates for the appointment who have been declared to be duly qualified.
9. To consider the following notice of motion by Councillor R. R. Drought—"I give notice that I, or some other Councillor for me, will, at the next meeting of the County Council, move to rescind the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting on 25th May, ult., relative to the proposed rise of salary to Collector John Murphy."
10. To receive and consider reports from Committees.
11. To consider reports from County Officers.
12. To consider official correspondence.
13. To consider general correspondence.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 1.

Your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 28th July, 1903, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, and William Byrne.



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

	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
County at large:—				2,907	11	6
Baltinglass No. 1:—						
District proposals	644	14	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	29	13	6	674	7	6
Naas No. 2:—						
District proposals	305	6	4			
Proposals Committee's proposals	422	9	6	727	15	10
Rathdown No. 2:—						
District proposals	388	14	0			
Proposals Committee's proposals	34	6	9	423	0	9
Rathdrum:—						
District proposals	1,496	13	9			
Proposals Committee's proposals	289	5	6	1,785	19	3
Shillelagh:—						
District proposals	450	12	7			
Proposals Committee's proposals	57	8	1	508	0	8
Wicklow Urban:—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				16	1	0
Bray Urban:—						
Proposals Committee's proposals				3	0	6

With regard to proposals for payment in Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, the Committee direct the attention of the Council to Mr. J. J. O. Ramsay's report of the 25th May, 1903.

The Committee regret, owing to the decision of the auditor, they are unable to recommend payment of No. 155 and 243 on the Rathdrum list of proposals for payment.

An application was received from Griffith Jones, Court-keeper, Baltinglass, for an increase in his salary in consequence of extra work in connection with the new heating apparatus in Baltinglass Court-house. Order—An increase of £2 per annum recommended.

Audited reports, together with attested abstracts of the accounts, having been submitted from Rathdown Union, and Rathdown No. 2 Rural District; Shillelagh Union and Shillelagh Rural District; the Committee directed that the attention of the Rural District Council of Rathdown No. 2 be drawn to the irregular manner in which the abstract of accounts is made out as regards the funds supplied on demand by the County Council. Adopted.—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT NO. 2.

Your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 17th August, 1903, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors—R. Norman Thompson, Wm. Byrne, M. Byrne, R. R. Drought, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. J. Byrne, William Burke, E. P. O'Kelly.

The Committee recommend a payment of £3 to the funds of the Irish County Council's General Council, being the fixed annual subscription to that body.

The Committee also recommend that the County Council supply one Remington typewriter, with tabulator, and also a carpet for the Secretary's Office, and give the Committee authority to have the same procured. Adopted.—D. J. COGAN, Chairman.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Resolved—That we approve of the report of the Finance Committee, and authorise the Committee to carry out its recommendations. Carried.

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

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County-at-Large, amounting to £2,910 11s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Owing to the decision of the auditor and the Deputy County Surveyors' reports read at the previous quarterly meeting in May, payment of the following amounts was deferred:—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, £10 11s. 6d.; ditto, £8 17s. 9d.; Rathdrum Rural District, £50; ditto, 12s. 6d.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor J. H. Coleman, seconded by Councillor Joseph Dunne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £674 7s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Naas No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor Joseph Dunne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £727 15s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £423 0s. 9d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor P. J. Carey, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdrum Rural District, amounting to £1,785 19s. 3d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Carried.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £508 0s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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

Bray Urban:—Proposed by Councillor W. Burke, seconded by Councillor J. McCarroll. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Bray Urban District, amounting to £3 0s. 6d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

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

#### PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE COUNTY AT LARGE AND THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

County at Large:—To Frank McPhail, printer, Church-street, Wicklow. A.—Printing and supplying all books, forms, notices, circulars, etc., required for the County Council and for the Clerk of the



Crown and Peace, and their several offices, exclusive of the Registration Lists as in "B." Not to exceed £500 per annum. Given at £189.

Guarantors—Francis W. MacPhail, Main-street, Wicklow; Elizabeth F. McPhail, Roseville, Wicklow.

To same:—B.—Printing, binding, etc., the various Parliamentary and Local Government Registration Lists. Not to exceed 10s. per page annually. Given at 5s. per page.

Guarantors—Same.

To same:—C.—Executing the advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d. per line. (The line to be taken as measuring 15 ems pica type). Given at 1½d. per line.

Guarantors—Same.

To John M. Walsh, printer and publisher, A1 North Main-street, Wexford:—C.—Executing the advertising required by the County Council and by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace. Not to exceed 3d. per line. (The line to be taken as measuring 15 ems pica type). Given at 2d. per line.

Guarantors—Patriotic Assurance Co., 9 College Green, Dublin.

#### CONTRACTS TO BE FOR A PERIOD OF 3 YEARS, COMMENCING 1st OCTOBER, 1903, AND EXPIRING 30th SEPTEMBER, 1906.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contract No. 341 was given in charge of Deputy County Surveyor, at a cost not to exceed £5. Contract No. 342 was also given in charge of Deputy County Surveyor, at a cost not to exceed £20.

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

Rathdown No. 2:—Contract No. 164. The tender of Patrick Toole, Ballyreigh, Enniskerry, at £160, for this contract was approved, subject to the Local Government Board consenting to extend the limit of road expenditure for the current year sufficient to cover the amount of the contract.

Guarantors:—Laurence Toole, Ballyreigh, Enniskerry; Thomas Mulligan, Paddock, Kilpedder.

The remaining contracts were approved and confirmed.

Rathdrum:—Contract No. 334 was rejected by 8 votes to 5, on a poll being taken, it being accompanied by form of minute prescribed by the Local Government Board by Sealed Order No. 1336/1902, dated 20th January, 1903.

Contract No. 337 was given to Edward Connolly, Downs, Delgany, at £15.

Guarantors—John Doyle, Downs, Delgany; Thomas Mulligan, Paddock, Kilpedder.

Remaining contracts were approved and confirmed, as was also a provisional proposal (Dist. Reg. No. 329), to place a curbstone and form a gravelled footpath from the nump on Ferrybank to the end of Mrs. McLoughlin's house, a distance of 41 perches. Sum proposed to be expended—£90.

Shillelagh:—Contract approved and confirmed.

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

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That the certificate for bounty in lieu of rates be now signed. Passed.

No. 39370/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 7th July, 1903. Sir,—Adverting to previous correspondence relative to the vacant County Surveyorship in County Wicklow, I

am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Wicklow County Council, that the following candidates—Messrs. P. T. Stewart, R. J. Kirwan, S. G. Gallagher, D. Megaw, A. T. McDermott, and G. A. Adair—are duly qualified for the office of County Surveyor, and that the election to the existing vacancy in County Wicklow may now be proceeded with.—I am, sir, your obedient servant, H. M. SWAINE, Secretary. The Secretary, Wicklow County Council.

County Surveyor Wanted. County Wicklow. Salary, £350 per annum, and expenses of office (not exceeding £60 per annum). The County Council of the County of Wicklow invite applications for the above-named appointment from regularly trained engineers, who must each, before election, satisfy the Local Government Board for Ireland as to his health and character, that he possesses the necessary practical and professional qualifications, that upon 1st March, 1903, he is not less than twenty-six years and not more than forty years of age, and that he has been engaged in the practice of his profession in a responsible position in charge of important works for not less than four years. The Surveyor appointed shall reside within the County Wicklow, and devote his whole time to the duties of his appointment: he shall keep an office open in the Court-house, Wicklow, for his regular attendance all the year round, and shall provide a clerk to represent him on each working day that he has to be absent from the office. Candidates must send in their applications, in writing, to "The Secretary to the County Council, Court-house, Wicklow," not later than 12 noon on Friday, 20th February, 1903, accompanied by references and full particulars showing that they comply with the above requirements of the Local Government Board. A list of applicants will then be forwarded to the Local Government Board, who, after making the necessary inquiries, will notify the names to the Civil Service Commissioners, to whom the candidates must submit themselves for literary examination under the scheme set forth in the Schedule, which may be seen in the County Council's Office, or be obtained from the Local Government Board. The result of the examination will be notified by the Board to the County Council, who will then fix the date for the Election of the County Surveyor, and send notice of same to each qualified candidate. Applicants who are existing County Surveyors in Ireland, and have been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners, must satisfy those Commissioners that they retain their professional knowledge and skill. Original testimonials, etc., are not to be forwarded, as under no circumstances will the Council be responsible for the safe keeping or return of any papers sent in by candidates.—By order, EDWARD N. WYNNE, Secretary to the County Council, Wicklow.

The Secretary then read the original advertisement published in the "Irish Times," Freeman's Journal," and "Irish Daily Independent," and stated that he had sent a notification of the date and hour of the election to each of the candidates mentioned in the Local Government Board's letter, of whom Messrs. Gallagher, McDermott, and Adair were present.

A poll being taken, there voted: For Gallagher—Councillors D. Condren, E. P. O'Kelly, Wm. Burke, Joseph Dunne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.: Wm. Costelloe, James Byrne, Peter Brennan, J. H. Coleman, Michael Tallon, Michael Fleming, and William Byrne—12. For McDermott—Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, S. T. Doyle, F. Bucklev T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, P. J. Carey, and R. R. Drought—9.

The Chairman thereupon declared Mr. S. G. Gallagher elected to the position of County Surveyor.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That Mr. S. G. Gallagher be appointed County Surveyor for the County of Wicklow, upon the terms of the advertise-



ment for candidates for the post of County Surveyor, and the several requirements of the Local Government Board. Passed nem. con.

Proposed by Councillor R. R. Drought, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne. Resolved—That the resolution passed by this Council at their meeting on the 25th May, relative to the proposed rise of salary to Collector John Murphy be hereby rescinded. Passed.

### SURVEYORS' REPORT.

To the Chairman and County Council of Wicklow, assembled at their Summer Quarterly Meeting, 17th August, 1903. Gentlemen,—We beg to report, as follows, on various matters connected with the public works in the 5 Rural Districts of your County:—

Baltinglass No. 1—The new contract for the road at Imaal Artillery Camp is £138 per annum higher than the previous contract, but the War Office has refused to pay this difference, and of course its annual contribution of £60 towards the maintenance of roads in the district is now insufficient. A heavy private traction engine has, twice, broken down gulleys in and near the Glen of Imaal, involving payments of over £13, by sudden damage orders. Most of the gulleys on bye roads are not fit to bear such heavy traffic. At the last rural quarterly meeting 2 special works were passed, but neither of them were tendered for.

Naas No. 2—In this district (and of course in the portion of Rathdrum adjoining), the military traffic now extends, occasionally, from Kilbride Rifle Range, over Sallygap, to a (temporary?) camp near Roundwood or Calary; but the roads have not been appreciably injured by this extension of traffic. The contractor and sureties for the road from Russborough to Perry's forge have been decreed at Quarter Sessions, for neglect of contract, and a new contractor has been obtained for its maintenance. Two road contract renewals and 4 special works were passed, and all were tendered for except one road.

Rathdown No. 2—In this district 4 special works were passed, involving an outlay of £201; 2 of these—viz., Ballyremon Commons new road and Blacklion new footpath, were not tendered for, and as tenders will probably be submitted to your meeting to-day it is right to inform the Council that against £1,711 5s., the limit fixed by the Local Government Board for the annual expenditure on roads and works in the district, liabilities to the amount of £1,561 have been incurred up to the present. There would therefore remain a balance of £150 5s., against which to draw for the special works, now submitted for your approval, and any sudden damages that may occur during the remainder of the financial year. If the four special works referred to are sanctioned by the County Council, the statutory limit will be exceeded by £50 15s.

Rathdrum—Three road maintenance contract renewals and eight special works were passed, and of these two roads and six works were tendered for. The County Council will observe that the passing of No. 241, in the schedule, is subject to the consent of the Local Government Board. On the 7th inst., Mr. Saunderson, Local Government Board Inspector, accompanied by the Surveyor of the district, made an inspection of the Ballymagbroe-hill in connection with the Motor Hill Climbing contests, to be held on 22nd inst.

Shillelagh—The building of a new gully at Ballyconnell was the only work passed in this district.

When the Council are considering the several matters above referred to, we shall have pleasure in furnishing any further information required. The roads and works, with a few exceptions, are generally in fairly good order, but many contractors are still negligent in carry-

ing out the details of their specifications, such as opening drains, clearing weeds, removing loose metal and keeping the roads properly trimmed up. The usual detailed reports and certificates dealing with these subjects have been furnished by us to the Quarterly Council Meeting of each rural district, in accordance with the statute.—We are, gentlemen, your obedient servants, John Pansing, Campbell Boyd, S. G. Gallagher, J. J. O. Ramsay.

### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 31st August, 1903. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended, 30th June, 1903.

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

Article—Butter, number—32; milk, 28; whiskey, 13; tea, 6; cheese, 3; buttermilk, 2; lard, 2; baking powder, 2; confectionery, 1; mustard, 1; rice meal, 1; port wine, 1; pepper, 1; bread, 1; total, 94.

Of the specimens of whiskey two were 27.5 and 29 degrees under proof, and were therefore adulterated with at least 3.33 and 5.33 per cent. of added water respectively. One of the milks was deprived of at least 20 per cent. of its fats, and was therefore a debased article. The remaining articles were of good quality.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union eighteen drugs, two specimens of milk and one of water were analysed. Of the drugs two specimens of syrup of ferrous iodide, were both high in iodine. The specimens of milk were under the average quality of pure milk. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 59.500; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.015; saline ammonia, 0.036; nitric acid, 4.900; chlorine, 11.629; sulphuric acid, 10.0884; equal to calcium sulphate, 14.0000. A bad water, unfit for use.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, fifteen drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, ammoniated liniment of camphor, was low in ammonia. Another—namely, liquid extract of ergot, was high in solids.

A specimen of water analysed for Wicklow Urban District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 9.100; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.009; saline ammonia, 0.0025; nitric acid, trace; chlorine, 0.994; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none.

For the Guardians of Baltinglass Union, twenty-one drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, ammoniated liniment of camphor, was low in ammonia. A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in a specimen of cod liver oil received from the same union.

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

A most careful analysis failed to trace poison in the viscera of a dog, which was sent for analysis by Sir Edward Verner, Bart., Bray.

For the Secretary, Committee of Agriculture, Court-house, Wicklow, one specimen of basic slag was analysed.

A specimen of butter analysed for A. J. Byrne, Esq., Railway Hotel, Greystones, was pure.

A specimen of water analysed for Dr. Hamilton, Arklow, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 47.600; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0.0035;



saline ammonia, 0.002; nitric acid, 4.500; chlorine, 7.653; sulphuric acid, 10.0884; equal to calcium sulphate, 14.0000. A pure water.

For the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Company, Wicklow, one specimen of manure was analysed.

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty-three drugs and six specimens of milk were analysed. The drugs were correct. Two of the milks were deprived of at least 16 and 30 per cent. of their fats respectively, and were therefore debased articles.

A specimen of beef was received from the same union, and in my opinion it was foreign, and not Irish.

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

	No. 1	No. 2
Total solid matters	14.000	30.800
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0.003	0.006
Saline ammonia	0.0025	0.0045
Nitric acid	Trace	Trace
Chlorine	0.795	1.192
Sulphuric acid	Trace	2.8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	Trace	4.0000

Both pure waters.

C. A. CAMERON.

An application was submitted from C F Baker, Surveyor of Taxes, for Income Tax, amounting to £10 15s. 5d. Order—Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, to oppose the claim.

## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 44992/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 12th August, 1903. Enclosing form of order to be signed and sealed by the Council, and issued in connection with the Ashford Hill Climbing Competition.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That we, the County Council of the County of Wicklow, do hereby make the following order under the provisions of the Light Locomotives (Ireland) Act, 1903, and direct that the same be signed by our presiding Chairman, and sealed with our seal, the Ashford Sports Committee having given an undertaking to defray any expenses connected with said order (here follows form of order prescribed). Passed.

No. 43447/1903; Rathdrum Rural District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th August, 1903. Enclosing correspondence relative to a passway at the edge of the coach road leading to Brewery cottages at Knockadozen, and a nine-inch pipe 10 feet long to take off the surface water from the county road.

No. 44703/1903; Wicklow Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 8th August, 1903. Sanctioning the proposal of Wicklow Urban District Council to grant to the Wicklow County Council a lease for a site for the proposed Fever Hospital.

No. 106M/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th July, 1903. Transmitting copy of their annual report for year 1901-1902.

No. 35968/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 17th June, 1903. Acknowledging Secretary's letter re proposal to increase the poundage fee of all collectors in the county, other than existing officers, from 5d. to 6d. in the £1 on the amount of rates collected.

No. 35968/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 24th June, 1903. Sanctioning the increase in the poundage fees of all collectors in the county, other than existing officers, from 5d. to 6d. in the £1 on the amount of rates collected.

No. 36466/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 18th June, 1903. Acknowledging receipt of Secretary's letter re Arklow Fever Hospital Committee of Management draft order.

No. 36466/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 23rd June, 1903. Enclosing draft copy of the order relative to the representation of Wicklow County Council on the Joint Committee of Management of Arklow Fever Hospital.

No. 40269/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 20th July, 1903. Sealed order fixing the whole Rural District area of charge for water supply, Baltinglass.

No. 14639/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 9th July, 1903. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts.

No. 18444/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 13th August, 1903. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the county under the Sale of Food and Drugs' Acts.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 25th June, 1903. Re loan of £1,250 to the Guardians of the Poor of Naas Union in connection with the Blessington dispensary.

24th July, 1903. From Clerk Baltinglass Union—Stating that Collector Doyle is the only collector in the district who has made any lodgment in respect of current rates.

9th July, 1903. From Clerk, Naas No. 2 Rural District—Notifying an increase of £5 per year in the salary of the Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee's Inspector, Mr. P. J. Murphy.

23rd July, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District—Enclosing resolutions re date of inspections of road metalling, and cancellation of certain contracts.

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor M. Fleming. Resolved—That all the road material be measured by the 1st October each year, same to be embodied in specification. Passed.

23rd July, 1903. From same—Stating that it is the wish of the District Council that the claim for compensation for criminal injury done to property of John McCullagh, 38 Main-street, Arklow, be resisted in the fullest manner.

15th August, 1903. From same—Transmitting copy of a letter from the Local Government Board with reference to a work contracted for by the Council provided the sanction of the Board is obtained to same—viz.: To repair a passway at the edge of the road leading to Brewery cottages at Knockadozen, and lay a 9-inch pipe to take off surface water.

Notice of application for compensation for criminal injury Rathdrum Rural District—John McCullagh, Arklow, £25. Order—Mr. McCarroll, solicitor, to appear and protect the interests of the Council.

Similar notice from John Jackson, Woodfield Glen, Donard—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—£16. Order—Messrs. Brown and McCann, solicitors, to appear and protect the interests of the Council.

Similar notice from Michael Doyle, Baltinglass—Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District—£7, together with police report on same. Order—Messrs. Brown and McCann, solicitors, to appear and protect the interests of the Council.

15th July, 1903. From J. H. McCarroll, solicitor—Relative to his bill of costs, and enclosing certificate of taxation.

31st July, 1903. From same—enclosing letter received from Mr. J. J. O. Ramsay, and his reply—relative to the case of the Council v. Dempsey and others.



27th July, 1903. From Collector Joseph Keane, relative to the collection of the rates on Kilmurry Rifle Range. Order—Collector Keane to proceed against Mr. Humphreys.

1st July, 1903. From National Telephone Co., Ltd.—Asking for permission for the erection of poles along that part of the Dargle-road, which comes under the Council's control. Granted.

10th July, 1903. From Town Surveyor, Bray—Relative to the dangerous state of the public road at the junction of Seapoint-road, at N. E. of Court-house, Bray. "Read."

17th August, 1903. From Deputy County Surveyor, J. Pansing—Applying for three weeks' holidays, and stating that the works of the district will be duly attended to. Allowed.

10th August, 1903. From the Archbishop of Dublin—Conveying the thanks of the Sacred College for the sympathetic expression of regret forwarded to Rome on the occasion of the death of his late Holiness.

13th August, 1903. From the Secretary, Irish County Councils' General Council—Stating that the annual meeting would be held at the City Hall, Dublin, on Friday, 28th inst., at 11 o'clock, and asking for the affiliation subscription to the General Council at the earliest convenience.

15th August, 1903. Application from Michael Doyle, Court-keeper, Bray, for three-foot range for his kitchen to replace the present worn out one. Order—Refer to County Surveyor.

10th June, 1903. From Dublin Corporation—Enclosing resolution re law relating to compensation for criminal injuries in Ireland. Adopted—Copy of resolution to be sent to the Chief Secretary.

10th June, 1903. From same—Enclosing copy of resolution relative to the necessity for legislative action to remedy the grievances under which town tenants labour. Adopted.

6th August, 1903. From Cavan County Council—Relative to the necessity for an hospital in Ireland fitted with the necessary appliances for the cure of lupus.

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 19TH OCTOBER, 1903.

Special Meeting of the Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 19th October, 1903, at 1 p.m.

The following members attended:—Councillor E. P. O'Kelly, Chairman; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, William Byrne, William Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; James Byrne, Thomas Sheppard, and E. C. Walsh.

## BUSINESS.

- 1.—To pass quarterly Transfers at foot of Demands from Unions and Rural District Councils.
- 2.—To arrange for the performance of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the district recently worked by Mr. Gallagher.
- 3.—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 4.—To receive and consider Reports from County Officers.
- 5.—To receive and consider official correspondence.
- 6.—To receive and consider general correspondence.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 19th October, 1903:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors Dr. R. Norman Thompson, E. P. O'Kelly, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, W. Byrne.

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

### TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF UNIONS.

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

### TRANSFERS TO FUNDS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

	General.	Separate.
	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
Baltinglass No. 1	119 0 0	31 0 0
Naas No. 2	52 5 0	6 15 0
Rathdown No. 2	90 10 0	300 5 0
Rathdrum	333 7 1	49 1 9
Shillelagh	57 10 0	25 0 0

Signed—D. J. COGAN, Chairman; October 19th, 1903.

Treasurer's authority for making the Transfers on foot of Demands from Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils was then signed.



The Secretary having pointed out that it was necessary to arrange for the performance of the duties of Assistant Surveyor in the district recently worked by Mr. S. G. Gallagher. Ordered—Assistant Surveyor to be advertised for in lieu of Mr. Gallagher, at a salary of £100 per annum; election to take place at our next Quarterly Meeting. Messrs. Pansing and Boyd to do the work in the meantime.

The following notice of motion was handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll—"I give notice that the 'Irish People' share in future in the advertisements of this Council."

#### OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 48491/1903: Bray Urban District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 22nd August, 1903. Enclosing copy of the Act confirming the Provisional Order entitled the Bray (Financial Relations) Order, 1903.

No. 48747/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th August, 1903. Approving of the appointment of Mr. Stephen Gerald Gallagher, as County Surveyor of Wicklow County at a salary of £350 a year.

No. 49298/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 29th August, 1903. Sealed Order fixing the number of Members of the Joint Committee of the Arklow Fever Hospital at twenty-one, six to be appointed by the County Council, and fifteen to be members of the Hospital Corporation.

No. 12986/1903; Miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 31st August, 1903. Enclosing copy of revised instructions as to Provisional Orders under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, 1878 to 1900; the Housing of the Working Classes (Ireland) Acts, 1890 to 1896, and the Local Government Ireland Acts 1898 to 1902, with appendix.

No. 50321/1903; Rathdrum Rural District. Local Government Board, Dublin, 3rd September, 1903. Enclosing copy of letter received from Mrs. Kate Walsh, respecting the cancellation of certain contracts in Rathdrum Rural District, and asking for particulars of the case.

No. 53988/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 19th September, 1903. Stating that the Board will raise no objection to the cancellation of the contracts of Mrs. Kate Walsh, if the County Council desire to take this course.

No. 50764/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th September, 1903. Stating that the Board do not consider that they would be warranted in assenting to any increase in the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural District of Rathdown No. 2.

No. 54472/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 25th September, 1903. Relative to the proposal of the Baltinaglass No. 1 Rural District Council to erect a bridge over the King's river, between Granabeg and Knocknadroose, and to construct a new road in connection therewith; stating that the right of the Council to pass this proposal depends on the definition of a "public road." Each case must be dealt with in accordance with its history and circumstances.

Copy of Light Locomotives (Ireland) Act, 1903.

Report from the Joint Select Committee of the House of Lords and the House of Commons on Municipal Trading.

No. 4016/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 24th September, 1903. Relative to the seizure of stray dogs by the Royal Irish Constabulary under the powers conferred by the Article 13 of the Rabies (Ireland) Order of 1900; enclosing copy of Order, and informing the County Council that the unrecoverable expenses of the Constabulary, under the Order, are to be paid by the Council.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 25th September, 1903. From same—26th September, 1903. Notifying number of samples of butter taken up in the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

No. 19635. Dublin Castle, 6th October, 1903. Acknowledging copy of resolution re "Town Tenants."

10 Downing-street, Whitehall, London, S.W., 16th October, 1903. Acknowledging copy of resolution re "Town Tenants."

B.37571/2. Home Office, Whitehall, London, S.W., 31st July, 1903. Enclosing Draft of Regulations proposed to be made for Docks, etc., under Section 79 of the Factory Act.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 21st August, 1903. Notification of loan of £3,690 to Shillelagh Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts.

Return of Admissions to the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum of Patients charged against the County Wicklow from the 1st April, 1903, to the 30th June, 1903 (inclusive). Order—Lists to be forwarded to the various District Councils, asking them to obtain and forward the required information.

Town-hall, Bray, 3rd September, 1903. Suggesting the advisability of the Council adopting By-laws similar to those in force in County Dublin; requiring all vehicles to carry lights at night. "Read."

8th October, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—Enclosing resolution re fixing of the Quarterly Meeting in that Rural District in the Autumn Quarter for the last week in October, so that contractors may have a better opportunity to prepare materials.

7th October, 1903. From Rathdrum Rural District Council—Enclosing resolution against Claims for Malicious Injuries being made District Charges.

7th October, 1903. From Clerk, Shillelagh Rural District—Transmitting letter received from Rev. William Byrne, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno, Tullow; resigning his position as a member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction. Order—Secretary to put notice of election on Agenda Paper for next meeting.

1st October, 1903. From Superintendent, Arklow Cordite Works—Making application for the assent of the Council to the License 110, and the amending Licenses now in force with respect to the Explosive Works, situated at Ferrybank, Arklow, being amended according to the terms specified in the Draft Amending License enclosed. The Secretary stated he had informed Messrs. Kynoch, Ltd., that the application would be considered at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on the 16th November, 1903.

14th September, 1903. From J. P. Hopkins, Main-street, Wicklow—Applying for two Licenses to store Motor Spirit (Petrol) in his houses in Main-street and Abbey-street, Wicklow. Granted.

3rd October, 1903. From H. Coleborn, Dunlavin, similar application for the storing of Motor Spirit (Petrol) in his premises in Dunlavin. Granted.

2nd October, 1903. From Sisters of Charity, Industrial School, Merrion—Asking if the Council will make some allowance for children committed under age. Order—The County Council do not see its way to do so.

2nd September, 1903. From Patriotic Assurance Company, 9 College Green, Dublin—Relative to the bonds for the Clerks in Council's Office. Order—Personal security to be given.

30th September, 1903. From the Secretary, Cyclists' Touring Club, 47 Victoria-street, Westminster, London—Relative to the provision of warning notices in accordance with Section 10, Sub-Section 2, of the Motor Car Act, 1903, which comes into force on the 1st January next. Order—Refer to County Surveyor to report on same to the Quarterly Meeting.



28th August, 1903. From John Mackay, Solicitor, Tullow—Enclosing copy of Order of the Judge of Assize in re Toole v. County Council, directing claim to be reheard at Tullow Quarter Sessions after due notice to Wicklow County Council.

15th October, 1903. From Matthew Murtagh, Secretary, County Wicklow National Teachers' Association—Letter and resolution relative to the "Equivalent Grant."

14th September, 1903. From the Manager, "Irish People," 105 Capel-street, Dublin—Enclosing copy of the last issue of the "Irish People," and applying for a share of the county advertisements. "Read."

## MINUTES OF MEETING ON 16TH NOVEMBER, 1903.

Autumn Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, the 16th November, 1903, at 11-30 a.m.

The following members attended—Councillors D J Cogan, M.P.; and subsequently Michael Byrne, J.P., Chairmen; Councillors R. Norman Thompson, R. R. Drought, William Costelloe, Michael Tallon, S. T. Doyle, John McDermott, William Byrne, Peter Brennan, James Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, William Burke, Thomas Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, and E. C. Walsh.

## BUSINESS.

- 1—To consider report from the Finance Committee.
- 2—To consider the proposals from the Proposals Committee.
- 3—To consider proposals for payment from the Five Rural Districts.
- 4—To sign Treasurer's Authorities for the past quarter's payments.
- 5—To consider proposals for contracts from the Five Rural Districts.
- 6—To consider Tenders sent forward to the County Council.
- 7—To seal such contracts as have been approved by the County Council.
- 8—To elect an Assistant County Surveyor.
- 9—To consider an application from Kynoch Ltd., for the Assent of the County Council to an Amendment of the License for their Explosive Factory in Arklow.
- 10—To appoint a person as Member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, in place of Rev. Wm. Byrne, P.P., Killinure, Coolkenno, Tullow, resigned.
- 11—To consider the following Notice of Motion by Councillor J. McCarroll—"I give notice that the 'Irish People' share in future in the Advertisements of this Council."
- 12—To receive and consider Reports from Committees.
- 13—To consider Reports from County Officers.
- 14—To consider official correspondence.
- 15—To consider general correspondence.

## FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—NO. I.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 19th October, 1903:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors E. P. O'Kelly, R. Norman Thompson, Joseph McCarroll, James Byrne, E. C. Walsh, and William Byrne.

The Finance Committee recommend that the salaries of the permanent staff be increased as follows:—Mr. Doyle's salary, £15 per annum; Mr. Langton, £10; Mr. Wolohan, £10; and Mr. Healy, £15.

Rate collectors' lists of irrecoverable rates were examined, and the following amounts were recommended to be refunded the collectors



as irrecoverable, the corresponding poundage to be deducted from their payments:—

Collecting District No.	Collector.	Amount of Refund. £ s. d.	Poundage to be deducted. £ s. d.
1	Joseph Doyle	6 16 2	0 3 4
2	Richard Geoghegan	3 12 6	(12/11 disallowed) 0 1 9
3	Thomas Tutty	1 13 5	0 0 9
4	Nicholas Byrne	4 14 4	0 2 4
5	Michael Kelly	1 6 6	0 0 8
6	Michael McGrath	0 4 0	0 0 1
7	Charles S. Sutton	36 2 5	(2/9 disallowed) 1 13 10
8	John Tallon	2 11 6	(1/1 disallowed) 0 1 3
9	Joseph Keane	0 18 10	0 0 5
10	John Murphy	4 2 1	0 2 0
11	Patrick Behan	1 14 7	0 0 10
12	John F. Evans	2 17 11	0 1 5
13	George Evans	0 12 10	0 0 4
14	James Byrne	10 10 2	0 5 3
15	John Brennan	7 0 10	(2/1 disallowed) 0 3 6
16	William Smith	3 4 5	0 1 7
17	Philip Doyle	0 16 0	0 0 4
18	Thomas Ebbs		
19	Terence Byrne	3 5 7	0 1 5

With regard to collection of rates on Kilmurphy Rifle Range, Mr. Keane should employ a solicitor to recover arrears of rate, and the Committee recommend the Council to defray the necessary expenses.

The Committee also recommend that the room now used by the Finance Committee and the Crown Solicitor, be placed at the disposal of the County Surveyor, the room opposite to be given to the Crown Solicitor. The room to be papered and painted, and the necessary alterations made; Mr. Gallagher to prepare a list of furniture required by him.

Mr. Hastings Draper having written as executor of the late County Surveyor, about certain papers and maps belonging to the County Council, which were in the County Surveyor's Office at the time of his death, the Committee ordered that he be requested to deliver the maps and papers which are the property of the County Council, at the Offices of the Council to the Secretary, who will give him the receipt for same, and he to be allowed all necessary out-of-pocket expenses.

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—NO. II.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Tuesday, the 27th October, 1903, when the following members attended:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors Michael Byrne, R. R. Drought, R. Norman Thompson, E. J. Byrne, and Joseph McCarroll.

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

	£ s. d.	£ s. d.
County at Large		4,080 14 11
Baltinglass No. 1—		
District proposals	630 8 1	
Proposals Committees proposals	119 3 6	749 11 7
Naas No. 2—		
District proposals	250 1 7	
Proposals Committees proposals	35 17 3	285 18 10

#### Rathdown No. 2—

District proposals	379 5 6	
Proposals Committees proposals	89 17 11	469 3 5

#### Rathdrum—

District proposals	1,332 4 2	
Proposals Committees proposals	254 6 5	1,586 10 7

#### Shillelagh—

District proposals	451 5 1	
Proposals Committees proposals	88 13 6	539 18 7

#### FINANCE COMMITTEE'S REPORT—NO. III.

The following members of your Finance Committee met on Monday, the 16th November, 1903:—Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., Chairman; Councillors James Byrne, R. R. Drought, E. J. Byrne, Joseph McCarroll, William Burke, and R. Norman Thompson, when the following payments were recommended:—

Hamilton and Craig, solicitors, law costs, 7s. 9d. Certificate under Wicklow Harbour Advances Act, 1897—Baltinglass, £6 15s. 11d.; Rathdrum, £984 18s. 9d.; Shillelagh, £288 18s. 10d.; Wicklow Urban, £52 13s. 2d. John McCullagh, decree in criminal injury application, £19 16s. 3d. John Jackson, for same, £15 3s. Thomas Perry, for same, £10 3s. 3d. Denis O'Brien, cost of work sued for, £5; and to same, law costs, £2 3s. These items are recommended for payment subject to the decree being produced by J. K. Toomey and Co., Solicitors.

The Auditor's report, and abstract of accounts of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum for the half-year ending 31st March, 1903, was submitted to the Committee. The Committee note with satisfaction that the receipts from paying patients have increased from £1,312 in the year 1902, to £2,245 in 1903, and as this is an important matter in connection with expenditure of that institution, the Committee instructed the Secretary to again communicate with the various Boards of Guardians and Urban District Councils in the County, asking them for their active co-operation in ascertaining what patients, or their friends, are able to contribute towards their support.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Costelloe, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne—That that part of the Finance Committee's report recommending increase of Salary to the Clerks be not accepted by this Council. For—Councillors Wm. Costelloe, James Byrne, Peter Brennan, and William Byrne—4. Against—Councillors E. C. Walsh, William Burke, J. McDermott, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; S. T. Doyle, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, Michael Tallon, and R. R. Drought—12. Lost by 12 votes to 4.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Byrne—That Mr. Healy's salary be raised to £90 a year. For—Councillors Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, and J. McCarroll—5. Against—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Wm. Burke, J. McDermott, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Wm. Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, Peter Brennan, Michael Tallon, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne—11. Lost by 11 votes to 5.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe—That Mr. Doyle's salary be raised to £150 a year. For—Councillors Wm. Burke, John McDermott, Wm. Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, Peter Brennan, J. McCarroll, Michael Tallon—7. Against—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Michael Byrne, R. Norman Thompson, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; James Byrne, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne—9. Lost by 9 votes to 7.

Proposed by Councillor D. J. Cogan, M.P., seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That the Finance Committee's reports be adopted. Passed unanimously.



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

County at Large:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on County at Large, amounting to £4,081 2s. 8d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District, amounting to £781 13s. 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 James Byrne, seconded by Councillor S. T. Doyle. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Naas No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £285 18s. 10d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdown No. 2:—Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor Michael Tallon. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £469 3s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Rathdrum:—Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor Wm. Costelloe. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Rathdown No. 2 Rural District, amounting to £2,591 5s. 7d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor T. Sheppard. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Shillelagh Rural District, amounting to £836 0s. 5d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Wicklow Urban:—Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne. Resolved—That we hereby approve of the foregoing proposals for payment, on Wicklow Urban District, amounting to £52 13s. 2d. (any modification made therein having been first initialled by the Chairman), and order the same to be paid. Passed.

Owing to the decision of the Auditor, and the Deputy County Surveyors' reports read at previous Quarterly Meetings, payment of the following amounts was deferred:—Baltinglass No. 1, £15 17s. 3d., John Kearney: ditto, £8 17s. 9d., Michael Curran; Rathdrum, £50, John Harte; Shillelagh, 10s., reps. John Dalton.

Proposed by Councillor J. McDermott, seconded by Councillor M. Tallon. Resolved—That the Treasurer's Authorities for the Quarterly Payments, as approved by the Council, be now signed. Passed.

## PROPOSALS FOR CONTRACTS FROM THE FIVE RURAL DISTRICTS.

Baltinglass No. 1:—Contract No. 343 in District Register—Referred by the Rural District Council to the County Council to be put in hands of County Surveyor, was referred back to the District Council. Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That we recommend the Rural District Council to have the present footbridge at Granabeg repaired or renewed, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board, so as to give means of

approach to the National Schools. Passed. The remaining contracts were approved and confirmed.

Naas No. 2:—Nil.

Rathdown No. 2:—Nil.

Rathdrum:—On the application by resolution of the District Council, and with the consent of the Local Government Board, dated 19th September, 1903. No. 53988/1903; contracts No. 94, John Walsh, Spring 1900, and No. 190, John Walsh, Spring 1901—Were cancelled by the County Council. Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be authorised to expend a sum not exceeding 9d. per perch, on the road from Ferrybank to Porter's Bridge (220 p.), for 10½ months. Passed. Contract No. 331 was rejected at the Summer Quarterly Meeting, should have been so marked at the time. Remaining contracts were approved and confirmed.

Shillelagh:—Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor James Byrne. Resolved—That road No. 759—Contractor John Dalton, 1068 perches, Knockananna to Aughavannagh—be cancelled, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Board being obtained; this to be the last contract to be cancelled by this Council; Shillelagh Rural District to pay all expenses incurred in connection with the cancellation. A vote being taken, there voted: For—Councillors James Byrne, Michael Byrne, and E. J. Byrne—3. Against—Councillors R. Norman Thompson, and E. C. Walsh—2. The following Councillors present, did not vote:—W. Costelloe, J. McDermott, and S. T. Doyle. Passed by 3 votes to 2.

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

The County Surveyor read the following advertisement for an Assistant County Surveyor, published in the "Irish Times," "Freeman's Journal," and "Irish Daily Independent," and also the applications received from J. B. Boyd, Ballyknocken, Rathdrum; J. Moore, Merriem, County Dublin; William J. O'Dea, Cordangan, Tipperary; and William W. Wilson, Dundalk:—"Wicklow County Council; Assistant County Surveyor wanted. Must have experience in the construction and maintenance of roads and masonry, write a good hand, and be able to draw, level, survey, and make measurements, calculations, and estimates. The selected candidate must satisfy the Local Government Board as to his fitness for the post, in accordance with their Order of 9th February, 1900. Salary, £100 per annum. Candidates to send to Mr. S. G. Gallagher, County Surveyor, Court-house, Wicklow, before the 11th November, dimensioned hand sketches of any small bridge and finished working drawings to scale made from same, with quantities, estimate, and specification, all certified to be their own work without help; also applications in their own handwriting, stating age, together with copies only of not more than four most recent testimonials as to character and competency. Candidates to appear before the County Council, at Court-house, Wicklow, on Monday, 16th November, at 12 o'clock noon." A poll being taken, there voted for Boyd—Councillors E. C. Walsh, Wm. Burke, John McDermott, Michael Byrne, D. J. Cogan, M.P.; Wm. Costelloe, S. T. Doyle, James Byrne, Peter Brennan, T. Sheppard, E. J. Byrne, J. McCarroll, Michael Tallon, R. R. Drought, and William Byrne—15. Moore—Councillor R. Norman Thompson—1. Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor Wm. Byrne—That Mr. J. B. Boyd be elected as Assistant County Surveyor on approval, for one year. Passed.

A letter, dated 14th November, 1903, addressed to the Chairman, was received from George McDonnell, Feakle, County Clare—Stating that he would be glad to do duty for the person elected as Assistant County Surveyor, in the event of such person not having satisfied the



requirements of the Local Government Board Order of the 9th February, 1900. "Read."

J. P. Udall, Chief Inspector, Arklow, attended to represent Kynoch Limited, and made the following application:—"We beg to make application for the assent of your Council to the License 110, and the 'Amending Licenses now in force with respect to our Explosives Works, situated at Ferrybank, Arklow, County Wicklow, being amended according to the terms specified in the Draft Amending License enclosed herein."

The Secretary read the following advertisement, which had been published in accordance with the Act:—"The Explosives Act, 1875. To all whom it may concern. Notice is hereby given that Kynoch Ltd., of Witton, Birmingham, and James-street, Haymarket, London, S.W., Ammunition Manufacturers, intend to apply to the County Council of the County of Wicklow (being the Local Authority within the meaning of the Act), on the 16th day of November, 1903, at 1-30 o'clock in the afternoon, at the Council-Chamber, Court-house, Wicklow (being the date, hour, and place appointed by the said County Council of Wicklow, for the hearing of such application), for their assent to the Amending License for the Manufacture of Explosives on portion of the Townland of Ferrybank, and on portion of the Townland of Tinnahask (if any such portion of the said Townland of Tinnahask be situate on the north side of the river Ovoca), and on portion of the Townland of Seabank, Town of Arklow, Parish of Kilbride, Barony of Arklow, and County of Wicklow, in accordance with the Draft Amending License and Plan approved by one of His Majesty's Principal Secretaries of State, which Draft Amending License and Plan have been deposited and will remain so deposited for the term of one calendar month from the date hereof, for the inspection of all persons interested, between the hours of 11 a.m. and 4 p.m. daily, at the Offices of the Secretary of the Wicklow County Council, Court-house, Wicklow, aforesaid, where due notice of any objection must be given seven clear days before the day fixed for the hearing, to the Secretary of the said Local Authority, and also to the applicants, such notice to signify the person's intention to appear and object, together with their name, address and calling, and a short notice of the grounds of their objection. Dated this 16th day of October, 1903. For Kynoch, Limited. W. J. GOLD, Superintendent, Arklow."

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor R. Norman Thompson. Explosives Act, 1875, and Acts amending same. Resolved—That we, the majority of the County Council of the County of Wicklow, being the Local Authority as defined by the above-mentioned Acts, with respect to the place at which it is proposed to extend and alter the existing Factory for Explosives in accordance with the terms of this Draft License, having considered the application for extension and alteration of such Factory, and it having been shown to us that the requisite notices of the time and place of hearing this application were duly published, as required by the Act, not less than one month before the date of hearing, do hereby assent to the extension of such Factory for Explosives, in accordance with the terms of this Draft Amending License, and that the seal of the Council be affixed to this assent. Passed unanimously.

The following notice of motion, handed in by Councillor Joseph McCarroll at a previous meeting, was withdrawn:—"I give notice that the 'Irish People' share in future in the advertisements of this Council."

Proposed by Councillor J. McCarroll, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That Father Hickey be appointed as member of the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in place of the Rev. Wm. Byrne, P.P., resigned. Passed.

## SECRETARY'S REPORT.

To the Wicklow County Council, 16th November, 1903. Gentlemen,—The Motor Car Act, 1903, will come into operation on the 1st January next; I would ask you to authorise me to procure the required registers and forms under that Act. The Patriotic Assurance Company, which has entered into bonds with the Council for some of the rate collectors, has persistently failed and refused to give the necessary renewal vouchers for same, although the collectors have forwarded the Company the premiums upon the bonds each time that they became due. As a serious difficulty may arise with the auditor in consequence, I think steps should be taken to compel that Company to comply with the terms of its bonds. There is a sum due the Council still through the default of one of your late collectors. It would be well that this matter were finally dealt with. There is at present a vacancy on the Council in consequence of the disqualification of Captain Alfred Zeller, through his failure to attend any meeting of the Council for upwards of twelve months past. The Council have to announce the vacancy now in the usual form.—I am, gentlemen, yours faithfully, E. N. WYNNE.

Proposed by Councillor E. J. Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That Mr. McCarroll, Solicitor, be instructed to take what steps are necessary to procure the required vouchers from the Patriotic Assurance Company. Passed.

## NOTICE OF A VACANCY IN WICKLOW COUNTY COUNCIL.

We, the members of the County Council for the County of Wicklow, hereby declare the Office of Councillor, held by Captain Alfred Zeller, Lackan House, Blessington, to be vacant, in consequence of his failure to attend the meetings of the County Council for a period of twelve calendar months, and direct that this vacancy shall be duly notified by a circular issued to each member of this Council, and to the Clerk of each Rural District Council. A copy of said circular to be posted adjacent to the outer door of the County Court-house, Wicklow, 16th November, 1903. Signed—Michael Byrne, Chairman; R. Norman Thompson, James Byrne, three Councillors of Wicklow County Council. Signed—E. N. Wynne, Secretary to said Council. Copy to be sent to Captain Zeller also.

Proposed by Councillor James Byrne, seconded by Councillor E. J. Byrne. Resolved—That it be a direction to the Secretary to place the co-option of one gentleman to fill the vacancy in the County Council of this Council upon the Agenda for the next meeting. Passed.

## COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

To the County Council of the County of Wicklow, assembled at their Quarterly Meeting, 16th November, 1903. Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,—The number of contracts and proposals now coming before you for your consideration is unusually small. They are as follows:—

Rathdown No. 2 Rural District.—To construct a footpath on the road leading to Blacklion Roman Catholic Church. This work was passed at the Rural District Council meeting in autumn this year, but as a sufficient number of members to form a quorum failed to attend the adjourned meeting, it now comes to you to receive tenders.

Rathdrum Rural District:—1.—To construct a footpath on East side of Ferrybank, Arklow. This work comes before you as a provisional proposal, having been considered by the District Council at their meetings in July and October. The contract to execute the work also comes before you for confirmation. 2.—A permission contract. The 3rd proposal—viz.: To maintain 220p. of road, Ferrybank, Arklow, to Porter's Bridge. This work comes before you to obtain tenders at



9d. per perch. The road was last under contract for one year at 4s. per perch, the contract expiring on 30th June last, and being of the nature of a special work was not put forward for renewal; however, understanding that there was to be heavy traffic on this road during this winter, I considered it my duty, with a view to effect a saving on a future contract, to recommend the Council to maintain the road for 10½ months at what I considered to be the lowest sum per perch, which would be sufficient to prevent the destruction of the surface of the road—viz.: 1s. per perch; however, the Rural District Council reduced this to 9d. per perch, and failed to obtain a contractor.

Naas No. 2 Rural District:—To construct a footpath from the district bounds to Humphreystown Bridge, 142 perches. This comes to you to receive tenders.

Baltinglass No. 1:—1—To construct a footpath at Hollywood. 2—A road improvement at Coolnarrig. These come before you to confirm contract. 3—A road improvement at Clough. This comes before you to receive tenders.

None of the above works are likely to cause any trouble as regards the legality of the payments made.

I much regret to have to seek your authority to instruct your solicitor to take legal proceedings against the reps. of contractors and the guarantors for the following contracts:—Shillelagh Rural District—No. 757, winter 1903, 1068 perches of road, Knockananna to Aughavanagh. Rathdrum Rural District—No. 94, spring 1900, 836 perches, "Jack Whites" to Ballinaskea; No. 190, spring 1901, 957 perches, Oghil three roads to Scratenagh cross-roads. Of course, in these cases, if the guarantors come to some arrangement with the reps. of the contractors, it may not be necessary to take these proceedings.

Kynoch's License:—I notice that Messrs. Kynoch obtain powers to store multiples of 10,000 lbs. of "Picrite" in house No. 121. This house is to be situated within 400 yards of the harbour of Arklow, and within ½ mile of Arklow Bridge; this matter requires serious consideration on your part.

Danger Notice Boards, etc.:—You have been asked by the Cyclist Touring Club to be responsible for the maintenance of such notices as they have erected within your county. On enquiry, I find that these notices are few in number, and widely separated. You have no money at your disposal to expend for such a purpose, nor is there any reasonable way in which you could have these boards looked after at present. Under the recent Act, 3 Ed. VII., ch. 16 (sec. 10, sub-sec. 2), you are directed to erect danger notices, etc., at such places as you may consider them necessary, and by a previous enactment you have powers to levy on the county at large, such moneys as may be necessary to erect and provide such notice boards, etc., provided that the sum expended on any one such notice, etc., does not exceed £1 per annum. I venture to suggest that before you take any further steps in this matter you should seek to obtain a proportion of the money paid in licenses within your county under said Act of 3 Ed. VII., ch. 36 and that you should obtain a contribution from the Automobile Clubs in Ireland. I estimate that the average cost of these boards would be £1 (your limit), and the annual upkeep would average 4s. per post and board, provided that the sites of the posts, etc., were grouped in convenient districts for contract.—I remain, gentlemen, your obedient servant, S. G. GALLAGHER, B.E., M.Inst.C.E.I., County Surveyor. 11th November, 1903.

#### COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

City Laboratory, 17 Castle-street, Dublin, 28th October, 1903. Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C.B., M.D., Public Analyst for the County of Wicklow, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended, 30th September, 1903.

Sixty-eight articles were received from the Food Inspectors,

R.I.C., as follows:—Article—Butter, number—38; milk, 15; whiskey, 12; cheese, 2; bread, 1; total, 68. Of the specimens of whiskey, one was 30 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with at least 6·67 per cent. of added water.

For the Guardians of Shillelagh Union, eleven drugs were analysed. One of them—namely, ammoniated liniment of camphor, was deficient in ammonia. Another—namely, dilute hydrobromic acid, was low in gravity.

For the Guardians of Rathdrum Union, twenty drugs, three specimens of milk, and one of water, were analysed. The drugs were correct. The milks were pure. The specimen of water had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matters, 14·000; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·0025; saline ammonia, 0·001; nitric acid, 0·740; chlorine, 1·192; sulphuric acid, none; equal to calcium sulphate, none. A good water.

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

Two specimens of water analysed for Bray Urban District Council had the following compositions. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Total solid matters	26·600	28·000
Including—		
Albuminoid ammonia	0·022	0·010
Saline ammonia	0·085	0·007
Nitric acid	trace	1·330
Chlorine	1·093	4·970
Sulphuric acid	none	2·8824
Equal to calcium sulphate	none	4·0000

No. 1 was largely polluted and unfit for use. No. 2 was a fairly good water.

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

Two specimens of manure were analysed for the Dublin and Wicklow Manure Co., Wicklow, with the following results. 100 parts contain:—

	No. 1.	No. 2.
Potash	1·18	3·32
Equal to potassium sulphate	2·18	6·14

For Naas Union, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, twenty drugs, and eight specimens of milk were analysed. One of the drugs—namely, ammoniated tincture of valerian, was low in ammonia and solids. Another—namely, syrup of ferrous iodide, contained an excess of iodine. A specimen of compound powder of jalap received from the same institution, contained 21 per cent. of acid potassium sulphate, which should not be present. Two of the milks were under the average quality of pure milk.

A specimen of water analysed for Naas Rural District Council, which is partly situated in the County of Wicklow, had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains:—Total solid matters, 46·200; including—Albuminoid ammonia, 0·0035; saline ammonia, 0·002; nitric acid, 2·120; chlorine, 3·081; sulphuric acid, 4·3236; equal to calcium sulphate, 6·0000. A very pure water. Total analyses, 177.—CHARLES A. CAMERON.

The following notice of motion was handed in:—I, Simon T. Doyle, of Delgany, a Councillor for the above County, hereby give notice that I will, at the next meeting of the said County Council, move a resolution—"That Mr. J. H. McCarroll be hereby appointed Solicitor to this Council."



## OFFICIAL CORRESPONDENCE.

No. 55654/1903, and 59797/1903. Local Government Board, Dublin, 4th November, 1903. Sealed order fixing Powerscourt Dispensary District as the area of charge for drainage of Enniskerry.

No. 48587/1903; Wicklow County. Local Government Board, Dublin, 27th October, 1903. Stating that the Local Government Board had found that the surcharges were lawfully made by the Auditor. That they had considerable difficulty in remitting these surcharges, which they have done on this occasion, only on the recommendation of the Auditor that the gentlemen surcharged had, on the occasion, acted bona fide in ignorance of the law, and it must be distinctly understood that this action in no way implies that future surcharges in respect of illegal contracts will be similarly dealt with.

Proposed by Councillor R. Norman Thompson, seconded by Councillor R. R. Drought. Resolved—That this Council, in acknowledging the receipt of the Local Government Board's letter, No. 48587/1903, of 27th October, 1903, observes with pleasure that the Board has seen its way to remit the surcharges made against certain of the Councillors. The Council would draw the attention of the Board to the case of Ballycumber Bridge, in the Shillelagh Rural District, which their late Auditor classed under the heading as the works for the payment of which the surcharges were, or would be made, but stating that no payments on foot of same were included in the half-year then under audit. The whole of this contract, except £5, had, however, at the time been paid, but since the Auditor's warning the Council refused to sanction the payment of this £5 balance until compelled by an Order of the Court. The Council would therefore apply to the Local Government Board to include these payments in the terms under which they have remitted the surcharges referred to, and to inform the Board's Auditor same were made prior to the attention of the Council having been thus drawn to them. Passed.

No. 57809/1903; miscellaneous. Local Government Board, Dublin, 21st October, 1903. Enclosing for consideration and observations of the Council a Draft of Regulations the Board propose to issue under Section 6 of the Motor Car Act, 1903. Motor Car Act, 1903 (3 Edw. 7, ch. 36).

No. 19528/1903. Department of Agriculture, Dublin, 26th October, 1903. Enclosing memorandums under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts for the guidance of local officers engaged in taking samples of butter.

A requisition dated 13th November, 1903, from J. F. Studdert, D.I., R.I.C., for bottles for the use of Inspectors of Food and Drugs in the Dunlavin District to take samples of butter for analysis during year 1904, was also read. Order—Bottles to be procured.

Office of National Education, Dublin, 11th November, 1903. Asking for particulars on enclosed form as to the persons to be appointed by the Council on Naas No. 2 School Attendance Committee (on new Committee) from 1st January, 1903.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the present School Attendance Committee for Naas No. 2 Rural District be hereby re-appointed. Passed unanimously.

Office of Public Works, Dublin, 15th October, 1903. Notifying an advance of £600 to Naas No. 2 Rural District Council under the Labourers' (Ireland) Acts, 1883 to 1896.

26th October, and 10th November, 1903. From Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, Dublin—relative to return of patients admitted from County Wicklow during quarter ended, 30th September, 1903.

21st October, 1903. From Clerk Baltinglass No. 1 Rural District Council—enclosing copy of resolution asking the Chairman of the County Council to sign the contract for the erection of the bridge at Granabeg, and the making of a road thereto under the circumstances. (See resolution on this subject in contract proposals for Baltinglass).

22nd October, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdown No. 2 Rural District Council—notifying that the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of that Council fell through for want of a quorum, and enclosing unopened tender to be placed before the Council.

5th November, 1903. From Clerk, Rathdrum Rural District Council—enclosing copy of a report received from the Inspector of Lunatics relating to his recent inspection of the Lunatics Department of Rathdrum Workhouse.

3rd November, 1903. From Hastings D. Draper, Solicitor—relative to the handing over of all maps, documents, etc., the property of the County Council, at present in the offices of the late County Surveyor, Carter Draper.

Proposed by Councillor Wm. Burke, seconded by Councillor E. C. Walsh. Resolved—That the County Surveyor be hereby directed and authorised to attend and take over the maps, papers, and documents and other property of the County Council from the executors of the late County Surveyor, Carter Draper, and to give them a full or other receipt for same on behalf of this Council. The County Surveyor to charge all reasonable expenses connected therewith to his office expenses. Passed.

Application from Secretary, County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, for use of a room in Court-house, Arklow, for the purpose of holding classes in Technical Instruction.

Proposed by Councillor E. C. Walsh, seconded by Councillor Wm. Burke. Resolved—That the room asked for by the Arklow Technical Education Committee in the Court-house, Arklow, for the purposes of Technical Education, be, and is hereby granted. Passed.

4th November, 1903. From Secretary, Wexford County Council—enclosing copy of resolution asking the Local Government Board to allow collectors to close their collections by 1st May and 1st November in each year. Marked "read."

Also enclosing copy of resolution asking the Government to allocate the sum of £100,000 towards the construction and improvement of Fishing Piers in the South East of Ireland.

26th October, 1903. From General Secretary Gaelic League—enclosing resolution dealing with the preservation of Irish as the National Language, and the extension of its use as a spoken language.