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Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, specially convened, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 26th August, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Ecq, J P.

Other Members—Joseph H M'Ardle, J P ;Michael Meade, Wm Woods, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Peter Woods, J P; John F Murphy, J P; James Wynne, J P; B Finnegan, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons, and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 29th July, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th day of August, 1915 ,a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by William Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th August, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th August, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thos O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 19th day of August, 1915, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Mr Bernard Finnegan directed the attention of the Council and the County Surveyor to the condition of the kerbing at Ballymascanlon footpath, and the County Surveyor was directed to attend to the matter.

TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with the Secretary's advertisement the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE DISTRICT.

For Work No. 257, only one tender was received—that of Thomas M'Cormack, Town Parks, Ardee, for the sum of £11 19s 0d, but as neither the contractor nor his sureties attended the Bond was not entered into.

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DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

No tenders were received for the work advertised.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

For Work No. 79 two tenders were received. Michael Mathews proposed to do the work for the sum of £49 15s 0d, but as neither Mathews nor his sureties were present his tender was rejected.

Michael Hanratty, of Belloran, tendered to do the work for the sum of £50, and his tender was accepted and the Bond duly completed.

No tenders were received for Works Nos. 80, 81, or 82.

ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 6th day of July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 27th July, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 13th July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 10th August, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 12th July, 1915, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 26th July, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

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Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th July, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday ,9th August, 1915, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

WORKS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meeting, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Before the foregoing resolution was passed the County Surveyor directed the attention of the Council to the work in the Drogheda district—No. 1—for the construction of 250 perches of new road in the townlands of Moneymore and Yellowbatter. He stated that he had already informed the District Council that the money for the work was insufficient and that he could not undertake to do the work by direct labour at the amount set down, as it was understood that local people would assist the contractor. He further stated that he would endeavour to get a contractor for the work.

The Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, confirmed his former opinion that the work was a legal one.

The resolution as set out above was then passed.

VOTES OF SYMPATHY.

The following resolutions were passed in silence, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies to the proper quarters:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr John Fitzgibbon, M P, our sincere sympathy with him in the great loss he has sustained by the death of his son.

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with extreme regret of the death of Major W F C Garstin, 5th Royal Irish Fusiliers, who was killed in action,, and we tender to his father, Mr J R Garstin, D L, Braganstown, a former respected member of this Council, our sincere sympathy in his bereavement.

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr P Byrne, J P, a former esteemed member of this Council, our sincere sympathy with him on the death of his wife.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Secoonded by J F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to Mr J N Armstrong, J P,

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our deep sympathy with him on the great loss he has sustained by the death of his son.

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we tender to Mr Michael M'Ardle, an esteemed member of this Council, our deep sympathy with him on the death of his uncle.

CANON LYONS CONGRATULATED.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy to Canon Lyons:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to congratulate the Very Rev Canon Lyons on his recent appointment as Parish Priest of Ardee, and on his well deserved elevation to the Canonry. His great ability and energy in every good work for the well-being of his country and Church, has earned our respect and admiration, and we are pleased that such a distinguished Louth man will be enabled to continue his good work in the county to which he is such an ornament.

PENSION TO JAMES CUMISKEY, HARBOUR CONSTABLE GILES' QUAY.

In accordance with special notice issued by the Secretary under the provisions of the Union Officers Superannuation (Ireland) Act, 1865, the Council next proceeded to consider the question of granting a pension to James Cumiskey, late Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That a pension of £8 (eight pounds) per year, being two-thirds of his total annual remuneration of £12 (twelve pounds) be allowed to James Cumiskey, Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

ARDEE DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The next two items on the agenda—Nos. 9 and 10—were taken together, and the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Patrick M'Gee was, in the absence of Mr M'Gee, and by his written authority, moved by Mr J H M'Ardle, and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr Bartholomew Woods, of Mountainstown, Dunleer, be co-opted a member of the Ardee District School Attendance Committee.

ALL-IRELAND FARMERS' CONVENTION.

Circular letter from the Secretary of above was read, requesting the Council to send five representative farmer delegates to a Convention to be held on Tuesday, 31st August next, in the Mansion House, Dublin, as to the best methods for the produc-

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tion, marketing and distribution of agricultural produce, and other matters relating to agricultural output, etc. The following gentlemen were unanimously delegated to represent the Council at the Convention:—Messrs James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; M Meade, and John F Murphy, J P.

FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following letter was read and referred to the Drainage Sub-Committee:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 5th August, 1915.

No. 39,005/1915.
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the transfer of the business of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts to the Louth County Council, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that before the Board take any steps towards making Provisional Orders in these cases under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, they consider that the County Council would do well to put themselves in communication with the last elected or surviving or continuing trustees of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts with a view to obtaining their consent to the proposed transfer, or, in the alternative, to ascertaining definitely that there are no persons capable of acting as such board or body.

I am Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. E DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

SPEED OF MOTORS IN URBAN AREAS.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, and one from Mr O'Connell, Council's Solicitor, informing the Council that the Corporation of Drogheda was the local authority to make application fixing the speed limit of motors in the urban district of Drogheda, but that in the urban district of Dundalk, which was not a Municipal Borough within the meaning of the Act, the County Council was the authority to make the application. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, informing the Council that application would be made at Drogheda Petty Sessions, to be held on Monday, 30th August, for committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:—Laurence, James, John, Eva and Rosella Carr, and Patrick J. Plunkett, all under fourteen years of age. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

THE ELECTION AND REGISTRATION ACT, 1915.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, No 42453-1915, with reference to above Act, which provides that the Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors, or any register based on same, shall aremain in force until Parliament provides for special register being made, but in no case later than 31st December, 1916. The effect of the various provisions of the Act is to arrest from and after the 31st July, any further proceedings on the part of the officers concerned in

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regard to the registration of voters for Parliamentary and Local Government purposes. The circular was initialled by the Chairman.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

The following letter was read, and it was decided that before submitting a scheme for approval, the Solicitor should inquire further as to the possibility of purchase by the Council of Omeath Park:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
16th August, 1915.

Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly Estate of Lord Rathdonnell, County Louth, E.T.A. 7071.

Dear Sir,

I have received the following letter dated the 14th instant, from the Secretary, Estates Commissioners:—

"With reference to the undertaking executed by the Louth County Council for the purchase of a plantation on the above Estate and to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inquire if the Council has yet submitted a scheme under Sections 4 and 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, for the approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland."

In the terms of the Undertaking referred to, and which is dated the 23rd day of January, 1914, the Council agreed to hold the lands "with such rights and powers as may be specified in a Scheme to be settled pursuant to the provisions of Sec. 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, as amended by Section 18 of the Irish Land Act, 1909." You will see that under Sections 4 and 20

of the Act of 1903, it is necessary to have a Scheme submitted for approval.

I have drafted the Scheme but same was held over in order to ascertain if it were possible to purchase Omeath Park and Ruxton Estate holdings with a view to inclusion in the draft Scheme. I would be glad to have your instructions to submit the draft Scheme for approval of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and also of the Estates Commissioners.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Chas. M'Alester, Esq, Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

HOLIDAYS.

Applications were read from the County Surveyor and Secretary for annual holidays, and the Council unanimously granted each officer three weeks' leave of absence.

SUSPENSION OF TUBERCULOSIS (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1914

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 24th August, 1915, No. 2985-15, enclosing copy of an Order made by them suspending as from 1st of September, 1915, until it is otherwise ordered, the operation of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1914, except Article 12 (1) (diseased animals

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not to be sent for shipment). The letter was initialled by the Chairman. The following is the Order referred to:—

(435.)

Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

(Dated 19th August, 1915).

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act, 1899, the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, to 1914, and of every other power enabling them in this behalf, do order, and it is hereby ordered, as follows:—

From the first day of September, nineteen hundred and fifteen, and until it is otherwise ordered by the Department, the operation of the Order described in the Schedule hereto shall be suspended to the extent mentioned in the third column of such Schedule: Provided that such suspension shall not—

(i) affect the previous operation of such Order or anything duly done or suffered under such Order; or

(ii) affect any right, privileges, obligation or liability acquired, accrued, or incurred under such Order; or

(iii) affect any penalty, forfeiture or punishment incurred in respect of any offence committed against such Order; or

(iv) affect any investigation, legal proceeding, or remedy in respect of any such right, privilege, obligation, liability, penalty, forfeiture, or punishment as aforesaid;

and any such investigation, legal proceeding ,or remedy may be instituted, continued, or enforced, and any such penalty, forfeiture, or punishment may be imposed, as if this Order had not been made.

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this nineteenth day of August, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

H. G. Smith,
On behalf of the Secretary.

COLLECTOR P. HUGHES' REMUNERATION.

The Secretary was directed to write again to the Local Government Board requesting their sanction to the payment of all poundage fees still due to Mr Patrick Hughes.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 23rd August, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

LOANS ACCOUNT.

J Potter and Co., Dublin	...	£280 0 0

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	...	£66 1 4
Secretary's Office	...	24 11 0
		£90 12 4

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT OMEATH.

As directed by the Finance Committee the Secretary had written the London and North Western Railway Company that the termination on thirty days' notice of the Agreement between the Company and Louth County Council whereby the Council were permitted to drain the water off the public road at Omeath through a pipe laid on the Railway Company's property did not suit the views of the Council, and asking for the deletion of the Clause, and had received the following reply:—

London and North Western Railway,
District Estate Office,
Eaton Street, Crewe.

J W/11786/718
G 220.

Flooding of Public Road at Omeath.

Dear Sir,—

In reply to your letter of the 11th instant, it is our usual practice to make such easements as that included in the enclosed form of Agreement subject to termination by thirty days' notice to meet the contingency of any alteration to railway or works which the Company may be called upon to carry out.

I have no reason to think that you will be disturbed, but regret I cannot alter the period of notice.

Yours faithfully,

J. M. WILLIAMS.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,
Secretary Louth County Council.

It was decided that the Chairman and Co. Surveyor should visit Omeath and endeavour to arrange for some method of draining the water off the public road other than through the Railway Company's property.

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COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The following report from Sir Charles A Cameron was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

19th August, 1915.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron, C B, M D, Public Analyst for the County Louth, on articles submitted to him for analysis during the quarter ended 30th June, 1915.

Forty-seven articles were received from Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows—

Article	Number
Butter	25
Milk	16
Whiskey	5
Buttermilk	1
Total	47

One certificate was sent to Acting Sergeant Levinge, Dundalk, for specimen of milk deficient of at least 30 per cent of its fats.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Sharpe, Drogheda, for specimen of whiskey, which was 32 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 9.33 per cent of wattr.

For the Guardians of Drogheda Union one specimen of butter was analysed and was pure.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains.

Total solid matter	49.000
Including	
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.0075
Saline Ammonia	0.0035
Nitric Acid	6.500
Cholrine	5.090
Colour	Almost Colourless

A good water.

Two specimens of milk were analysed for Mrs Maxwell Boyle, Prospect, Dundalk. One was adulterated with at least 4.9 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 36 per cent of its fats, and the other was adulterated with at least 6.25 per cent of added water and was also deficient of at least 23 per cent of its fats.

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

Total Analyses—51.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

LOST PAYING ORDER.

The Secretary reported to the Committee that a Paying Order issued on 29th July, 1915, for road maintenance to Peter Kelly, Drumcah, Inniskeen, for the sum of £3 19s 6d, had not been delivered to the payee up to the present. On hearing of this from Mr Kelly he (the Secretary) had stopped payment of the Order at the Bank. Kelly had been with him again this morning and had handed him a letter from the Returned Letter Office Branch which was read, and which stated that the letter containing the Paying Order had not been found.

The Committee directed the Secretary to issue a duplicate Paying Order to the contractor, and to advise the Council's Treasurer to pay same on presentation.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Michael Meade and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

Messrs James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	£140 8 0

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

PURCHASE OF GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

The following letter and enclosure therewith were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
2nd September, 1915.

No. 47,448/1915.
Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo and previous correspondence, relative to the proposed payment by the Louth County Council of a sum of £50 for the purchase of a Boat Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward to you a copy of a letter dated the 7th ultimo received from the Commissioners of Public Works on the matter, and I am to state that, as soon as the Board have heard from the Commissioners, they will be in a position to reply to your letter of the 1st June last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Copy.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
7th August, 1915.

No. 43,596/1915.
8660-15.

Sir,—

In reply to Mr Devlin's letter of the 5th instant, No. 30,400, on the subject of Giles' Quay Harbour, the Board are advised by their Solicitor that there is some doubt as to whether they have power to make Bye-Laws and a Schedule of Tolls for this Slip. A case has been sent to the Law Officers, and as soon as their advice has been received the Board hope to be in a position to reply definitely to your letter of the 16th June last.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

GEORGE E SHANAHAN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board, Dublin.

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COURTBANE WATER SUPPLY—AREA OF CHARGE.

Sealed Order of the Local Government Board making the entire Rural District of Dundalk the area of charge for any expenses incurred or to be incurred for the purpose of improving the supply of water and maintaining same at Courtbane, was submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

MAINTENANCE OF LIVE STOCK (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1915.

The Secretary submitted Order of the Department of Agriculture entitled "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915," dated 24th August, 1915, setting out that for the purpose of maintaining a sufficient stock of animals any animal which is visibly or obviously in-calf or in-pig shall not be slaughtered nor moved out of Ireland; provided that the Order shall not apply to the slaughter of an animal under the provisions of the Diseases of Animals Acts or the slaughter of an animal desirable on account of injury to the animal or its illness, or the slaughter of an animal when considered desirable by the Department. The "Slaughter of Animals (Ireland) Order of 1915" is revoked, and the Maintenance of Live Stock Order comes into operation on 1st September, 1915.

The Order was initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP REGULATIONS.—DEFAULTERS.

Letter was read from Sergeant Callan, Dunleer, enclosing list of persons who exposed sheep for sale at Dunleer fair on 1st September; and letters were read from Constable Friel giving names of persons who exposed sheep for sale at Drogheda market on 4th September, without being accompanied by a Declaration

that the sheep were dipped twice within the Autum Dipping Period in accordance with the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915.

The cases were referred to the Executive Committee.

LOAN FOR ROAD MAKING MACHINERY—SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Letter was read from the Manager Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, enclosing the Bank's Solicitor's Bill of Costs incurred on behalf of the Bank for and incident to preparation of mortgage of £4095 for the purpose of purchasing road making machinery, and requesting payment of the amount—£8 0s 8d.

The Secretary was directed to request the sanction of the Local Government Board to the Payment of the account.

OMEATH PARK.

As directed at the last meeting of the County Council, the Secretary had instructed the Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, to enquire from the Solicitor for the owner of Omeath Park whether there was any possiibility of the Council's offer for Omeath Park being accepted, and the following letter in the matter from Mr O'Connell was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

3rd September, 1915.

Re Forestry Scheme—Sale of Omeath Park.

Dear Sir,—

The Solicitor for the owner replies to my enquiry as to the possibility of purchasing Omeath Park:—

"In reply to yours of 30th August, I don't think there is any

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likelihood of the offer already made on behalf of the Council being accepted by the judge. I think you should make a substantially increased offer."

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Dundalk.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the return of the condition of the Poor Rate Collection to the 31st August, 1915, from which it appeared the following amounts were outstanding: —

		£	s	d
P S Donegan	...	1926	9	8
Patrick M'Donnell	...	1631	4	4
Patrick M'Cullough	...	1597	14	5
John J Kelly	...	692	19	5
Patrick Hughes	...	905	6	3
Patrick Cluskey	...	2347	1	5
Peter M'Donnell	...	2125	9	6
John Woods	...	1430	16	3
James V Johnston	...	912	15	2
Total outstanding		£13569	16	5

REDWATER IN CATTLE.

The following letter was read and referred to the County Council:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,

4th September, 1915.

No. A. 9296/15.

Sir,—

Adverting to your letter of the 7th May last, relative to the treatment for Redwater in cattle, I have to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department would not at present recommend the erection of a dipping tank,

but if the Council desire to make a trial of efficacy of a dip they might do so at small expense by obtaining a loan of a machine for applying the dip in the form of a spray.

In this connection the attention of the Council might be directed to an offer which has been made by Messrs William Cooper and Nephews, Berkhamsted, England, viz: to lend the necessary spraying apparatus and supply spraying materials and the services of a fitter, on condition that the firm's out-of-pocket expenses would be refunded to them.

I have to add that, if the Council are disposed to consider Messrs Cooper's offer, the Department would approve of the spraying trials being undertaken by the Louth County Committee of Agriculture and expenditure referred to above being defrayed from the Joint Fund of the Committee and the Department.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL. Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

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Scholarship Committee.

Report of proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse. Dundalk, on Thursday, 16th day of September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—J T Dolan, Esq, M A

Other Members—P O'Connell and James Connolly, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were read by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary read applications which had been made, under the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme, 1915-16, for the Scholarships to be awarded by the County Council

The following are the names of the applicants:—

Miss M C Murphy, 40, Church Street, Dundalk.
Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk.
John Vincent A Magrath, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk.
Joseph Hardy, Newtownfane, Dundalk.

Certificates of character and suitability of Mr Magrath were read from Rev Father Hurson, C C, Dundalk; Rev Bro Burke, Principal; and Rev Bro J G Robinson, B A, Christian Schools, Dundalk; also certificate of Pass for the Matriculation Examination of the National University.

Mr Hardy submitted testimonials from Rev Bro Burke and Rev Bro Robinson, Christian Schools, Dundalk, in which the suitability of the candidate was testified, and Mr Hardy had also passed the Matriculation Examination.

The Committee examined the Official Pass Lists of the Intermediate Examinations and satisfied themselves that all of the candidates had passed the examination for the Senior Grade in 1915.

On reviewing the other conditions of the Scholarship Scheme, especially as to means, the Committee were unanimously of the opinion that only Mr Magrath and Misses Teevan and Murphy were strictly eligible.

After long discussion, the following recommendation

Proposed by James Connolly, Esq, J P,
Seconded by Patrick O'Connell, Esq,

was passed unanimously:—

That on consideration of all the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme, 1915-16, we recommend that a Scholarship of £50 be awarded to John Vincent A Magrath, of Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk; and that the remaining Scholarship be divided between Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk, and Miss M C Murphy, 40, Church Street, Dundalk, giving £25 to each student.

The consideration of the renewal of the Scholarships to the existing students was then discussed.

Reports were read from the University Authority certifying that the Council's student—Joseph M'Parland—whose Scholarship was renewable, had passed his 1st University Examination in Engineer-

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ing with Second Class Honours. The other two scholars—Mr Patrick A Hanratty and Miss Margaret V Lyons—had not presented themselves for examination, both having been ill when the Examinations were on. Certificate of Miss Lyons' illness had already been considered by the County Council, and the continuance of the Scholarship recommended. In Mr Hanratty's case the Council had decided that if he obtained a Commission in the Army his Scholarship would be held over for him until after the war. Letter was read from the Secretary University College recommending the County Council to renew both these Scholarships.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

That we recommend the County Council to renew the Scholarship of Margaret V Lyons, Drogheda, for the second year; and that of Joseph M'Parland, Dundalk, for the third year. We also recommend the renewal of the Scholarship of Patrick A Hanratty for the third year, and should he obtain his Commission in the Army that his Scholarship be held over him until after the war.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 20th September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, Michael Meade, Thos O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P, and Bernard Finnegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of the County Surveyor	...	£39 15 1
Secretary's Office	...	39 18 10
		£79 13 11

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman

Letter was read from Mr J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, who was acting for the County Surveyor, stating that he was unable, through illness, to attend the Meeting.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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COLLECTOR HUGHES' POUNDAGE FEES.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
7th September, 1915.

No. 47,194/1915.
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Sir,—

With reference to your further letter of the 27th ultimo, relative to the payment by the Louth County Council of poundage fees to Collector Hughes in respect of the half-years ended the 30th September, 1913, and 30th September, 1914, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they can, at present, only refer the County Council to the previous correspondence on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS AT BARNAVEDDOGE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

17820/15.

Estates Commissioners Offices,
Irish Land Commission,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
9th September, 1915.

Estate of Charles A Kingston and Others.
County Louth, E.C., 3773.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to inform you that the Ancient Monuments consisting of two Standing Stones

situate on the holding of James Stokes on the lands of Barnaveddoge, in the Barony of Ardee, and County of Louth, have been vested pursuant to Section 14 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, in the Louth County Council, by Vesting Order dated the 14th July, 1915.

The Vesting Order has been transmitted to the Land Registry of Ireland, Central Office, Four Courts, Dublin, where the ownership of the Council will be registered free of charge under the Local Registration of Title Act, 1891.

A copy Map of the holding is sent herewith.

Your Obedient Servant,

JOHN T. DRENNAN.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

RELEASE OF ELIGIBLE MEN FOR THE ARMY.

Circular letter was read from the War Office requesting a return of the extent it had been possible to release eligible men in the Council's employment to join the Army, and the Secretary was directed to obtain the necessary information and furnish the return as soon as possible.

APPOINTMENT OF BACTERIOLOGIST FOR COUNTY LOUTH.

The Secretary reported that Dr Brian O'Brien, Medical Inspector of the Local Government Board, had called at the Office and interviewed the Chairman with reference to the appointment of a bacteriologist, or the establishment of a pathological laboratory in the County of Louth for the prevention, diagnosis

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and treatment of disease. A letter from the Local Government Board to Dr O'Brien requesting him to endeavour to induce the County Councils in his district to prepare such schemes, was read, in which it was suggested that the Treasury contemplated presenting estimates to Parliament for the defraying of half the cost of these schemes. The Chairman informed the Committee that in his interview with Dr O'Brien he elicited the information that the probable cost of such a scheme in County Louth would be about £100.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the next quarterly meeting of the Council for their decision, with the recommendation that the present time was inopportune for the incurring of the expenses of such a scheme.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATIONS ACT, 1915.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 6th September, 1915. No. 140M-1915, was read, in which it was set out that the present registers were by Act of Parliament to remain in force until Parliament provide for special registers being made, but in no case after the 31st December, 1916. It was pointed out that no contracts for future Parliamentary and local registration work should be entered into, but that this did not refer to the preparation of the Jurors Lists, etc,and that no payment for any work done by officers, et in connection with the Acts relating to the registration of electors, up to 31st July last, be made until they are referred to the Local Government Board. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

APPLICATION FOR GRANT OUT OF SCHOLARSHIP.

Letter was read from Mr P A Hanratty, County Council

Scholar, Collon, infoming the Committee that he was trying to arrange for a Commission in the Army, and had been promised that he might obtain same, but that it was suggested by the Military Authorities that the Candidate should attend the parade of applicants for perfection in drill, and requesting the Committee to allot him a sum of £10 out of his remaining year's scholarship to help to cover the cost of the training.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. Hanratty that his request could not be acceded to.

RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION.

The following letter was read:—

Dundalk, 20th September, 1915.

Gentlemen,

Owing to the harvest being over three weeks later than last year, and at the request of the majority of the small ratepayers, who depend entirely on the corn crop in our collecting districts, we, the undersigned, beg to apply for an extension of at least 21 days to enable us to complete our respective collections.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

PETER M'DONNELL.
JOHN WOODS.
PATRICK HUGHES.
PATRICK CLUSKEY.
JAMES V. JOHNSTON.

To the Chairman and Members Finance Committee.

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The Committee inspected the rate collection returns, from which it transpired that of the first moiety of the rate amounting to the sum of £17,878 only £6,531 had been collected to date, and that one of the collectors, out of £2,244, had only collected £238.

The Committee considered the application in all its bearings, and it was pointed out that in September, 1913, when the Committee granted a similar application, that the Local Government Board had refused to entertain it, and the collectors had to remain out of their fees until the following year.

It was unanimously decided that under all the circumstances the Committee could not grant any extension of time for the closing of the collection, and the Secretary was directed to advise each of the applicants accordingly.

VACANCY ON COUNCIL.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr James T. M'Gee, of Roodstown, who was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the resignation of Mr Halpenny, had not complied with the Statutory obligation to make the necessary declaration of acceptance of office within the required period. The Committee declared the seat vacant, and the Secretary was directed to place the co-option of a member to fill the vacancy on the agenda for next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 20th September, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, Michael Meade, Thomas O'Rourke, T J Byrne, J P; and Bernard Finnegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS—AUGUST, 1915.

The following reports were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

Dundalk, September, 1915.

Dear Sir,

During the month of August I dealt with the following outbreaks of sheep scab:—

P Goodman, Crescent, Dundalk (15 sheep).
L Goodman, Park Street, Dundalk (34 sheep).
Thomas Malone, Drumshambo (22 sheep).
Jos. Murphy, Derrybeg, at Greenore (41 sheep).
Patrick Rooney, Mountmills, at Greenore (48 sheep).

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In all the cases the affected sheep were slaughtered, and the remainder isolated and dipped.

Yours truly,

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Veterinary Establishment,
Drogheda, September 4th, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that during the month of August, 1915, there was no outbreak of contagious disease amongst animals in this district, and no animals are at present under restrictions.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.
Veterinary Inspector.

To the Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

Ardee, 8th September, 1915.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Sir,

I have inspected the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of August. During the month I have seen the detained sheep at Corbollis, Ardee, dipped twice, and visited them at other periods. A fresh outbreak occurred at Dowdstown, Ardee, which I am taking precautions against.

I have had disinfected the premises of Green's, John Street, Ardee.

The usual forms have been supplied.

Yours truly,

W. E MAXWELL, Ardee.

NON-COMPLIANCE WITH SHEEP DIPPING ORDER.

Reports were read from the police from Dunleer and West Gate, Drogheda, giving lists of persons who had exposed their sheep for sale without being accompanied by a declaration that they were dipped within the Autumn period, as prescribed by the Sheep Dipping Order of 1915. In Dunleer fair on 1st September, the Sergeant reported that eleven owners had exposed their sheep. In Drogheda market on 4th September the Constable reported that five defaulters had exposed their sheep, and on 11th inst one owner had also failed to comply with the Order.

Mr T J Byrne, J P, suggested that the owners of the sheep should be written to to produce the declarations that the sheep had been dipped, and if the declarations were produced that no prosecutions should ensue in these cases.

The matter was discussed at length, and it was ultimately

Proposed by J P Kearney, Esq;
And seconded by Michael Meade, Esq,

That all the owners who had exposed their sheep for sale, as reported by the police, and had failed to produce the declaration when requested to do so, be prosecuted under the Order,

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and that the Solicitor of the Council be directed to issue summonses.

This resolution was passed, T J Byrne, Esq, dissenting.

SHEEP SCAB CASES.

The various notices served by the Veterinary Inspectors in the cases of sheep scab, were examined by the Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

The cases were as follows:—L A Lee-Norman, Corbollis; Thos Malone, Drumshambo; Peter Goodman, Dundalk; J P Rooney, Mountmills, Newry; Laurence Goodman, Dowdstown; Jos. Murphy, Derrybeg; William Woods, Carlingford.

PARASITIC MANGE.

Notice was tabled from Mr Donnelly of a case of Parasitic Mange at John Street, Drogheda. The final report stated that the animal had been slaughtered and buried and the premises and harness thoroughly disinfected.

SWINE FEVER.

A case of swine fever at Mullenstown, Ardee, was reported by the police, and the premises were declared an infected place by the Veterinary Inspector, Mr Maxwell.

SHEEP DIPPING DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted lists of sheep owners who had failed to return the Forms for the summer dipping period according to the terms of the Order. After discussion the Secretary was directed to notify the owners that if they did not return the Forms within seven days prosecutions would ensue.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 23rd September, 1915, at One o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair;—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Patrick M'Gee, J P; John Morgan, John Dolan, Bernard Hamill, J P; Michael Meade, T V M'Quillan, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, J P Kearney, William Woods, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary read the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, which were as follows:—

"That a Scholarship of £50 per annum be awarded to John Vincent A Magrath, Dundalk, and that the remaining Scholarship of £50 be divided as follows:—£25 to be awarded to Miss Eileen M Teevan, Barronstown, and £25 to be awarded to Miss Margaret C Murphy, Dundalk; and that a Scholarship of £50 be awarded to Miss Margaret V Lyons, Drogheda, for her second year; and Scholarships of £50 each to Joseph M'Parland and Patrick A Hanratty for their third years, and that in the event of the latter student obtaining a Commission in the Army that his Scholarship be held over for him until after the war."

A discussion took place on these recommendations, and the Secre-

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tary informed the Council that four candidates had applied for the Scholarships, but that Mr Joseph Hardy, one of the applicants, was, in the view of the Scholarship Committee, not considered entitled, as it was alleged that his father was possessed of sufficient means to give his son a University Education without the aid of a Scholarship. This view was contested by several Members of the Council, who stated that Mr Hardy's father was a working blacksmith with a large family.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T J Byrne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That on consideration of the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee now submitted to a Special Meeting of the Council, we hereby decide to divide the two Scholarships of £50 offered by the Council equally between the four applicants whose names are as follows:—

Miss Eileen Mary Teevan, Barronstown House, Dundalk.
Miss Margaret C Murphy, 40 Church Street, Dundalk.
Joseph Hardy, Newtownfane, Dundalk; and
John Vincent A Magrath, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk;

and in the event of one of the applicants refusing the Scholarships, that a full Scholarship of £50 be awarded to Mr Magrath.

And we approve of the Committee's recommendation regarding renewals of existing Scholarships, and hereby renew for the second year Miss Margaret V Lyons' Scholarship of £50; and for the third year Joseph M'Parland's and Patrick A Hanratty's Scholarships of £50 each.

And in the event of the latter student obtaining a Commission

in the Army, we agree that this Scholarship be held over for him until after the War.

CO-OPTION ON LOUTH COUNTY COMMITEE.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Michael Meade was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by T J Byrne, Esq, J P; and

Resolved—That Mr John Hand, Castlebellingham, be co-opted a Member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

WORKMEN AT JONESBORO' QUARRY.

On the application of the County Surveyor the Members of the Council decided to hear him in Committee with regard to the application for an increase of wages made by the workers at Jonesboro' Quarry. He stated that the present wages of the labouring men was 15s per week and they had asked for an increase of 3s per week. He understood that the workmen in Co. Armagh quarries only received 15s per week. He asked for a direction from the Council in the matter.

It was suggested by Mr Hamill that the County Surveyor be empowered to increase the wages from 15s to 16s per week at his discretion, but this was opposed by Messrs M'Gee, Byrne, and Meade on the ground that these men had only been in the Council's employment a very short time, and they should not break through an agreement as to wages so recently made.

After discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by T J Byrne, Esq, J P:

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"That the application of the workmen at Jonesboro' quarry for an increase of wages from 15s to 18s per week be not acceded to."

To this the following Amendment was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq:

"That the application of the workmen at Jonesboro' Quarry for an increase of wages be left in the hands of the County Surveyor, and that he have power to increase their wages from 15s to 16s per week if he thinks it advisable."

The Chairman took a division on the Amendment with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs John Dolan, Bernard Finnegan, Bernard Hamill, Joseph P Kearney, Thomas V M'Quillan, Thos O'Rourke, Peter Woods, and William Woods—8.

Against—Messrs Thomas J Byrne, Joseph H M'Ardle, Patrick M'Gee, Michael Meade, John Morgan—5.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and the terms of same accepted as a substantive resolution, and the County Surveyor was instructed in accordance therewith.

FISHING IN DUNDALK BAY.

Petition addressed to the Chairman and signed by the fishermen of Blackrock was read, in which complaint was made that trawlers and boats using ring-nets are constantly at work inside the limit in Dundalk Bay, and that if something was not done immediately to put a stop to these breaches of the law, the fishing in the Bay would be ruined. As the interests of the fishermen of Clogherhead, Giles' Quay, and Annagassan were affected, as well as those of the Blackrock men, the petitioners requested the

County Council to bring the matter under the notice of the Fishery Commissioners with a view to having an inquiry held; and to take all necessary steps to save the fishing in Dundalk Bay from ruin.

The Council unanimously directed the Secretary to send a copy of the petition to the Fishery Branch of the Department of Agriculture, drawing attention to the complaints made therein; and also directed the Secretary to invite a deputation of the Blackrock fishermen to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee to discuss the matter.

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New County Offices Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the New County Offices Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th October, 1915, at 1.30 o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; Wm Woods, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted Professor Scott's account for work in connection with the proposed New County Offices as follows:—

To fee for Assessing 19 Designs for the New County Offices	£31 10 0
One-fifth per cent of value of building (£6,000) ...	12 0 0
To Survey and measuring of Clerk of the Crown and Peace's Offices and making drawings of suggested alterations, etc.	5 5 0
To Travelling Expenses	5 5 0
	£54 0 0

It was unanimously agreed that the amount of his account be paid Professor Scott.

Application was read from Messrs Batchelor and Hicks, 26 Merrion Square, Dublin (the designers of the drawings placed

second in the recent competition for plans for the New Offices) for the amount of the premium, namely, £25, and it was unanimously agreed that this amount should also be paid

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th October, 1915, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Chas. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Wynne, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; and Peter Woods, J.P., Esquires.

Mr. Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	£147 1 3
Secretary's Office (including remuneration to five Rate Collectors who closed their collections on 30th September, 1915)	...	266 10 10
Total,		£413 12 1

The Bank Books for the General and Subsidiary Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

TRAWLING AT BLACKROCK.

The following letter from the Department (Fisheries Branch), in reply to the petition of the Blackrock Fishermen, which had been forwarded by the Secretary in accordance with instructions received at last meeting of the County Council, was read:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction,
(Fisheries Branch),
3 Kildare Place, Dublin,
29th September, 1915.

No. 4268/'15. F.B.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 28th instant, and its accompanying copy of a petition from the fishermen of Blackrock, Co. Louth, in reference to alleged illegal trawling in Dundalk Bay; and to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the Department have received no complaint of illegal trawling in Dundalk Bay. Should such complaints be received, supported by information which would assist the identification of offenders, the question of instituting proceedings would be considered.

The use of seines or ring nets is not illegal in Dundalk Bay.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

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The Committee decided to hear the deputation from the fishermen, who had been invited to attend this meeting, and the following men appeared before the Committee—Denis M'Keown, Michael Hamilton and Peter Carroll—and it was stated that the usage of ring nets by trawlers was working havoc with the fishing in the Bay, and was even more destructive that steam trawling.

The Committee were unanimously of opinion that as the use of ring nets, as embodied in the Department's letter, was not illegal in Dundalk Bay, that the only effective way to deal with the matter was for all the fishermen of Blackrock, Gyles' Quay, Annagassan and Clogherhead to jointly petition the proper authority to make the use of ring nets illegal in the Bay, and that the County Council would give all the assistance possible to the fishermen in the matter. This was conveyed to the deputation, who thanked the Committee for affording them this opportunity of ventilating their grievance.

A complaint was also made by the deputation that a water cut in the river near Lurgangreen required attention owing to the embankment being broken; and it was arranged that the County Surveyor would inspect the place and see if anything could be done to remedy the defect.

CARLINGFORD PIER STORE.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor requesting the Committee to have transferred from the Carlingford Pier Revenue Account a sum of £60, to be expended on any necessary repairs to the Pier and other works in connection therewith.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the request be acceded to, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

LETTING OF CARLINGFORD STORE.

The question of the letting of the above store was considered at length by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to have the consideration of the letting of the store placed on the agenda for next Meeting of the Finance Committee, and placed on the notice convening the Meeting.

ESTUARY OF BOYNE.

Notice from the Department of Agriculture defining the boundary of the mouth of the River Boyne was tabled by the Secretary, who was directed to send a copy of same to the Town Clerk, Drogheda.

GILES' QUAY BOAT SLIP.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,
27th September, 1915.

No. 51895/1915.
Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to their letter of the 17th instant on the subject of the purchase by the Louth County Council of a Boat Slip at Giles' Quay Harbour, and I am to inform the County Council that the Board have since received a communication from the Commissioners of Public Works, in which the expression of their views, as previously conveyed to the Local Government Board, is qualified as follows:—

"The correct statement should be that the Board (of Works) have no power to frame bye-laws for the regulation of the Quay

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as proposed to be enlarged by the addition of the Boat Slip. The Board have power to make, and have made, bye-laws under the provisions of the Fisheries Acts for the regulation of the works carried out under those Acts and transferred to the County of Louth on the 7th February, 1879, consisting of a concrete pier, a storm parapet, a sloping sea pavement and harbour excavation."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,

The Secretary was directed to reply that, in the opinion of the Council, the Slip was not an extension of the Quay, but was part of the Harbour and Works.

PENSION TO GILES' QUAY HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

Sealed Order from the Local Government Board sanctioning the proposal of the Council to grant a pension of £8 per annum to James Cumiskey, late Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay, was read and initialled by the Chairman.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board enclosing paying order for the sum of £6,391 15s 0d in respect of the Agricultural Grant. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

THIRD PARTY POLICIES.

Letter was read from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Co., Ltd., enclosing Third Party Policies as approved by the Council's Solicitor, and account for Premiums on same. The

policies were initialled by the Chairman and payment of the account ordered.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted statement of the rate collection to 30th September, 1915, from which it appeared that all the collectors in the Ardee and Drogheda districts, and one collector in Dundalk district, had closed their collections. Four collectors in Dundalk district had not closed, and the amounts outstanding against them were as follows:—

Patrick Hughes	£557 4 6
Patrick Cluskey	719 6 5
Peter M'Donnell	1180 6 9
John Woods	341 14 10
	£2798 12 6

Letter addressed to the Chairman, and signed by the above four collectors, was read, in which their application for an extension of time to close their collections, which had been before the Committee at last Finance Meeting, was renewed. In the original application an extension of 21 days was asked for.

Messrs Bernard Hamill and Peter Woods supported the application, and the Secretary was directed to convey the application to the Local Government Board with the opinion of the Committee that owing to the late harvest and the fact that very little grain had yet been sold that the extension might be granted.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letters were read from Joseph Hardy and Margaret C Murphy thanking the Council for awarding them Scholarships of £25

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each, but stating that they were not intending to avail themselves of same.

The Secretary informed the Committee that under the terms of the resolution of the County Council Mr John V Magrath was now entitled to a Scholarship of £50 per annum.

After discussion, it was

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J P;
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P,

and unanimously resolved:—

That we recommend the County Council to increase Miss Eileen Teevan's Scholarship of £25 to £50, this making two Scholarships for this year's award, namely:—Eileen M Teevan and John Vincent Magrath, £50 per annum each.

BOOK FOR SHERIFF'S OFFICE.

Application was read from the High Sheriff for Civil Bill book for records of decrees and judgments.

The Secretary read the Section of the Local Government Act from which it appeared that the County Council should supply this book, and the Committee unanimously instructed him to order same.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted list of motor owners in the County who had not paid the Licence Duty as required by the Finance Act, and the Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to have prosecution issued against the defaulters.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th October, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, William Woods, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James Wynne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P, and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large accounts for quarter ended 30th September, 1915, amounting to the sum of £5,469 4s 4d. Same were examined by the Committee and payment recommended.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th October, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, William Woods, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; James Wynne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P; and T J Byrne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

LOANS ACCOUNT.

W. Thackeray and Sons for 3 Scarifiers complete	£210 0 0

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£196 12 4
Secretary's Office	£26 9 9
	£223 2 1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loan Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

LETTING OF CARLINGFORD PIER STORE.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of the letting of above Store, which was now completed and ready for the storage of goods.

On the motion of Mr J P Kearney,
Seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P,

The Committee unanimously recommended that the Store be let as required from time to time to all persons requiring same.

The Committee then considered the question of the warehousing charge for the use of the Store, and the following scale was unanimously adopted:—

A charge of 2d (twopence) per ton per week, or any portion of a week for all goods stored.

Where the Store is used for coal imported to the pier, the rate of 2d per ton per week to be charged on the full tonnage first stored until the entire quantity is removed from the Store.

The Harbour Constable to be responsible for the keeping of the accounts of all goods stored.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATIONS.

The following letter from the County Solicitor was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street,
Dundalk, 14th Oct., 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report on the result of claims heard at the recent Quarter Sessions as follows:—

ISMAY CHESTER WALSH, £50 and £5.—These are the

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cases where cattle are alleged to have been poisoned and otherwise killed. The larger claim was dismissed. In the second claim the sum of £2 was awarded to be levied off the D. E. D. of Castlebellingham.

TRUSTEES ARDEE DRAINAGE BOARD, £20.—Injury to sluice gates. Decree was granted for £10 10s 0d, to be levied off D. E. Divisions of Ardee Urban and Ardee Rural jointly.

KILLANNY CO-OPERATIVE F. I. SOCIETY, LTD, £20—Damage to reaping and binding machines. This claim was dismissed.

JOHN M'ARDLE, Monascriebe, £15.—Burning of hay. Decree was granted for £7 10s 0d, to be levied off the District El. Division of Ballymascanlon.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq,
Sec. Louth County Council, Dundalk.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read and initialled by the Chairman, who explained that a copy had been sent to all the Collectors concerned, with the result that all of them had now closed their collection of the First ...oiety, on the date mentioned by the Local Government Board:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
6th October, 1915.

No. 53089/1915.

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Sir,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the return showing the condition of the collection of the poor rate on the 30th ultimo in Louth County for half-year ended on that date, from which they regret to note that Collectors Patrick Hughes, Patrick Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell, and John Woods have failed to close their collections within the half-year, having outstanding the large amounts of £557, £719, £1180 and £341 respectively.

The County Council will recollect that when these Collectors failed to close on a similar occasion previously, the Board were obliged to suspend the payment of their remuneration. On the representation of the County Council and in view of a guarantee given by each of the Collectors individually that they would comply with the requirements of the Board in future, the Local Government Board, though with considerable reluctance, agreed to modify this ruling.

Not only therefore have the Collectors by their failure to close for the past half-year forfeited all claim to the payment of their remuneration, but it is clear that the question of their fitness to retain their office must now be considered.

In the meantime the Collectors or their Sureties should be called upon to lodge the amounts outstanding forthwith to the credit of the County Council, and the Board request that you will notify them by the 13th instant whether the outstanding amounts have then been so lodged.

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You should immediately inform each of the Collectors concerned of the contents of this letter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

At the request of the Chairman, the Committee directed the Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for their sanction to the payment of the poundage fees to Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, M'Donnell, and Woods.

CARETAKER CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read, and the Committee unanimously recommended the confirmation of the appointment of Mrs Annie M'Parland as caretaker at the salary of £12 per annum:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk,

7th October, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform the Louth County Council that they have appointed as Caretaker of the Central Dispensary, Dundalk, Mrs Annie M'Parland, Infirmary Lodge, Dundalk, at a salary of £12 (Twelve Pounds) per annum; and to request the Council to ratify the appointment.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Secretary.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,

Secretary Louth Co. Council, Dundalk.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The following circular letter from the Local Government Board was read, and the Committee directed the Secretary to send copies to the Secretary of the Insurance Committee and the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and ask him to arrange for a Conference of the two Committees to discuss the letter and the terms of the agreement referred to therein; the Conference to take place in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

13th October, 1915.

No. 53, 987: 1915.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Council, that after negotiations with the Insurance Commissioners they have arranged the terms of a standard form of agreement to be entered into between County and County Borough Councils and Insurance Committees, in regard to the treatment of tuberculous insured and exempt persons recommended for Sanatorium Benefit. Three copies of the Form are enclosed herewith.

The objects which the Board have had in view have been to effect co-ordination between the administration of Insurance Committees and County arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis, to secure for insured and exempt persons a fair equivalent for the contributions made from the Sanatorium Benefit Funds, and in all other respects to preserve the inde-

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pendence of County and County Borough Councils in regard to financial control and to the management of their institutions.

Under the conditions of Agreement as now settled, the services of the Tuberculosis Officer will be at the disposal of the Insurance Committee for the examination of applicants for Sanatorium Benefit, for attendance at meetings the Committee, and for advice on matters arising out of the administration of Sanatorium Benefit. In addition the dispensary system and staff, together with the provision of shelters, will be available for insured and exempt persons for examination and for treatment, where recommended by the Tuberculosis Officer. In return for these services, a contribution calculated on the basis of one-fifth of the annual salary and travelling expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer will be received from the Sanatorium Benefit Funds.

In regard to institutional treatment, the County Council will undertake to provide accommodation for insured and exempt patients recommended by the Insurance Committee on the advice of the Tuberculosis Officer, within a limit of expenditure hereafter explained. The form includes facilities for this upward limit to be expressed in terms of Sanatorium and Hospital beds to be reserved for insured and exempt patients, the number of which can readily be determined upon the basis of an estimated annual cost of maintenance. It will certainly be of convenience for the practical administration of the Insurance Committee and of the County or County Borough Council, that either body should be in a position to know the extent of the institutional accommodation at their disposal from time to time.

Similarly domiciliary treatment in a manner approved by the Local Government Board will be undertaken by County or County

Borough Councils for insured and exempt persons recommended by the Insurance Committee on the advice of the Tuberculosis Officer, subject to a financial limit also hereafter specified.

The normal annual contribution of the Insurance Committee towards the funds of the County or County Borough Councils will be at the rate of 1s 2d per insured person, out of the statutory yearly income of the Insurance Committee under the National Insurance Acts. Four-sevenths of this contribution (that is, at the rate of 8d per annum per insured person) is appropriated to meeting the cost of institutional accommodation reserved for insured and exempt persons under the Agreement. The requirements of insured and exempt persons for institutional treatment will doubtless exceed this allowance; the surplus cases will be dealt with by the Tuberculosis Committee of the County or County Borough Council, who should consider the claims of such patients equally with those of uninsured persons.

The balance of the Insurance contribution (that is, at the rate of 6d per insured person) is charged primarily with the commuted payment for the services of the Tuberculosis Officer and Dispensary system, calculated at one-fifth of the salary and travelling expenses of the Tuberculosis Officer, while the remainder is applicable to the expenses of the County or County Borough Council in carrying out domiciliary treatment of insured and exempt persons, on the recommendation of the Insurance Committee.

The form further includes provisions for the supply of periodical reports, and other statistical information, as to insured and exempt patients undergoing treatment under the County or County Borough Council, for the visitation of County Institutions by

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Officers of the Insurance Commissioners, and for the settlement of disputes by reference to the Local Government Board and Insurance Commissioners, or by arbitration.

In recommending the standard form of Agreement for acceptance by County and County Borough Councils, the Board have no doubt that the Councils will recognise the conditions as representing a reasonable and equitable adjustment of the mutual rights and obligations of the Councils and of Insurance Committees, and they trust that agreements will be generally concluded on the suggested lines at an early date, and that an organised scheme of efficient treatment of Tuberculosis will now be put in operation in every County and County Borough in Ireland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary of
the County Council.

OMEATH PARK.

The following letter was read, and, after discussion, the Committee recommended that the Council's Solicitor should appear before the Land Judge's Court on 29th instant to represent the County Council, with authority to say that their offer for Omeath Park of £1,500 would be adhered to, but that no increase on that sum would be made:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th October, 1915

WOODHOUSE, OWNER: ANNESLEY, PETITIONER.

Dear Sir,

I would be glad to have the Council's instructions on the

following letter as received to-day from Mr. Henry F. Chidley, Solicitor, relative to offer recently made for the purchase of Omeath Park:—

"Some parties are negotiating as regards the purchase of Omeath Park, and I propose to bring the matter before the Court on the 29th inst. to determine what course should be adopted.

"If your clients wish to make another offer you should be represented on that day before the Judge. It would be well if you would let me know beforehand, of course, what they would be prepared to do further."

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,
Secy., Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

TREASURY LETTER RE GOLD COIN.

Letter was read from the Treasury impressing upon the Council the urgent importance of substituting notes for gold for the purpose of paying wages and for cash disbursements generally. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

OFFENCE UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The following letter was read, also the Report from the Officer of the Department and the Analysis Report from Sir Chas. Cameron, which certified that the sample of butter contained 21.8 per cent. of water, 16 per cent. being the maximum proportion of water allowable:—

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Department of Agriculture and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street,
Dublin, 14th October, 1915.

No. G.4361-15.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you, for the information of the Louth County Council, that an Officer of the Department—Mr. James J. Nagle—acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, purchased on the 27th ultimo at the premises occupied by Mr. P. Watters, 11 Earl street, Dundalk, a sample of butter, which was submitted for analysis and was found to contain 21.8 per cent. of water—16 per cent. being the maximum proportion of water allowable in sample of genuine butter under the Sale of Butter (Ireland) Regulations, 1902 (copy herewith). A copy of the report received from Mr. Nagle in regard to this matter is enclosed, together with the Analyst's certificate and copy thereof.

In this case an offence would appear to have been committed against the provision of Section 6 of the Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1875, and the Department are, therefore, desirous that proceedings should, on behalf of your Local Authority, be instituted in respect of the transaction within 28 days from the date on which the sample was obtained (Vide Sections 2 (2) and 19, Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899).

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Courthouse,
Dundalk.

A discussion took place on this matter, and Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., pointed out that it was impossible for a trader who purchased butter to know the quantity of water contained therein, and as there was no deleterious matter discovered on analysis of the sample, he proposed that no prosecution be instituted in the case.

Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., seconded.

Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P., stated that the trader purchasing the butter had his remedy against the seller if it contained too much water, and that it was imperative to prosecute. He proposed an amendment, that, as suggested by the Department, a prosecution be instituted.

There being no seconder to the amendment, the Chairman declared Mr. Hamill's motion, that the County Council do not prosecute in the case, carried, Mr. T. J. Byrne dissenting.

DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Town Clerk's Office,
Drogheda, 15th October, 1915.

The Secretary,
County Council of Louth,
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

My Finance Committee have now considered your letter, in which it is suggested that the Corporation should in future provide fuel, light and water for the portions of Drogheda Courthouse used by them and their officers.

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The suggestion comes upon them with surprise, and they can only think there must be some misunderstanding to account for it.

Perhaps the County Council are not fully aware of the circumstances under which the Corporation came to use the Courthouse for municipal purposes.

Formerly the "Tholsel" premises were availed of by the Grand Jury, with the permission of the Corporation, for the purposes the present Courthouse is used for until the erection of a new Courthouse was decided upon. The Corporation thereupon agreed with the Grand Jury to lease for ever at a nominal rent of 1s. portion of their principal Market and some of the Market buildings, upon the understanding that they would be at liberty to use the Courthouse for municipal purposes, and thereby be in a position to lease the "Tholsel." The Courthouse was erected, the Market buildings being altered so as to form portion of it, and the Corporation moved in. The Grand Jury provided the entire cost of maintenance, including fuel, light and water. On the passing of the Local Government Act such maintenance, of course, passed on to the County Council, and until now no question has been raised.

The amount of coal, gas and water used in the year amounts to but a small sum.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

ELECTIONS AND REGISTRATION ACT EXPENSES.

Circular letter was read from the L.G.B. with reference to the payment to officials and contractors (except Clerks of the Crown and Peace) for work in connection with the Voters' and Jurors' Lists, in which it was set out that, as all the work in connection

with the Registration of Voters is discharged before the 1st August, payment on the usual scale might be made, but without fees for attendance at Revision Sessions.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the L.G.B.—No. 159M/1915—informing the County Council that Mr. J. A. Reddy had been appointed to audit the accounts of the above Committee for the half-year ended 30th September.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

The following notices of application for committal to Industrial Schools were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda—For committtal of James, J. and John Sexton, of Fair street, Drogheda.

Rev. Father Hurson, C.C., Dundalk—For committal of Kitty, Margaret and Susan Sullivan, and Lily Grimes, all of Dundalk.

Sergeant, R.I.C., Ardee—For committal of two children to Drogheda Industrial School.

COUNTY COURT-KEEPER'S APPLICATION.

The following letter was read, and the Committee unanimously recommended that Mr. Murray be allowed £10 as usual for extra

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duties, subject to the sanction of Local Government Board:—

The Courthouse, Dundalk,

18th October, 1915.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen

of the County Council.

I respectfully beg to apply for the usual annual allowance for the extra work performed by me during the past twelve months.

You very kindy granted me £10 per year for the past five years for this extra work, which consists principally in attending to the Heating Apparatus during the winter months, preparing the two Courts for Petty Sessions every Friday instead of one as heretofore, keeping space in front of Courthouse clean, also Courts and various other duties, including looking after gutters in roof and cleaning them.

Thanking you, Gentlemen, for past favours.

I am,

Your obedient Servant,

TIMOTHY MURRAY,

Court Keeper.

HOSTELS FOR COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARS.

The Secretary was directed to write the Scholars who had been awarded Scholarships under the Council and ascertain whether the hostels where they had arranged to reside were approved by the College Authorities.

SUNDRIES FOR ARDEE COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary submitted a requisition from the Court Keeper, Ardee Courthouse, for stationery, ink, brush, etc., and informed them that a similar quantity of the same articles had been

supplied in the previous three quarters, and that the expenditure under this head had increased in recent years. The Secretary was directed to write the Court Keeper that he would require to exercise economy in the use of the sundries in future.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st November, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; P M'Gee, J P; John F Murphy, J P; and Laurence M'Keown, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

SALARY OF CLERK TO LOCAL AUTHORITY.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland (Veterinary Branch).

50 and 51 Upper Merrion Street,

Dublin, 16th October, 1915.

No. 3670/15.

Sir,

Having regard to the suspension of the Tuberculosis (Ireland)

Order as from the 1st ultimo, the Department find it necessary to advert to the question of the rate of remuneration attached to your office of Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and to direct attention to the terms of their letter of 16th December, 1913, in which approval of the present rate of remuneration was conveyed.

It will be observed that the Department's approval of the proposal to attach a salary of £100 per annum to the post was given subject to revision in the event of a cessation of work under the Tuberculosis Order. It became necessary, therefore, to consider the question of such revision now that the operation of the Order has been suspended for the time being, and that there is, apparently, no reported case of bovine tuberculosis remaining to be dealt with in the county.

I have, accordingly, to request that, at the first opportunity, you will be so good as to place the matter before your Local Authority with a view to their considering what rate of remuneration should be attached to the office in question in the altered circumstances at present existing.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council,

Court House, Dundalk.

The original letter from the Department, dated 18th December, 1913, No. 6147/13, in which the Department approved of the appointment of the Secretary to the County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals

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Acts, was read, in which they expressed approval of the proposal to attach a salary of £100 per annum to the office, but stipulated that this approval might be subject to revision in the event of cessation of work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order.

The Committee, after considering the proportion of work under the Tuberculosis Order, which was a very small proportion of the entire work under the Diseases of Animals Acts, unanimously decided to reduce the salary of the Clerk to the Local Authority by the sum of £10 per annum, and directed the Secretary to inform the Department of Agriculture of their decision.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The Reports of the Veterinary Inspectors as follows, for the months of September and October, were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Mr Clinton's Report for September, 1915.

On 1st September 41 sheep, the property of Joseph Murphy, of Derrybeg, were detained at Greenore Port for scab. The necessary steps were taken, the affected sheep being slaughtered and the remainder dipped at Greenore and returned to the owner's farm by order of the Department of Agriculture. On the same date 48 sheep, the property of Mr P Rooney, Mountmills, were also detained at Greenore for scab. The affected sheep were slaughtered. The remainder were dipped at Greenore and returned to Mr Rooney's farm.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

Mr Clinton's Report for October, 1915.

On October 7th 24 sheep were detained at Dundalk Port owing to the presence of scab amongst them. They were the property of Thomas Malone, Drumshambo, and were consigned to England. All of them were slaughtered on the premises by order of the owner. On October 30th 4 lambs suffering from scab were found in a consignment sent by Mr J Shevlin to Dundalk Port from Carrickmacross. The necessary steps are being taken in the case.

Your obedient servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

Mr Donnelly's Report for September, 1915.

During the month of September I had to deal with one outbreak of sheep scab (the animals coming from Co. Down). There was a case of parasitic mange in a horse, the animal being destroyed, and I had one or two cases of suspected swine fever. I also inspected a couple of hundred sheep imported into the county from Dublin and Ballinasloe.

Your Secretary has been furnished with full particulars and all the necessary reports relating to each case.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

Mr Donnelly's Report for October, 1915.

There has been no outbreak of any of the notifiable diseases amongst animals in my district during the month of October, 1915.

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There are no animals at present under restrictions. I made inspections in one or two suspected cases reported to me, but found the animals free from any of the scheduled contagious diseases.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Mr Maxwell's Report for September, 1915.

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No.1 District during the month of September.

On the 5th, 12th, 21st and 30th of the month I visited the detained sheep at Dowdstown, and issued a withdrawal notice on the 30th September.

A fresh outbreak of scab occurred on the 30th September on the lands of John Crawley, of Artnalivery, Ardee, and I issued the usual notices. Swine fever was reported on P M'Goggart's premises, at Debidee, Ardee, and at Mrs M'Gee's, Tallanstown. In neither case was the disease swine fever.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

Mr Maxwell's Report for October, 1915.

I beg to inform you that I inspected the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month

of October. The outbreak of sheep scab which occurred on the farm of John Crawley, Artnalivery, has been attended to, and the sheep were dipped in my presence on the 15th October. The usual notices have been served in all the cases reported to me.

I am,

Faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

The Secretary submitted notices from the Veterinary Inspectors in the following cases:—

Swine Fever.

Mary M'Gee, Tallanstown.
Patrick Byrne, Garveystown.
Lester Doran, Harristown.

Sheep Scab.

John Crawley, Artnalivery.
L Goodman, Dowdstown.
Matthew Skelly, Hammondstown.
Thomas Malone, Dundalk Steampacket Yard.
James Shevlin, Dundalk Steampacket Yard.

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Finance Committee.

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Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—T J Byrne, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; P M'Gee, J P; John F Murphy, J P; and Laurence M'Keown, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

Before the Minutes of the last Meeting of the Finance Committee were signed the Secretary informed the Committee that an officer from the Department of Agriculture had called and informed him that the Department were taking steps with a view to the institution of proceedings in the case under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts which had been considered at the last meeting. The minute of the last meeting was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that if the County Council, as the Local Authority under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, 1899, failed to prosecute the trader from whom the sample of butter was taken that had been found on analysis to contain 5.8 per cent of excessive moisture, that under Section 3 (3) of the said Act the Council would be liable for all expenses with costs if the prosecution were taken by the Department, and that in a recent case the expenses had run to over £15.

It was proposed by Mr J F Murphy, J P;
Seconded by Mr Laurence M'Keown,

That we hereby delete from the Minutes of the Finance Committee of the 18th October the recommendation that no prosecution be instituted, and that we recommend the County Council to proceed with the prosecution under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts.

Messrs J F Murphy, J P; L M'Keown and T J Byrne, J P, voted for, and Mr B Hamill, J P, against this motion, which was declared carried by the Chairman.

The Minutes as amended were then signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account	£1 2 5

Subsidiary Account.

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£185 7 10
Secretary's Office	136 7 6
	£321 15 4

The Bank Books were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The Rate Collectors' Irrecoverable Arrears lists were submitted by the Secretary and payment of same recommended.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, in reply to the request of the Committee for sanction to payment of poundage fees to Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, Peter

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M'Donnell and Woods, was read, and payment was made accordingly:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
22nd October, 1915.

No. 56,052/1915.
Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 18th instant and previous correspondence with the Louth County Council, relative to the failure of Collectors Hughes, Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and Woods to lodge the full amount of their warrants for the past half year on the prescribed date.

With reference thereto, I am to state that, having regard to the previous records of these Collectors and their failure to fulfil the guarantees given by them, the Board feel considerable hesitation in assenting to their retention in office.

Inasmuch as they lodged within one week of the Board's letter of the 6th instant the full amount of the half year's rates, the Board will not now take the extreme step of removing them. The Board are, however, only prepared to allow them a share of their remuneration calculated on the proportion of the rates actually lodged by them up to the 30th September to the total amount of the half-yearly warrant.

The Local Government Board wish the County Council clearly to understand that this decision is to be accepted as final, and if the Collectors are not prepared to abide by it they may resign their positions. The Board cannot admit that there is any reason why the Collectors of Rates in Louth

County should be placed upon a different footing from that of the Collectors of every other County in Ireland.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

OBSTRUCTION AT LURGANGREEN ON FANE RIVER.

A report was read from the County Surveyor on inquiries made by him, as directed by the Finance Committee, on a complaint made by the deputation from the Blackrock fishermen. The County Surveyor reported that there was a breach in the embankment along the Fane river south of Mr Murphy's lands at Haggardstown. The embankment forms part of the Fane Drainage Works, and the breach was caused by the high tide of 1st January last. The fishermen state that the drain north of and adjacent to the toe of the embankment is being filled up with silt and scraws dug off the embankment and thrown into the drain to grow. The object in closing the drain is alleged to be to prevent the beaching of boats along the banks, and advantage is taken of the breach in the embankment to drain the land water which formerly went through the drain. The tide now rises through the breach and covers the adjacent lands. The County Surveyor further stated that he did not think the County Council could expend money in repairing the embankment, which is part of the drainage works.

The report was initialled by the Chairman.

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DEATH OF MR. CHARLES E. M'CANN.

Letter was read from Mr T F Ryan, Dublin, stating he was directed by Mrs M'Cann to inform the County Council that Mr Charles E M'Cann, of Newtownplatten, Drogheda, late rate collector of the Drogheda Rural District, and a pensioner under the County Council, had died at Bettystown on the 13th October, 1915.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

NOTICE RE ROAD CONTRACTOR.

Letter was read from H J W Downey, solicitor, of Dublin, notifying that his client, Mr Denis M'Ardle, of Cunnicar, was due a sum of £27 11s 3d by Thomas M'Kevitt, jun, of Barronstown, road contractor, and that he intended to obtain an Order for Garnishee of any monies payable to Mr M'Kevitt by the County Council in respect of road contracts.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARS.

Report was read from the University College of Autumn Examinations on Scholarship Holders under the Louth County Council as follows:—

Margaret Callan—Passed B.A. (Honours) degree in Modern Languages.

Ursula M'Parland—Passed the degree for Bachelor of Commerce.

Henry Rogan—Passed B.E. degree examination with 2nd class Honours.

A further letter was read from the University College that the following residences for Louth Council Scholars had been approved of:—

Eileen Teevan—Loreto Hall, 77 St. Stephen's Green, Dublin.

Patrick A Hanratty and John V A M'Grath—12 Grantham Street, Dublin.

COSTS OF MORTGAGE—ROAD MACHINERY.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 27th October, No. 57235/1915, sanctioning payment of bill of costs, amounting to £8 0s 8d, furnished to the Louth County Council by Messrs D and T Fitzgerald, solicitors to the Hibernian Bank.

CIVIL BILL BOOK.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 18th October, No. 54768/15, sanctioning payment for a Civil Bill Book for recording decrees and judgments in the Sheriff's Office, Louth County.

ACCOUNTS OF DUNDALK UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board dated 18th October, Nos. 55223/15 and 55292/15, enclosing the audited accounts and reports thereon of the Dundalk Union and Dundalk Rural District Council respectively.

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OMEATH PARK.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
30th October, 1915.

Woodhouse, Owner; Annesley, Petitioner.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that, as instructed, I represented the Council in this matter before Judge Ross in the Land Judge's Court in Dublin on yesterday.

Mr Chidley, as Solicitor having Carriage, entered it in the Judge's list for directions on several matters, viz—The appointment of new caretaker; whether the lands should be let in the usual way for the season, etc; and also to bring under the notice of theJudge two offers before the Court.

His Lordship stated that since the matter was last in his List he was in the district and took the opportunity of inspecting the house and grounds. He was disappointed in the property, which he had thought was in better condition. The house was an ugly structure and the timber was not good. He had heard, however, that there was some rich merchant looking after it, and that he would probably buy it.

Mr Chidley stated that there was an offer made him of £1,750 conditional on his allowing the purchase to remain out for six months. Then there was the County Council offer of £1,500. I mentioned to the Judge that the Council would not increase their offer, but would adhere to the offer made provided the Department of Agriculture approved of the Land Commission making the advance for purchase under the provisions of the Land Act of 1903. The Judge replied that the

Council's offer really meant that they were giving nothing for the house.

Mr Harris, Solicitor, stated he represented one of the mortgagees, and that if the Council's offer were accepted his clients would be cut out and would get nothing. Mr Killingley, Solicitor, also appeared for a mortgagee, and the Judge asked him if his clients' charge would be reached if the property were sold for £2,000. He stated he thought they would, and that the first mortgage was for £1,000.

His Lordship adjourned the matter for a month, with liberty for Mr Chidley to re-enter it if he felt justified at an earlier date. He asked the latter to try and get into communication with this rich merchant that had been spoken of, but from whom no offer had been received. He also directed that the lands be not let for grazing as usual, as it would be inconvenient to have them so let should it be thought expedient to accept any offer before the Court when the matter appears again in the lists.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,
Secretary Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

ROAD AT SEABANK.

Letter was read from the L. G. B. dated 27th October, No. 57989/15, enclosing copy of a letter from Mr P M'Cartney relative to the condition of a road in Louth County, and requesting that the Board would be furnished with a report from the County Surveyor on the subject.

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The Secretary informed the Committee that he had submitted the letter to the County Surveyor, and obtained from him the subjoined report, a copy of which had been sent to the Local Government Board.

The Committee approved of what had been done, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman :—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
29th October, 1915.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,
Secretary, Louth County Council,
Court House, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I have your letter of the 28th instant enclosing letter from Local Government Board (No 57389/1915), asking for a report on a letter of complaint received by them from P M'Cartney, relative to the condition of a road in this County.

The road which M'Cartney complains of is a portion of the "Old Coast Road"—A-B on enclosed map—i.e., from Lurgan White House to his (M'Cartney's) residence.

No portion of this old "Coast Road" is at present under repair by the County; and, so far as I can learn, no money has been expended on it during the last 60 years at least, nor probably for a much longer period.

So far as I am aware no notice of motion in respect of the road has been lodged with the Dundalk Rural District Council.

I return Local Government Board communication with M'Cartney's copy letter attached.

Yours faithfully,
THOMAS WALSH,
County Surveyor.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman :—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin.

No. G.4380/15.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence relative to the enforcement of the above-mentioned Acts, I have to state, for the information of your Local Authority, that an officer of the Department, acting on instructions under Section 2 of the Act of 1899, obtained on the 27th ultimo, at Dundalk, three samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County Louth, who certifies that they proved to be pure.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Court House, Dundalk.

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SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

26th October, 1915.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that I attended at Drogheda Petty Sessions on yesterday, the 25th instant, on the hearing of seven summonses at the suit of the County Council against the several defendants hereunder named, for "exposing for sale" sheep at the Drogheda Market during the past month unaccompanied by the Declaration that such sheep were dipped within the prescribed Autumn Dipping Period. The Declarations of the Magistrates were as follows:—

Nicholas Lyons, Nynch, Co. Meath ... 6 sheep.
Fined 6s and 5s costs.

Patrick Brangan, Ministown, Co. Meath. ... 3 sheep.
Fined 7s 6d and 7s 6d costs.

William M'Donagh, Bettystown, Co. Meath ... 44 sheep.
Fined £2 4s 0d and 7s 6d costs.

James O'Hagan, Omeath, Co. Louth ... 80 sheep.
Fined £4 0s 0d and 10s costs.

The summonses against Patrick Rooney, Mountmills, Newry; Robert Skelly, Ballywad, Banbridge, and Joseph Fitzpatrick, Clanawhillan, Bryansfort, all in Co. Down, were adjourned for a fortnight for argument on the point of the jurisdiction of the magistrates.

Summonses against other defendants are issued for next Dunleer Petty Sessions, 9th proximo.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.,
Secretary Louth County Council.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 25th November, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Michael Meade, James Wynne, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; B Hamill, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; T V M'Quillan, and James M'Carthy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; John M C Lyons and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors; Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk T C M, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on 11th November, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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THE LATE MR. T. J. BYRNE.

The following Resolution was then

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the lamented death of Mr T J Byrne, a member of this Council since its establishment, and its first Vice-Chairman. We desire to place on record our keen appreciation of the ability and energy displayed by him in the varied work of the Council and in his skilled administrative capacity which lent dignity to the Body Corporate. We direct our Secretary to convey to his widow and the members of his family our sincere condolence in their great loss, and we adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr Micheal Meade desired to be specially associated with the resolution, and stated that no man was more straightforward than his deceased colleague, Mr Byrne.

Mr O'Connell, County Solicitor, and the Secretary also expressed feelings of regret at Mr Byrne's death, and the resolution was passed in silence, all members present standing.

It was unanimously decided to adjourn the remaining business on the agenda to Thursday, 9th of December.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th day of November, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Wm Woods, J P; Michael Meade, James Wynne, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING.

The accounts in connection with the above for the work, etc, at the Council's tanks at Ballymakenny, Ardee, Knockbridge, Aghameen, Carlingford and Omeath were examined and recommended for payment. The accounts were for wages of dipping superintendents, rents of tank sites, water supply, dip, and printing, and amounted to the sum of £89 10s 2d.

The Secretary submitted return showing the receipts and expenditure in connection with the Council's tanks for the year 1915 as follows:—

	Number Dippings	Receipts £ s d	Expenditure £ s d	Result £ s d
Aghameen, ...	2133	7 9 4	18 9 4	Deficit, 11 0 0
Carlingford and Omeath, ...	5071	17 6 8	34 7 10	,, 17 1 2
Ballymakenny,	1873	9 16 10	14 6 5	,, 4 9 7
Ardee, ...	14269	58 12 1	49 4 4	Profit, 9 7 9
Knockbridge, ...	5583	26 15 5	39 11 8	Deficit, 12 16 3
Total Dippings.	28929			

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The statement was initialled by the Chairman, who congratulated Mr James M'Gee on the successful running of the Ardee tank.

The Secretary was directed to write the Dipping Superintendents and ascertain what dip was left over after the season's work, and arrange for the storing of same. He was also instructed to arrange for the storage of the Omeath tank till next year.

The Secretary informed the Committee that six of the sheep owners had dipped their sheep at the Knockbridge tank only once in the autumn period although the Order made two dippings compulsory within a period of not less than seven days or more than fourteen days. He was directed to write to these owners and inform them of the fact and of the necessity of returning a declaration to the police before the 15th December as to the second dipping.

MAINTENANCE OF LIVE STOCK (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1915 (No. 2).

The following Order was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland by virtue and in exercise of the powers vested in them under the Maintenance of Live Stock Act, 1915, and for the purpose of maintaining a sufficient stock of animals, do hereby order as follows:—

Sucking Calves not to be Slaughtered or Exported.

1. From and after the date of commencement of this Order, no sucking calf shall

(a) be slaughtered, or be caused or permitted by its owner to be slaughtered; or

(b) be moved out of Ireland, or be caused or permitted by its owner to be moved out of Ireland.

Exemptions from Restrictions.

2. The restrictions imposed by the foregoing Article shall not apply to

(a) slaughter of an animal under the powers conferred by the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894 to 1914, or any Order made thereunder; or

(b) slaughter of a male calf of any of the following dairy breeds, that is to say, Channel Island, Ayrshire or Kerry breeds; or

(c) slaughter of an animal necessary or desirable on account of accidental injury to the animal or its illness; or

(d) slaughter or movement out of Ireland of an animal if in the opinion of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland the slaughter or movement out of Ireland is desirable for any exceptional reason or purpose and the slaughter or movement is authorised by a license granted by the Department or by an officer of the Department.

Application of Order.

3. This Order applies to Ireland.

Commencement.

4. This Order shall come into operation on the twenty-second day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

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Short Title.

5. This Order may be cited as the "Maintenance of Live Stock (Ireland) Order of 1915 (No. 2).

In witness whereof the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland have hereunto set their Official Seal this seventeenth day of November, nineteen hundred and fifteen.

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

SHEEP SCAB.

Reports from the three Veterinary Inspectors on the following cases of sheep scab under their care, and the Forms in accordance with the Diseases of Animals Acts, were submitted and initialled by the Chairman :—

JAMES SHEVLIN, Carrickmacross (Dundalk Port).
MATTHEW SKELLY, Hammondstown.
JOHN CRAWLEY, Artnalivery.
DAVID FARRELL, Cookstown, Kells (Drogheda Port).
J. CHADWICK, Lancashire (Drogheda Port).

DELEGATES TO LOUTH COUNTY CONVENTION.

Circular letter was read from the Hon Secretaries of the U I L Louth County Convention, to be held on Sunday, 5th December, at Dundalk, requesting that four delegates be appointed to represent the County Council.

On the motion of the Chairman,
Seconded by Mr O'Rourke,

The following gentlemen were appointed to represent the Council :—Messrs Michael Meade, N T Murphy, J P; Joseph Dolan, and Thomas B M'Court.

RECOUPMENT DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

The Secretary submitted half yearly return of the expenses under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The Secretary was directed to apply to the Department for the amount of the recoupment payable to the County Council, amounting to the sum of £101 15s 6d for General and £1 10s under Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1914.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th November, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Wm Woods, J P; Michael Meade, James Wynne, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in hands of County Surveyor	£118 5 8
Secretary's Office, including refund of irrecoverable arrears to rate collectors	359 15 6
Total	£478 1 2

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loan Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTORS' IRRECOVERABLE ARREARS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 19th November, 1915, No. 61095-1915, returning the lists of arrears of rate for the period ended 30th September, 1915, and approving of the recommendations of the County Council, except in certain cases appearing on the lists of Collectors John Woods, John Kelly, and Peter M'Donnell.

The Secretary stated that a number of the items disallowed by the L G B were for land which was waste or derelict, and it would be impossible for the collectors to recover the rates in such cases. In previous arrears lists the Board had allowed claims for refunds of similar amounts.

The Secretary was directed to again submit the disallowed items for waste land to the L G B; to point out that these amounts were irrecoverable and were allowed in previous lists, and to request the sanction of the Board to the refund of these amounts to the collectors concerned.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman, and payment of the amounts of refunds sanctioned by the Board ordered.

OVERPAYMENT BY L. G. B. IN RESPECT OF THE TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman. The Secretary stated that he had verified the statement made in the letter as to an overpayment having been made:—

Local Government Board Dublin,
16th November, 1915, No 70,292-15.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that the auditor's certificate of the net expenditure of the Council on the treatment of Tuberculosis for the year ended 31st March, 1915. has been received, and that it appears that an overpayment of £82 15s 4d has been made from the

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Exchequer Maintenance Grant in respect of the year in question. The overpayment will be adjusted by deduction from the next instalment payable out of the Grant to the Louth County Council.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Asst. Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTION

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, dated 23rd November, reporting that the adjourned case of the Council versus Joseph Fitzpatrick, Clanawhillan, Co. Down, was heard at Drogheda Petty Sessions on 22nd November, and that defendant was convicted and fined 6d per sheep, amounting to £2 10s in all, and £1 costs. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

GARNISHEE ORDER AGAINST ROAD CONTRACTOR.

Letters were read from H J W Downey, Solicitor, Dublin, enclosing order made at the suit of Denis M'Ardle, Barronstown, against Thomas M'Kevitt, jun, also of Barronstown, road contractor, for payment of debt and costs amounting to the sum of £29 13s 3d. The order specified that out of a sum of £20 10s 5d, payable to the contractor for the quarter to 30th September, a sum of £10 should be paid to M'Ardle, and a further sum of £10 out of the following quarterly payment, and the balance and costs out of the continuing quarterly amounts.

The Secretary was directed to hand all the documents and M'Kevitt's paying orders to the Council's solicitor, with instructions to pay M'Ardle the first sum of £10 thereout, and hand the balance to M'Kevitt.

PROVISIONAL APPROVAL OF DR. M'QUILLAN'S APPOINTMENT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 20th November, No. 14710-1915, approving for a further period of six months of the appointment of Dr M'Quillan as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council.

DUNDALK TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had received the architect's certificate of the final instalment of contract for the above, amounting to the sum of £49 10s, and that he had forwarded same as usual to the L G B, with a request that the amount be remitted. The Committee expressed approval of this.

CARETAKER FOR WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

Mr Meade informed the Committee that the caretaker, Wm. M'Callum, who had been appointed to look after the Council's plantation at Willistown, had left the district, and that it was urgently necessary to have some person appointed to take his place.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to place the consideration of the appointment on the agenda for the adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on Thursday, 9th December.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting (adjourned from 25th November, 1915) held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk) on Thursday, 9th December, 1915, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Finnegan, Bernard Hamill, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; T V M'Quillan, N T Murphy, J P; Thos O'Rourke, Michael Meade, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor; James Dromgoole and J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk T C M, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the 11th November and 15th November, 1915 (a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council), with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary informed the Council that in accordance with instructions of the Finance Committee, prosecutions had been issued against a number of persons who had not paid their Motor Licence Duty. Since the summonses had been served most of the defaulters had paid, and he requested direction from the Council whether under the circumstances the summonses should be withdrawn, or the Solicitor instructed to proceed for the penalty.

After discussion,

It was proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq,

"That we direct our Solicitor to withdraw the summonses issued against those persons who have paid the Motor Licence Duty since the summonses were issued, but that in all future cases against defaulters for payment of the said Licence Duty the Solicitor be directed to recover any penalties for non-payment."

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

The Secretary informed the Council that there would be no meeting of the Finance Committee before Christmas, and that the County Surveyor was anxious to pay all the men under his charge for any wages earned up to Christmas Eve, he requested authority to convene a meeting of the Committee for Thursday, 23rd inst, for the purpose of ordering these payments and for any other urgent business.

The Council unanimously directed the Secretary to convene a meeting of the Finance Committee for Thursday, 23rd December.

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THE LATE MR. AUGUSTINE ROCHE, M.P. FOR NORTH LOUTH.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, all the Members standing:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with great regret of the lamented death of Mr Augustine Roche, M P for North Louth. His genial disposition, his universal charity and his devotion to duty and to Ireland had endeared him to us all, and we direct our Secretary to convey to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement, and we hereby adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

The Meeting adjourned till the regular Quarterly Meeting to be held on 20th January, 1916.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 13th December, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present—In the Chair: Wm Woods, Esq, J P.
Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, J F Murphy, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	£259 14 10
Secretary's Office	45 10 8
Total	£305 5 6

GRANT FOR CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 2nd December, 1915, No. 64014/1915, enclosing Paying Order for £49 10s 0d, representing the final instalment due to the contractor for the erection of above. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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CONTRIBUTION FROM INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the Clerk, Tuberculosis Committee of Management enclosing Paying Order for the sum of £73, being a contribution from the County Louth Insurance Committee for the quarter ended 30th June, 1915, in consequence of the County Council having discharged the liabilities incurred during that period.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

AGREEMENT RE HIRE OF ROAD ROLLER.

The County Surveyor submitted an agreement between the County Council and Thomas Byrne, of Clonturkmason, for the hire of a Road Roller for a period of three months, at the rate of 22s 6d per day and 3s per hour extra while engaged in scarifying. The agreement was approved by the Committee, and, on the motion of Mr James Wynne, J P, seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke, it was recommended that the Secretary be directed to affix the Common Seal of the Council thereto.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY PROSECUTIONS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

10th December, 1915.

Dear Sir.

I beg to report that at Petty Sessions to-day the Summonses against John Hughes, Dr E F Flood and Bernard Rocks were withdrawn, as defendants had paid the duty since the issue of Summonses. One Justice expressed the view that he would

not favour the withdrawal of the Summonses without the defendants paying the costs incurred. There is no power to apply for costs, and only a conviction and penalty can be asked for.

The remaining defendant, Joseph Tobin, was fined £20.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary Louth County Council.

CRIMINAL INJURY APPLICATION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

7th December, 1915.

Thomas Duffy, Applicant; County Council, Respondents.

Dear Sir.

With reference to claim herein for compensation for alleged malicious burning of hay at Dunleer, and on the hearing of which application at Drogheda Quarter Sessions the County Court Judge awarded the applicant the sum of £18 on foot of claim of £30, you will recollect the Council succeeded, on Appeal to the Judge of Assize, in having the Decree reversed with costs against the applicant. I lodged the Reversal of Decree with the Sheriff for execution, and I have only received the amount, £7 0s 6d, on yesterday. I lodged amount with the Council's Treasurer and enclose his receipt herewith.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary Louth County Council.

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FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 23rd December, 1915, at one o'clock p m.

Present—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.
Other Members—Edward Goodman, John F Murphy, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account	£11 16 3

SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£170 2 10
Secretary's Office	130 17 10
Total	£301 0 8

MOTOR LICENCE PROSECUTIONS.

Letter was read from Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, stating that he had lodged to the credit of the Council the sum of 2s 6d, being costs received from Mr D J Reddan, Drogheda, in the prosecution issued against him by the County Council for non-payment of Motor Licence Duty. The Duty had been paid by Mr Reddan prior to the hearing of the case, and the summons had been withdrawn in accordance with resolution of the County Council.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTION.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
17th December, 1915.

Dear Sir.

I beg to report that I attended on behalf of the Council at Dunleer Petty Sessions on Tuesday last, the 14th inst, when the adjourned case of the Council v. James O'Hagan, Omeath, came on for hearing. The defendant was summoned for exposing 81 Sheep for sale at Dunleer fair on the 1st September, 1915, unaccompanied by the necessary Declaration that the Sheep had been dipped within the Autumn Dipping Period.

The magistrates convicted and fined the defendant the sum of £2 and £1 costs.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary Louth County Council.

COSTS OF LEINSTER WINTER ASSIZE.

Letter was read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, enclosing certified statement showing the amounts due by the several Counties comprising the Leinster Winter Assize County for extra expenses of the courtkeeper and servants of the Green Street Courthouse, Dublin. The amount certified for Louth County was 10s, which it was suggested should be forwarded to the courtkeeper. Payment of the amount was recommended, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Letter was read from Mr P L Macardle, Solicitor, who had

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been appointed by the Council to attend taxation, enclosing the County Solicitor's bill of costs for the half year to 30th September, 1915, taxed to the sum of £78 7s 8d. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Notice was read from the West Sussex County Council prohibiting the movement into the County from the District of any Local Authority in England, Wales or Scotland, of animals landed in Great Britain from Ireland since the 28th day of November, 1915. Animals may, however, be moved through West Sussex by rail without untrucking. These regulations came into force on 23rd December, 1915. The Notice was initialled by the Chairman.

HOLIDAYS.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, it was unanimously agreed that the County Office should be closed for the Christmas holidays until Thursday morning, 30th December.

The Secretary, on behalf of the staff, thanked the Committee for their kindness and consideration.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber. Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th January, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P, and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Proposals were considered by the Committee, and each was approved:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No 24. To keep in repair Ardee Quarter Sessions Court House, with the Courtkeeper's residence, for one year from 1st April, 1916. Not to exceed £15.

No 25. To provide for the maintenance of Drogheda Court House for one year from 1st April, 1916. Not to exceed £30.

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No. 26. To provide for the maintenance of the County Court House, Dundalk, for one year from the 1st April, 1916. Not to exceed £30.

No. 27. To supply a Press in the Council Chamber, County Court House, Dundalk. Cost not to exceed £15.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

No. 28. To supply Printing and Stationery for County purposes for one year from 1st April, 1916, including the Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors' Acts and under Registration Acts (if required).

No. 29. To supply for one year from 1st April, 1916, the following Court Houses with Best English Coal (screened):—Dundalk, 30 tons; Drogheda, 10 tons; Ardee, 10 tons, delivered at the respective Court Houses as required.

No 30. To prepare the Courts and Court Rooms in County Court House for Assizes, Quarter Sessions and Revision Sessions for one year from 1st April, 1916 Not to exceed £15.

No. 31. To insert the County Advertisements in one Dundalk and one Drogheda paper for one year from 1st April, 1916. Not to exceed three pence per line.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments for Quarter ended 31st December, 1915, which were recommended for payment.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, 7th February, 1916, to receive tenders.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th January, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P, and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman

The following Accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£107 3 4
Secretary's Office	0 10 6
Total	£107 13 10

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted Return showing state of Collection of Poor Rate on 31st December, 1915, which showed that of the total amount of the second moiety of £17,850 3s 2d the sum of

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£2,113 5s 2d had been collected, showing the amount outstanding £15,736 18s 0d. The return was initialled by the Chairman.

HARBOUR RECEIPTS.

The Secretary submitted the Returns of Revenue (which were initialled by the Chairman) from the Harbours for the Quarter to 31st December, 1915, as follows:—Carlingford, £12 4s 6d; Giles' Quay, £10 5s 2d; Clogherhead, £9 18s 6d.

WRITING UP OF RATE BOOKS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had received the Valuation Lists from the Valuation Office to enable the work of writing up the Rate Books to be put in hands, and requested direction for the carrying out of the work.

The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to have the work performed in the same manner as last year, namely by employing what extra clerks he required, to be paid at the usual scale rates, and two check clerks at the same remuneration as last year.

CO-OPTION OF COUNCILLOR IN ROOM OF MR. T. J. BYRNE, DECEASED.

The Committee directed the Secretary to place upon the Agenda for the next Meeting of the County Council the co-option of Councillor to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr T J Byrne.

REFUND OF SURCHARGES.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the amounts surcharged in respect of the railway fares paid to two members

of the Council, Messrs N T Murphy, J P, and M O'Meara, J P, had been refunded by them, and the amounts were lodged to the credit of the Council.

FINES RECEIVED.

Letter was read from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Collon, enclosing 9s 3d, fines received under Food and Drugs Prosecution in the case of Sharpe v. Doggett.

Letter was read from the County Solicitor enclosing receipt for 4s lodged to the credit of the Council, in respect of costs incurred in Motor Duty Prosecution.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

FEES FOR ATTENDANCE AT JURORS' REVISION SESSIONS.

Letter was read from L. G. B. dated 4th January, No. 69178/1915 (and initialled by the Chairman), enclosing copy of an Order in Council dated the 23rd December, 1915, fixing the scale to be paid for attendance at Jurors' Revision Sessions, to existing Clerks of Unions, Secretaries of County Councils, Clerks of Urban District Councils, and Collectors of Poor Rate, at the same rate as the scale fixed with respect to the Revision of Parliamentary Voters.

APPLICATION FOR REDUCTION OF FINE IN MOTOR LICENCE DUTY PROSECUTION.

The following letter was read:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
7th January, 1916.

County Council v. Tobin.

Dear Sir.

I am instructed by Mr Joseph Tobin, of Clanbrassil Street,

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Dundalk, to communicate with you in reference to a fine of £20 inflicted on him on 10th December last for failing to take out a licence for his motor bicycle. As you are aware, this is the minimum penalty which the magistrates can impose, but the County Council can reduce it if the circumstances justify such a course.

My client is a Victualler in this town, and his business takes him daily to fairs and markets, and particularly to his father's farm in County Meath. It is owing to his continued absence from home that he quite overlooked taking out a licence. He had no intention of evading the law, and has since taken out the required licentse. He asks me to express regret for the oversight and to state that it will not occur again.

In the circumstances I would ask your Council to exercise their power and reduce the fine to a nominal sum.

Yours faithfully,

FRAS. P. JOHNSTON.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to reduce the penalty of £20 imposed by the Magistrates on Joseph Tobin, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, for non-payment of his Motor Licence Duty, to the sum of £3.

WITHDRAWAL OF IRISH EDUCATION GRANTS.

Letter was read from the Gaelic League, Dublin, requesting the Council to send delegates to a meeting in Dublin on 17th

January, to protest against the threatened withdrawal of Grants in aid of Irish Education, and if delegates could not be sent in time to the meeting by the Council, to express an opinion favourable to its object.

The following resolution, proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, was passed unanimously:—

That we protest in the most emphatic manner against any reduction by the Government of the funds for education in Ireland, and call upon the Irish members of Parliament and all public representatives in Ireland to exert their influence to defeat this threatened alienation of funds from the Irish language and other branches of Irish education, and to prevent any further attempts of the Treasury to curtail the already too meagre financial support given to education in Ireland.

APPLICATION FROM COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLAR.

Letter was read from Miss Margaret V Lyons, Drogheda, requesting permission to change her residence from the Dominican Hall to Miss O'Byrne's, 79 Grove Park, S C Road, Dublin, a residence approved by the College Authorities. The application was unanimously granted by the Committee.

APPLICATION FROM QUARRY MEN.

The following letter, addressed to the County Surveyor and submitted by him for direction, was read:—

Cockle Hill, Quarry, Blackrock,

Dundalk, 8th January, 1916.

Dear Sir.

We, the undersigned workmen in above works, beg to call attention to the fact that before we receive this pay we are

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now working for, the days will be at full working hours, and everything the labourer has to buy is still daily increasing, therefore we must respectfully ask you to increase our wages to £1 per week.

We are, dear sir, awaiting your reply,

Yours faithfully,

MICHAEL LEE, PATRICK M'GOUGH, JOHN M'GINN, LAURENCE M'GOUGH, HENRY LEE, BERNARD COURTNEY, JOHN CARROLL, BERNARD CONLON.

After discussion, it was unanimously decided that as the money for the work did not permit of any increases, that the request could not be granted, and the County Surveyor was instructed accordingly.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th January, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P, and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following Reports were read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Mr Clinton's Report.

On the 13th December, 1915, an outbreak of Scab occurred in a consignment of lambs forwarded to Dundalk Port for shipment to England by Mr James Marmion. The lambs were purchased from a Mr P Hanlon, of Piedmont, and had been grazing on Mrs Malone's land at Haynestown. The lambs were slaughtered at Dundalk Port by order of the owner. In company with a Departmental Inspector, I visited the farm at Haynestown and examined the remaining sheep there (76 in all) No other case of Scab was found. I had all the sheep dipped under my personal supervision. In the case of J

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Shevlin's sheep, already reported, the affected animals were slaughtered and the remainder (40) dipped.

Mr Donnelly's Report.

During the month of November there were two outbreaks of Sheep Scab. In one case the animals came from Co. Meath and in the other from Dublin market. The animals (92) that came from Dublin market were all slaughtered with the owner's authority. In the other case the diseased animal was slaughtered and the in-contacts dipped twice inside 10 days, and afterwards allowed to go forward for shipment at Drogheda Port.

During the month of December, 1915, I had two outbreaks of Sheep Scab. The diseased animals were slaughtered and the in-contacts twice dipped, and I have been able to withdraw the restrictions. There are no other animals in the district under restrictions at present date.

Mr Maxwell's Report.

I beg to report that I visited and inspected the usual fairs and markets in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of November. I had the detained sheep, the property of Matthew Skelly, Hammondstown, Dunleer, dipped on the 2nd and 16th of the month. On the 15th I released the sheep detained on the farm of John Crawley, Artnalivery, Ardee. In consequence of Matthew Skelly selling a ram to Henry Sloan, Aclare Castle, Dunleer, the sheep on Mr Sloan's farm had to be examined, but were found free from disease. Both Crawley's and Skelly's farms have been properly disinfected. I examined the pig, the property of James Hughes, which the owner thought might have swine fever, but the disease was indigestion. All the necessary forms, etc, have been forwarded in connection with these cases.

During the month of December I visited the fairs and markets held in Ardee No. 1 District. The detention placed on Matthew Skelly's farm, Hammondstown, Dunleer, has been withdrawn by me as from the 8th of this month. The usual forms in connection with this case have been forwarded to the Council. A suspected case of Scab at H Craigh's farm, Bohermore, Ardee, was found not to exist.

SHEEP SCAB OUTBREAKS.

Notices and Forms in connection with the following cases of Sheep Scab, which occurred in Co. Louth since the last Executive Meeting, were read, and initialled by the Chairman:—John Crawley, Artnalivery (2 outbreaks); M Skelly, Hammondstown; M Coghlan, Haynestown; H Sloan, Athclare; James Shevlin, Dundalk Port; David Farrell, Drogheda Port; J Marmion, Dundalk Port; James Smyth, Drogheda Port; and Sandy Fennell, jun, same.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (IRELAND) ORDER, 1915.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st December, No. 4302/15, enclosing copies of an Order dated 24th November, entitled as above. The Order embodied certain provisions (1) for the restrictions of movements of animals and of persons in certain cases; (2) restrictions of movement of hay and straw; and (3) control of dogs. The Order was initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING (APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS) (IRELAND) ORDER, 1915.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st December, 4303/15, enclosing copy of Order as above made 24th November, 1915.

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The following are the important provisions of the Order, and after discussion, it was decided to refer the consideration of the Order to the County Council:—

Local Authorities to appoint Inspectors of Sheep Dipping.

Every Local Authority shall temporarily appoint, for service during the prescribed dipping periods, as many additional Inspectors as may be necessary to enable proper supervision to be maintained on behalf of the Local Authority, with a view to securing the effective dipping of sheep in their district under the principal Order.

Department's approval required for appointments.

Appointments under this Order and the remuneration of persons appointed shall in all instances be subject to approval by the Department.

Provisions against delay, etc, in appointing.

If it appears to the Department that a Local Authority has failed.

(a) to make, within a reasonable time, the appointments required by this Order, or

(b) to make a sufficient number of such appointments,

the Department may issue to such Local Authority a Certificate, under the Seal of the Department, specifying what number of appointments, or of further appointments, as the case may be, are requisite for the purposes of the Order in the district of the Local Authority, and specifying also, if the Department see fit, the rates of remuneration of the Inspectors to be appointed and the areas for which they should respectively act, and the Local Authority, on receipt of such Certificate, shall proceed, without avoidable delay, to make the requisite appointments in accordance with the terms of the Certificate.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 20th January, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J P, and Michael Meade, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted payments as per Form 22 on foot of contracts for road maintenance as follows, and same were recommended for payment:—Ardee Rural District, £796 8s 0d; Drogheda Rural District, £495 3s 8d; Dundalk Rural District, £1,077 14s 9d.

GULLET AT JONESBORO.

The County Surveyor reported that a drain or gullet at Jonesboro which had been made by the Grand Jury, was opened for the purpose of cleansing same, and the occupier of the adjoining premises claimed that the County Council were liable for its maintenance. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that he had told the owner that the Council were not bound to keep it, as it takes sewage from the yard premises; but he wished the authority of the Committee to consult the County Solicitor on the matter. On the motion of Mr B Hamill, seconded by Mr Meade, the Committee unanimously directed the Surveyor to obtain the Solicitor's advice on the matter.

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Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, 20th January, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: James M'Carthy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J P; Jas. Wynne, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Edward Goodman, N T Murphy, J P; Thomas B M'Court, Thomas O'Rourke, James T. M'Gee, J P; Denis J Rath, P Callan, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; P Donegan, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; J P Kearney, J F Murphy, J P, and John Morgan, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, County Solicitor, and Dr M'Quillan, T M O, and Mr V Warren, Clerk T C M, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 25th day of November, 1915, and their Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting (adjourned from 25th November) held on the 9th day of December, 1915, a printed copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council) with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed, save and except that the amount of the fine in the case of Joseph Tobin, be reduced to £1 (one pound):

Monday, 29th November, 1915.
Monday, 13th December, 1915.
Thursday, 23rd December, 1915.
Monday, 10th January, 1916.

Arising out of the Finance Committee minutes of 10th January, at which meeting the fine of £20 imposed on Joseph Tobin, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, for non-payment of his Motor Licence Duty, had been reduced on application by defendant's solicitor, Mr F P Johnston, to the sum of £3, Mr J H M'Ardle, J P, proposed that this be further reduced to 10s, and Mr B Hamill, J P, seconded. Mr W T Skeffington, J P, supported this motion.

The Secretary read further letter from Mr F P Johnston suggesting reduction of the fine to a nominal sum of 6d or 1s.

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Mr P M'Gee, J P, opposed further reduction of the fine as the costs had to be paid out of the fine.

Mr N T Murphy suggested as a compromise that the fine be reduced to the sum of £1, and Mr M Meade seconded, and this was unanimously agreed to, and the resolution as set out above was passed unanimously.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meetings held on the 29th November, 1915, and 10th January, 1916 (a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council) be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th day of January, 1916, a printed copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the

Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 4th day of January, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £796 8s 0d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 11th day of January, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £495 3s 8d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph P Kearney, Esq;
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th day of January, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,077 14s 9d.

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COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th day of January, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £4,804 9s 5d.

DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the First Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE—Tuesday, 4th April, 1916.
DROGHEDA—Tuesday, 11th April, 1916.
DUNDALK—Monday, 10th April, 1916.

And that the Proposal Committee meet on

MONDAY, 10th April, 1916.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing at Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 25th day of November, 1915, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby approved of.

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

As recommended in the County Surveyor's Report:—

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;

Seconded by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That in accordance with Clause 21 of the Specification, the following contracts are declared to be broken:—

ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT.

Index No	Perches				Contractor
18	1170	Dundalk,	...Salterstown,		...Peter O'Neill
51	878	Ardee,	...Dunany,		...James Devine

DROGHEDA RURAL DISTRICT.

34	594	Collon,	...The Sea,	...Michael Maguire

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

10	553	Dundalk,	...Castlebellingham,	Patrick Watters
12	456	Dundalk,	...Ardee,	...Joseph M'Kenna
13	546	Dundalk,	...Ardee,	... do
37	601	Mills of Louth,	...Rathbrist,	...John Carroll
40	418	Dundalk,	...Carrickmacross,	...Patrick Murray
53	818	Dundalk,	...Carrickmacross,	...Edward Connolly
54	783	Kingscourt,	...Dundalk,	... do
71	440	Dundalk,	. Newtownhamilton,	Charles Kelly
78	266	Dundalk,	...Forkhill,	...T. Muckian
79	275	Dundalk,	...Newtownhamilton,	Michael Murphy
80	333	Dundalk,	...Newtownhamilton,	Peter Boyle
81	362	Dundalk,	...Newtownhamilton,	John Boyle, Jun

PROCEEDINGS AGAINST CONTRACTORS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct that legal proceedings be

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instituted against all defaulting contractors and their sureties, in every case where any loss has been occasioned to the county owing to neglected contracts being re-set at increased prices.

DEATH OF MRS. C. A. DUFFY.

On the completion of the Statutory business of the agenda, Mr W T Skeffington, J P, stated he desired to propose a resolution of sympathy with their respected Acting Chairman, Mr C A Duffy, on the irreparable loss sustained by him in the death of his wife. He prefaced the reading of the resolution with the expression of sympathetic references to the deceased lady.

The Chairman, in putting the resolution, stated that he desired to be specially associated with the sentiments conveyed therein.

The following resolution was then passed in silence, all the members standing:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we learn with great regret of the lamented death of Mrs Duffy, the wife of our esteemed Vice-Chairman, Mr Charles A Duffy. As a member of one of the most important boards included in the administrative County of Louth, the deceased lady had occupied a deservedly high position for her great capacity; in every good work for the alleviation of the distressed and the uplifting of the lowly she was a strenuous worker, while in all things National her patriotism was pure and unsullied. We deplore her loss, and we beg to tender to her husband and relatives our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement.

SHEEP DIPPING (APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS) ORDER, 1915.

The Secretary informed the Council that in accordance with instructions from the Executive Committee, he had written to the Department that the above Order would be considered at the Council meeting this day, and the Department had written in reply to say that one of their Veterinary Inspectors, Mr Norris, had been deputed to attend the meeting to explain the Order and answer queries. The Chairman then introduced Mr. Norris, who explained the provisions of the Order, which provided that every local authority should temporarily appoint for service during the prescribed dipping periods as many additional inspectors as may be necessary to enable proper supervision to be maintained on behalf of the local authority with a view to the effective dipping of sheep in their district, and in the event of failure of the local authority to make the necessary number of appointments, the Department had power under the Order to make what appointments might be considered necessary.

A long discussion ensued in which Messrs Goodman, N T Murphy, James T M'Gee and Patrick M'Gee took part, and it was ultimately decided to refer the consideration of the Order to a special meeting of the Executive Committee to be convened, so that their report could be considered at the adjourned meeting of the Council to be held on 24th February.

The Chairman thanked Mr Norris for his attendance and information, and Mr Norris suitably responded.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN COUNTY LOUTH.

By permission of the Council, a deputation from the Archaeological Society, composed of Messrs G O'Reilly, Drogheda, and

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H G Tempest, Dundalk, was heard. The members of the deputation informed the Council that various archaeological remains in Drogheda, notably John's Gate Tower, known as the Butter Gate, were in a very dilapidated condition, and while the Corporation of Drogheda would be pleased to undertake their care, that under the Acts of Parliament passed for the preservation of ancient monuments, it was the County Council in whom their control should be vested. They requested the Council to undertake charge of these monuments of antiquity.

After discussion, in which it was pointed out by Mr Wynne that there were other antiquarian remains in Dundalk and other places that required care, the deputation were requested to prepare a list of the various buildings, etc, which they required the County Council to undertake control of, when the matter would be considered by the Finance Committee to report to the Council.

The deputation undertook to furnish this list, and thanked the Council for the courtesy extended to them. The Chairman informed them that the Council would sympathetically consider the matter, and do what was possible to preserve those venerable links with the past.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNCIL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE RE TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

The next matter considered by the Council was the proposed agreement between the County Council and the Insurance Committee for the treatment of tuberculosis in County Louth. The draft from of agreement had been considered by the Tuberculosis Committee and the Insurance Committee, and a basis of agreement arrived at. These terms had already been printed and circulated among the members of the Council.

A long discussion ensued in which exception was taken to the action of the L G B in curtailing the amount to be spent on the Drogheda Dispensary to £100.

Mr Skeffington also stated that the rate struck of one penny in the £ should only have been half of this amount if the Treasury Grant of £1,000 had been received.

The Secretary informed the Council that the actual rate struck only represented about one halfpenny, as the amount received in recoupment of the expenditure was credited as a receipt, and deducted from the £1,000, leaving the actual amount for which the rate was struck £575.

Ultimately the following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the terms of Agreement between the Louth County Council and the County Louth Insurance Committee for the treatment of insured and exempt persons suffering from tuberculosis in the County of Louth, by which the County Council, in consideration of the payment of 1s 2d per insured person by the Insurance Committee, and the residue from Administration expenses of the additional 1d credited to them, undertake to provide the services of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer (subject to the Agreement), nurses, medicines, shelters, dispensaries, provision in a sanatorium of six beds for treatment of insured and exempt persons, and in the Louth County Infirmary of one bed for insured and exempt surgical cases, and any other treatment for which the balance of the funds available may be used, subject to a working Agreement being made with medical practitioners as to domi-

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ciliary treatment. The term of the Agreement to be twelve months from 1st January, 1916, to 31st December, 1916.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, and to enable the County Scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis to be completed, the Secretary was directed to write to the L G B to increase the grant for the erection of the Drogheda Dispensary, as the amount suggested by the L G B—£100—was considered entirely inadequate.

TIMBER FOR SALTERSTOWN COAST ROAD.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of application from the County Surveyor for trees from Willistown Plantation for groining Salterstown Coast Road. This matter had been referred by the Finance Committee to the County Council.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby consent to give the timber to be cut from Willistown Plantation for the groining of Salterstown Coast Road; the trees to be felled to be selected by the Department's Instructor, and the price for same to be arranged between him and the County Surveyor.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

Letter from the County Solicitor with reference to the proposed County Louth Forestry Scheme, requesting instructions to submit the draft scheme prepared by him for approval of the Department of Agriculture, and also of the Estates Commissioners was deferred.

CARETAKER OF WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of caretaker for the Council's Plantation at Willistown. Applications for the position were read from the following: William Richardson, Drumcar, and Hugh Guinnetty, Willistown.

Mr Michael Meade proposed, and Mr James Wynne seconded, the appointment of Richardson.

Mr P M'Gee proposed, and Mr Thomas O'Rourke seconded, the appointment of Guinnetty.

The Chairman took a vote of the Council with the following result—

For Guinnetty—Messrs P Callan, P Donegan, E Goodman, B Hamill, J H M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, T B M'Court, J M'Gee P M'Gee, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, J Morgan, T O'Rourke, D J Rath, and W T Skeffington—15.

For Richardson—Messrs M Meade and J Wynne—2.

The Chairman declared Guinnitty elected, and the following resolution was passed:—

That we hereby appoint Hugh Guinnitty, of Willistown, Caretaker of the Council's plantation at Willistown, at a salary of £3 per annum.

CO-OPTION—ARDEE OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Very Rev Canon Lyons,

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P P, a member of the Ardee Old Age Pensions Committee, vice the late Very Rev Canon Rogers, P P.

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Edward Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Bernard L Coleman, Ballybarrack, County Councillor for the Electoral Division of Castletown, vice Mr T J Byrne, deceased.

APPOINTMENT ON RICHMOND ASYLUM COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr James Wynne, J P, a member of the Richmond District Asylum Committee of Management, vice Mr T J Byrne, deceased.

APPOINTMENT ON GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr N T Murphy, J P, a member of the Irish County Councils' General Council, vice Mr T J Byrne, deceased.

APPOINTMENT ON COUNTY OF LOUTH AND DUNDALK TECHNICAL COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Thomas O'Rourke a member of the County Louth and Dundalk Joint Committee of Technical Instruction, vice Mr T J Byrne, deceased.

APPOINTMENT ON DUNDALK (SOUTH) OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Bernard L Coleman a member of the Dundalk (South) Old Age Pensions Committee, vice Mr T J Byrne, deceased.

CO-OPTION ON DUNLEER OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Thomas Kearney, of Slieveboy, a member of the Dunleer Old Age Pensions Committee, vice Mr R Mathews, resigned.

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CO-OPTION ON LOUTH COUNTY COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr D J Rath was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr John Butterly, of Togher, be co-opted a member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

MOTOR RING BOAT FISHING.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr D J Rath was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously:

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq,
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council of Louth beg to direct the attention of the Fisheries Branch of the Department of Agriculture to the harm done at present by motor ring boat fishing in the Bays of Drogheda, Clogherhead, and Dundalk, and call upon this Branch of the Department to pass a Bye-Law prohibiting same.

In connection with the foregoing resolution, a resolution submitted by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council was read directing the Council's attention to the practice referred to in the resolution with a request to move in the matter.

The Secretary was directed, in submitting the resolution to the Department, to impress upon them the urgent necessity of immediate action.

CHARGE FOR ROAD IMPROVEMENTS LOAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Propsed by Wm T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Secretary of the Council having reported

that the deed to secure the loan of £4,060, with interest, to the Hibernian Bank, Limited, referred to in the resolution of the 29th July, 1915, though executed, was not stamped within the proper time, we hereby direct that the old engrossment dated the 29th July, 1915, be cancelled, and direct our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the new engrossment of the charge to the Hibernian Bank, Limited (now produced and initialled by the Chairman), for £4,060, and that said deed be handed over to the Bank in consideration of the advances agreed on.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letters were read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:—

Rossmakea, Dundalk,
26th November, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

Will you kindly convey to the members of the Louth County Council my and my family's very sincere thanks and appreciation of their kind message of sympathy in our great grief and irreparable loss.

Yours sincerely,

HELEN M. BYRNE.

C. M'Alester, Esq.

December 17th, 1915.

Dear Sir,—

Let me thank you most sincerely for your kind words of sympathy on the death of my uncle, Mr A Roche, and through you the members of the Council.

CHARLES B. ROCHE.

DELEGATES TO NORTH LOUTH CONVENTION.

Letter was read from Mr Joseph Devlin, M P, requesting the Council to appoint four delegates to represent them at the above Convention to be held on 31st January, and

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The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Messrs James Wynne, J P; Thomas B M'Court, John F Murphy, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke to represent the Council at the North Louth Convention of the United Irish League to be held on 31st January, 1916

VACANCY ON INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the National Health Insurance Commissioners requesting the Council to appoint a representative on the County Louth Insurance Committee vice Mrs E A Duffy, deceased.

The Secretary was directed to place the appointment on the Agenda for next Meeting of the Council.

GILES' QUAY BOATSLIP.

The following letter was read. No action was taken in the matter, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
16th November, 1915.

No. 61,094/1915.
Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant and previous correspondence on the subject of the purchase by the Louth County Council of a Boatslip at Giles' Quay, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they note the statement of the County Council that the Boatslip is not an enlargement of the existing pier or quay. In these circumstances, the Board are not aware of any authority under which the

Council could proceed to purchase the Boat Slip, and they are, therefore, not in a position to give their sanction.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

DR. M'QUILLAN'S REPORT.

At the request of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management the following Report was ordered to be inserted on the Minutes of the Council:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

1st December, 1915.

Gentlemen,—

I beg to submit the following report:—Since the Tuberculosis Dispensaries were started 247 patients were treated there, viz—At Dundalk, 181; at Carlingford, 38, and at Ardee, 28. Of these 20 died, 39 withdrew from treatment against my advice, and 56 have been discharged as cured or much improved. 105 patients are still under treatment, and most of these are now able to follow their usual occupations. The Central Dispensary at Dundalk is now in full working order and was opened for the treatment of patients on the 1st November. The patients appreciate very much the arrangements made there for their comfort. To convenience patients who are working during the day, and who find it difficult to attend the Central Dispensary on Monday or Friday mornings, I propose to open this Institution on Monday evenings from 7.30 p m to 8.30 p m. All patients are visited at their homes occasionally, and advice given on matters of diet, fresh air, arrangement of sleeping apartments and the prevention of infection, etc. Unfortunately in Drogheda we have no Dispensary, and at present patients are treated at their own homes. At the present time there are 13 patients, but the existing arrangement is most unsatisfactory; for, frequently when I call to a house it is only to be told that the patient is out. Patients

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who are out working it is impossible to treat; and those from outlying districts who may wish to be examined or consult me don't know where to find me. Even in their own homes it is frequently impossible to examine patients properly, while the want of medicine is a great drawback, as it is useless to give a poor patient a prescription who cannot afford to purchase the medicine.

Since taking the beds at Peamount Sanatorium 130 patients have been treated there. In 14 cases the condition was stationary, 13 became worse, and 3 died, and at present there are 7 cases under treatment. 25 surgical cases have been treated in the Louth Infirmary with very satisfactory results; 8 have been cured, 9 much improved, 3 discharged, their condition being stationary; 3 died, one withdrew from treatment against medical advice, and one is still under treatment. There is urgent need for a hospital for advanced cases, and compulsory powers must be sought to compel patients to undergo treatment if any permanent headway is to be made against the disease. It is of supreme importance for people who suffer from a persistent cough and slight loss of energy to seek medical aid immediately in order to get at the disease at the earliest possible moment, for if patients seek aid early enough the prospect of cure is greatly enhanced. Unfortunately a great number delay too long to come to the Dispensary and so allow much damage to be done to the lungs and consequently the fruits of treatment are greatly diminished.

Any doctor in the County who wishes to send sputum to the Dispensary can have same examined free; 241 such examinations have been made and reported upon. I am of the opinion that a Branch Dispensary is necessary at Omeath.

GENERAL SUMMARY.

Number of patients treated at the Dispensaries	247
Number of attendances by patients at the Dispensaries	7,060
Number of deaths of Dispensary patients	20

Number of Dispensary patients refused treatment against medical advice	39
Number of Dispensary patients discharged cured or improved	41
Number of patients that left the County to resume work	15
Number of patients still under Dispensary treatment	105

Number of visits to homes of patients:—

Doctor, 986; Wholetime Nurse, 2,588, Part time Nurse at Ardee, 183.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. M'QUILLAN.
Tuberculosis Medical Officer.

ANNAGASSAN HARBOUR.

Letter was read from the Secretary of Annagassan Harbour Commissioners requesting the Council to apply to the Board of Trade for permission to charge dues pending the completion of the Harbour Works.

The Secretary of the Council stated that under the provisions of the Pier Order it was the Commissioners who are empowered to make this application, and the Council directed that the Annagassan Commissioners should be advised accordingly.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letter from the Council's Solicitor was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
17th January, 1916.

Laurence Conlon, Mullacrew, £140 10s.
Michael M'Kenna, Mullacrew, £4 10s.

Dear Sir,—

I beg to report that the above Applications were heard

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at Dundalk Quarter Sessions on the 15th inst, and same were dismissed by the County Court Judge.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

LETTERS FROM LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

Letter from L G B on the following matters were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Registry:—Circular letter directing the Council not to incur any expenditure in connection with the preparation of the Registry until further advised.

County Council's Accounts:—Letters enclosing audited Accounts and Auditor's Reports for the half-years to 31st March and 30th September, 1915.

Ardee Union and Rural District Council Accounts—Letter enclosing audited Accounts and Report for half-year to 30th September 1915.

Richmond District Asylum Accounts:—Letter enclosing audited Accounts and report for half-year to 31st March, 1915.

Board of Trade Rates:—Letter enclosing Minimum Wages Rates fixed by Board of Trade in the Confectionery and Shirt-making Trades.

The return of Admissions of Patients to the Richmond Asylum for quarter ended 31st December was read and initialled by the Chairman.

RESOLUTIONS FROM COUNTY COUNCILS.

Resolutions as follows were submitted from the undermentioned County Councils and decided as noted:—

Roscommon:—Re Repeal of Insurance Act. To come up again for consideration.

Co. Dublin:—To Appoint a Red Cross Day. Read.

Kerry:—Against Conscription. Ireland being exempted it was not considered necessary to pass.

Tipperary:—Against the West Sussex Regulations prohibiting importations of cattle from Ireland. Passed unanimously.

PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to bring it forward at the next Meeting of the Council for consideration:—

Westmeath County Council,
Council Chambers, Mullingar,
7th December, 1915.

Dear Sir.

At the Meeting of my Council held on the 25th ultimo, it was suggested that the County Councils who have taken beds in Peamount, or who send patients there, should take over Peamount altogether, as it was considered that they could run it on more economical lines than at present, and with greater advantage to themselves and to the County generally. The further consideration of the matter was adjourned to next Meeting, and I was directed to ascertain the views of the Councils concerned on the proposal. I will be obliged if you will kindly bring the matter before the next Meeting of your Council and let me have their views at your early convenience.

Yours faithfully,

J. T. ROCHE.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

WITHDRAWAL OF GRANTS.

Letter was read from the Conference of Irish Colleges requesting the Council to pass resolution against the withdrawal of

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Grants to the Irish Colleges, and requesting that any action taken in the matter would be sent to the Department of Agriculture.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we protest in the strongest manner against the withdrawal of the Grants usually made to the Irish Colleges while similar Grants to English Education Authorities are increased, and we consider the action of the Treasury in this matter deserves the severest condemnation.

COCKLEHILL QUARRY.

A letter from the workmen at above quarry was referred to the Finance Committee.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 24th January, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—James Wynne, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P, and Bernard L Coleman, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on 10th and 23rd January were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	£103 9 2
Secretary's Office	42 12 8
Total,	£146 1 10

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

COCKLEHILL QUARRY.

A letter from the workmen at above quarry addressed to the Presiding Chairman of the County Council Meeting of the 20th January, and referred to the Committee, was read. The subject matter of the letter was a request to reconsider the appli-

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cation for an increase of wages and giving details of the alleged expenditure per week of each man with a family of six which estimate amounted to £1 1s 1d.

After discussion, it was decided unanimously that no alteration could be made in the former decision of the Committee, which had been confirmed by the County Council, namely, that as the money available for the work under the Road Board Grants did not permit of an increase, that no advance could be made for the present.

INTEREST ON MACHINERY LOAN.

A certificate from the County Surveyor of the amount expended out of the machinery loan for the purpose of road making machinery for the sum of £4032 18s 8d was read, and the Secretary was directed to apply to the Road Board for the Grant in lieu of interest thereon.

CARLINGFORD PIER STORE.

Letter was read from the Harbour Constable, Carlingford, stating that the terms of letting above store would be inoperative, and suggesting that the store should be let for an annual amount.

The Committee decided that as the terms arranged by the County Council for the letting of the store could not be altered now, that nothing could be done in the matter for the present.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT LOAN.

Letter was read from the Manager Hibernian Bank informing the Committee that the amount of above Loan, £4,060, had been placed to the credit of the Council's Loan's Account.

SIR CHARLES CAMERON'S REPORT.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,
Dublin, 21st January, 1916.

Report of Sir Charles Cameron.

38 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R I C, as

follows:—Milk, 10 samples; butter, 14; whiskey, 7; sugar, 5; cocoa, 2.

One certificate was sent to Sergeant Levinge, Dundalk, for specimen of milk adulterated with at least 37 per cent of added water.

During the quarter ended 30th September, 1915, one certificate was sent to Sergeant Sharpe, Drogheda, for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under proof, and was therefore adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water. One specimen of milk analysed for the Guardians of Drogheda Union was of good quality. There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department, which were taken up in the County Louth and were pure. One specimen of water analysed for the Ardee Rural District Council had the following composition. One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matter, 13.300, including, Albuminoid Ammonia, 0.018; Saline Ammonia, 0.040; Nitric Acid trace, Chlorine, 1.090; Colour, light yellow. A polluted water. One specimen of water analysed for T B M'Court, Esq, 66, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains. Total solid matter, 31,500, including Albuminoid Ammonia, 0.007; Saline Ammonia, 0.007, Nitric Acid Trace, Chlorine, 1.590; colour, yellow. A good water. One specimen of margarine analysed for the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum was pure. In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given.

Total Analyses—46

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

The following letter was read, and in accordance with the request contained therein the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by J T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend the cancellation of the contracts

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set out in the County Surveyor's letter of the 22nd January, 1916, the Index Numbers of said contracts being as follows—69, 106, 115, 122, 143, 146, and 149, all in Dundalk Rural District.

County Surveyor's Office,

Courthouse, Dundalk,

22nd January, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee, Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I beg to report neglect on the following road contracts. Ten days' notices have been served and the roads taken over.

Index No.

69—1020 perches Inniskeen to Newry—Henry Fee, Contractor.

106—460 perches Bush to Carlingford—Francis Carroll, Contractor.

115—1334 perches Dundalk to Carlingford—Thomas Savage, Contractor.

122—993 perches Carlingford to the sea—Patrick Boyle, Contractor.

143—396 perches Tullycahan to Castlering—James Filgate, Contractor.

146—224 perches Templetown to the sea—Francis Carroll, Contractor.

149—386 perches Kerley's Coach Factory to Long Avenue—Patrick M'Elroy, Contractor.

All in Dundalk Rural District.

I beg to ask to have the contracts cancelled.

THOMAS WALSH,

County Surveyor.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 7th February, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—B L Coleman, J P; Peter Woods, J P; M Meade, P M'Gee, J P; J Wynne, J P; B Hamill, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; J F Murphy, J P; T O'Rourke and J M'Carthy, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the Proposal Meeting of the 10th January were taken as read and signed by the Chairman. The Committee proceeded to consider tenders for Works, etc, passed at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th January, 1916.

No. 24—To keep in repair Ardee Quarter Sessions Court House, with Court Keeper's residence, for one year from 1st April, 1916; not to exceed £15. No tender received. Ordered to be placed in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 25—To provide for the maintenance of Drogheda Court House for one year from 1st April, 1916; not to exceed £30. No tender received, and placed in charge of Co. Surveyor.

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No. 26—To provide for the maintenance of the County Court House, Dundalk, for one year from 1st April, 1916. not to exceed £30. No tender received, and placed in charge of Co. Surveyor.

No. 27—To supply a press in the Council Chamber, County Court House, Dundalk; cost not to exceed £15. No tender received, and placed in charge of County Surveyor.

No. 28—To supply printing and stationery for County purposes for one year from 1st April, 1916, including the printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors' Acts and under Registration Acts (if required).

Tenders were received from Messrs Tempest, M'Dougall, and M'Cullough, and Mrs Mathews, and in each case the lowest tender was accepted, and where the prices were the same the last contractor was given the preference.

No. 29—To supply for one year from 1st April, 1916, the following Court Houses with the best English coal (screened):—Dundalk, 30 tons; Drogheda, 10 tons; Ardee, 10 tons; delivered at the respective Court Houses as required.

The following tenders, being the only ones received, were accepted:—For Dundalk, Messrs F O'Neill and Co, at 34s per ton; for Drogheda, Messrs Murdock and Sons, at 36s per ton; for Ardee, a tender of Messrs O'Neill and Co, Dundalk, at 44s per ton, was not accepted, and the matter was placed in the hands of the Secretary to obtain supplies when required at the lowest prices.

No. 30—To prepare the Court and Court Rooms in the County Court House for Assizes, Quarter Sessions, and Revision Sessions, for one year from 1st April, 1916; cost not to exceed £15.

The tender of Messrs B Patteson, Dundalk, for the sum of £14 14s 0d was accepted, this being the only tender received.

No. 31—To insert the County Advertisements in one Dundalk and one Drogheda paper; cost not to exceed threepence per line. Tenders were received at the rate of 3d per line from the "Drogheda Argus," "Drogheda Advertiser," "Dundalk Democrat" and "Dundalk Examiner."

Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P, proposed, and Mr Meade seconded:

That the tender of the "Drogheda Argus" (M. M'Keown) and "Dundalk Democrat" (Thomas Roe) being the last contractors, be accepted.

An amendment was proposed by Mr B Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr P Woods, J P:

That the "Dundalk Examiner" be the contractor for one year for the County Advertisements.

The Chairman took a division of the Committee on the amendment, with the following result:—

For the "Dundalk Examiner"—Messrs B Hamill and P. Woods—2.

For the "Dundalk Democrat"—Messrs J M'Carthy, M. Meade, B L Coleman, J T M'Gee, P M'Gee, J F Murphy, J Wynne, and T O'Rourke—8.

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The Chairman declared the "Dundalk Democrat" and "Drogheda Argus" the contractors for the County Advertisements for the year from 1st April, 1916, to the 31st March, 1917.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 7th day of February, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B L Coleman, J P; P Woods, J P; M Meade, P M'Gee, J P; J Wynne, J P; B Hamill, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; J F Murphy, J P; T O'Rourke, and J M'Carthy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and J M C Lyons, Assistant, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the Committee Meeting of the 24th January, 1916, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and examined and payments ordered:—

Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	...	£234 16 5
Secretary's Office	...	31 13 7

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary submitted the estimate of Rates for the service of the financial year ending 31st March, 1917, which was discussed at length and the various items for County, Union, and District Charges examined and compared.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy, J P,

It was unanimously decided to recommend the adoption of the

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Estimate to the County Council, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of same with his explanatory statement to each Member of the County Council and to the Clerks of the Unions and District Councils concerned.

RING-NET FISHING IN DUNDALK BAY.

Letter was read from Department of Agriculture dated 24th January, 265/16 F. B., referring to the resolution passed by the Council with reference to above, and requesting particulars of the damage alleged to have been caused to the local fishing industry by the method of fishing complained of.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent copy of the letter to Mr Denis J Rath, Clogherhead, who had moved in the matter.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to send copies of the letter to Mr Mathew Clinton, Annagassan; Mr Bernard Hamilton, Blackrock; and the Secretary, Dundalk Harbour Commissioners. with a request that any information bearing on the matter would be furnished to the Council to be laid before the Department.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the monthly statement of the collection of Poor Rate, which showed that a sum of £3,895 4s 7d had been collected to the end of January, leaving a balance outstanding of £13,954 18s 7d.

Letter was read from the L G B requesting a return of the collection to the middle of the month of January, and the Secretary informed the Committee that this had been sent as well as the full monthly return.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RECOUPMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS EXPENDITURE.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 22nd January, No. 520/6, pointing out that an over-payment of recoupment from the

Exchequer Maintenance Grant of the sum of £127 4s 3d had been made to the Council, and that this amount would be finally adjusted on the Auditor's Certificate.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DROGHEDA TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to send a copy of same to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management for their consideration:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

29th January, 1916.

No. 4752: 1916.
Louth County.

Sir,—

Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 25th instant, relative to the question of providing dispensary facilities at Drogheda under the Louth County Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis; and I am to point out that the distribution of the Sanatorium Grant is subject to the consent of the Treasury.

The Board have reason to believe that their Lordships would decline to provide funds for the erection of a second Central Dispensary in County Louth, and in these circumstances they would recommend the County Council to establish a Branch Dispensary at Drogheda, within the limits of costs already suggested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

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UNUSED BALANCE OF TUBERCULOSIS RATE.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman, but no order was made thereon:—

County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

90, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk,
4th February, 1916.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform the Louth County Council that Mr Reddy, Local Government Board Auditor, has instructed them to ascertain if the Council has a balance available from the sums realised from the rate struck for the purposes of the treatment of Tuberculosis, together with the contributions received from the Insurance Committee; and, if so, to further ascertain if such balance should be transferred to the Account of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management?

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

ANNAGASSAN HARBOUR WORKS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture enclosing copy of the following letter sent by them to Mr C King, Annagassan:—

Department of Agriculture, Etc.,
Dublin, 27th January, 1916.

270/16.—F.B.

Sir,—

With reference to the harbour works carried out by the Department at Annagassan, I have to state that the Department understand from their Engineer that you have actually commenced or contemplate deepening or otherwise extending the shallow cut made by the Department through the bank and the basin and the river channel above.

I have to inform you that the Department are unable to approve of such action by yourself or any other unauthorised person.

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

C. King, Esq, Annagassan.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Mr Patrick M'Gee directed the attention of the Committee to the fact that Mr King had been discharging cargoes at Annagassan Pier for some time past for which the Harbour Commissioners were unable to collect dues, and suggested that the Co. Council should request Mr King to voluntarily pay the dues or a substantial portion of them, as his usage of the pier and harbour works was a considerable saving of expense to him, both in cartage and demurrage claims.

Mr Bernard Hamill stated that if the Harbour Commissioners received any dues without the certification of the Board of Trade they might be responsible for any accidents that might occur.

After discussion, it was considered that the Committee could not take any definite action in the matter, and no order was made.

WORKMEN AT JONESBORO' QUARRY.

The following letters were read and referred to the County Surveyor:—

February 3rd, 1916.

Chairman and Gentlemen of the Louth County Council,—

We, the undersigned carters of Jonesboro' quarry, respectfully ask an increase of wages from our present rate, 6s per day, which is not sufficient at present as the cost of feeding is so high. We ask an increase to 8s per day. We hope your honourable Board will give this your best consideration.

Signed—

B. M'GINNITY,
P. M'GINNITY,
M. MURPHY,
DENNIE M'NAMEE.

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We, the undersigned workmen quarrying at Jonesboro', hereby are giving one week's notice from this date for an advance of wages from 16s to 19s per week owing to the high cost of living. Hoping this letter meets your approval.

Yours truly,

Henry Thomson, Thomas Watters, Richard Watters, Pat Jemmenson, Pat Mullen, Joe Mullen, Peter M'Ginnity, James Morgan, Matt Rooney, Peter M'Kenna.

DEFAULTING ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following letter from the County Surveyor was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Dundalk,
7th February, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee, Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I beg to report neglect on the following contracts in Dundalk Rural District. Ten days' notices have been served, and I beg to ask to have the contracts cancelled.

Index No.

118—700 perches Castlecarra to Blakestown cross and the sea at Rathcor—Owen M'Ardle, Benagh, Contractor.

119—596 perches Bellaverty Bridge to Ballug and Ardtullymore—Thomas Rice, jun. Benagh, Contractor.

47—809 perches Mr Taaffe's house in Louth to the County Boundary at Channonrock—James Filgate, Priorstate, Contractor.

THOMAS WALSH, County Surveyor.

After discussion, it was decided that the County Surveyor should give these contractors a further ten days' notice before the Committee will recommend the cancellation of these contracts.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE OF TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE.

The following letter from John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, was read:—

County Surveyor's Office, Dundalk,
February 7th, 1916.

To the Finance Committee, Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

The amount I am allowed to expend on car hire for inspections of works in my district I find to be insufficient for some time past.

The large number of roads worked by direct labour, as indicated by the great number of pay sheets which come before you every fortnight, road rolling the whole year round, together with ordinary inspections and measurements of stone, etc, necessitate very frequent inspections.

During the past quarter alone, my car hire amounted to £16 16s 4d, although I did a very large amount of cycling for which I am not allowed anything.

The average amount at present allowed for car hire is only £8 15s per quarter, and I frequently have to pay large sums out of my own pocket.

I would respectfully suggest that you would kindly increase this amount to £12 10s per quarter, or a total increase of £15 per annum, to enable me to keep up to the increased duties.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS.

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After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, and seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke:—"That we hereby recommend that the allowance for car hire for Mr J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, be increased from £35 to £50 per annum, payable quarterly, the increase to date from the 1st January, 1916."

SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The Chairman stated he wished to refer to the question of the salary of the Secretary of the Council, and requested an expression of opinion whether the matter of an increase should be placed on the agenda for the next meeting of the Committee.

After discussion, it was decided to let the question lie over for three months.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th February, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; B Finnegan, Thomas B M'Court, B L Coleman, J P; James Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P; B Hamill, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; and Patrick M'Gee, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING (APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS) ORDER OF 1915.

The Committee proceeded to consider the above Order, which provides that every Local Authority shall temporarily appoint for service during the prescribed Dipping periods as many additional Inspectors as may be necessary to secure the effective dipping of sheep in their district.

The Order further provides that if the Local Authority fail within a reasonable time to make a sufficient number of such appointments, the Department may under Seal specify what number of appointments or of further appointments are required for the purposes of the Order, and the rates of

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remuneration of the Inspectors to be appointed, and the areas for which they should respectively act, and the Local Authority on receipt of such certificate shall proceed to make the requisite appointments in accordance with the terms thereof.

Circular letter was read from the Department dated 25th January, 1916, No. 261/16, requesting the Committee to report to the Department what arrangements are proposed to be made in compliance with the Order.

A letter was read from the Clare County Council protesting against the issue of the Order, which was considered by them unnecessary.

A long discussion ensued, in which Mr B L Coleman suggested that the owners of private swim baths should be appointed inspectors at their own tanks, but the Committee did not approve of the suggestion. The Committee considered that the tanks worked under the control of the County Council were sufficient to do the work in the county for public dipping. Eventually the following resolution was unanimously passed:—

Proposed by Mr James T M'Gee, J P;
Seconded by Mr Patrick M'Gee, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend the Superintendents of the Council's tanks at Ballymakenny, Ardee, Knockbridge, Aghameen, Carlingford and Omeath be appointed Inspectors in their several districts to supervise the dipping at tanks in private ownership in addition to their work at the councils tanks; that a certain number of days in each week be arranged for work at the Public tanks, and the other days be devoted to the business of inspection. That all the Inspectors be paid two shillings per week extra to their usual wages or fees for inspecting work during the working periods of Summer and Autumn dipping.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

The reconsideration of the application from the Veterinary Inspectors for an increase of salary, which had been adjourned from the Council Meeting of the 29th July, 1915, for six months, was again before the Committee. A letter from Mr J T Clinton. V S, was read withdrawing his application.

After a short discussion, on the motion of Mr J F Murphy, J P, seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, the matter was further adjourned for a period of six months from to-day's meeting.

REPORTS FROM VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following reports were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Mr Clinton's Report.

Sir.

During the month of January an outbreak of Scab occurred in sheep the property of J M'Nally, Carrickmacross, at Dundalk Port. The animals were slaughtered by order of the owner, and the hides disinfected. Restrictions were removed from sheep detained at Heynestown on grazing land the property of P Hanlon, Piedmont.

With reference to your circular regarding Sheep Dipping Order, I am of the opinion that the only efficient method is by the swim bath. So far as I know there are only 4 of those in my district, viz, the one owned by Mr O Keenan at Aghameen, and those owned by your Council at Stonetrough, Annaverna and Carlingford. The last two are of course moveable baths. A few years ago the Department ordered all the sheep in the area between Dundalk and Omeath to be dipped under veterinary supervision in swim baths. This order was carried out thoroughly, with the result that for a couple of

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years afterwards not a single case of Scab was reported in the district. Under the present system there is practically no supervision over the dipping, and in most cases it is only a matter of form. Dipping by means of the swim bath is, I believe, less dangerous to the sheep than that done by the hand bath. In the latter case the sheep have to be turned on their backs and held forcibly down. Only a few hundred can be done in this way by three men in a day, whereas with the swim bath two men can easily do over a thousand a day.

J. T. CLINTON.

Mr. Maxwell's Report.

I beg to report that I visited the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of January. I visited the detained sheep at Artnalivery, the property of John Crawley, on the 8th, 13th, 22nd and 24th, and had them thoroughly dipped. I have not yet removed notice. The necessary forms, etc, have been duly forwarded by me to your Secretary.

WM. MAXWELL.

Mr Donnelly had nothing of any interest to report during the month of January.

SHEEP SCAB NOTICES.

Notices received from the Veterinary Inspectors and the Department of the following cases of sheep scab were read and initialled by the Chairman:—William Hughes, Drogheda; Edward M'Nally, Carrickmacross (from Dundalk Port); John Crawley, Artnalivery, and Patrick Hanlon, Piedmont.

At this stage of the proceedings the Chair was taken by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P.

WORK UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

The Secretary submitted a return of certain work under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the past year, as follows:—Preparation of 21 lists of police sub-districts for owners of sheep in the county; compiling lists of individual sheep owners, 803 for summer period and 800 for autumn period; checking and entering notices of intention to dip—about 1,600 notices for the two periods; checking and entering declarations received, about 1,600 for the two periods; preparation of dipping superintendents' books and checking the accounts; various circulars to owners of arrangements for dipping; preparation of returns to the Department of summer and autumn dippings, the total number of dippings being in the year 1915 (one for summer and two for autumn) in all 116,730 dippings; preparation of recoupment claims to the Department; minutes and correspondence.

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Report from Fane and Wottonstown Drainage District Committee.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of the Louth County Council.
Gentlemen.

Having been appointed by you as a Committee to consider the question of the taking over of the business of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts, we beg to report that we have held a number of meetings and have very carefully gone into all the matters relative to the transfer. We have carefully revised the lists of owners of lands in the original assessments under both districts, and have examined the maps relating thereto. A number of the owners in the original award were found not to exist, and various changes had taken place in the holdings included in the award. We communicated with the Board of Works in connection with this, and the Board sent down an Inspector, who went over the ground in company with some of the Committee, and various changes were noted, and the names amended on the list of present occupiers under both Districts has now been brought up to date and certified by the Board of Works.

The Local Government Board have requested that the consent of the existing Trustees of the Drainage Board should be obtained to the transfer, or failing this, whether they would continue to act as such Trustees. Circulars were sent to each of them, and the following is the result:—

FANE DISTRICT.

Date of election, 31st July, 1900; number elected, 15; number dead, 5; number consenting, 3; number refusing, nil; no answer, 7.

WOTTONSTOWN DISTRICT.

Date of election, 30th June, 1902; number elected, 11; number dead, 4; number consenting, 4; number refusing, 1; no answer, 2.

On this information being sent to the Local Government Board they requested that a further effort should be made to obtain the consent of those existing Trustees who did not reply, and a further application was made to them for their consent or otherwise, but your Committee have been unable to obtain their written consent, although two of them have expressed verbal consent. The Local Government Board have further requested the County Council to confirm their decision to take over the business of the Districts, as the conditions expressed in the resolution of the Council of the 26th day of November, 1914, have now been complied with. We recommend the County Council to pass a further resolution consenting to take over the business of the Districts of both Fane and Wottonstown. We should mention that it is the opinion of the Committee that it will be necessary to obtain a loan, in the first instance, to put the Drainage in an effective condition, as it has been totally neglected for the past 40 years.

Dated this 14th day of February, 1916.

Signed on behalf of the Committee.

PATRICK BYRNE, J.P.
ROBERT CRAIG.
BERNARD MULLEN.

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Scholarship Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st of February, 1916, at 12 o'clock noon.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J T Dolan, M A, and James Connolly, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The Meeting was summoned to consider the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme for the year 1916-17, and, after careful consideration, the following Scheme was unanimously approved of and recommended for adoption by the County Council:—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1916-17.

The Louth County Council offer two Scholarships of £50 a year each, tenable at the Dublin or other College of the National University for the Session October, 1916, to June, 1917, and renewable for the two succeeding years, and for a fourth year if the Student follows a Course in Agriculture, or in Industrial or Commercial Science. The Scholarships will be open for Com-

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petition to male and female Students who fulfil the following requirements:—

(1). Whose parents or guardians are and have been resident in Co. Louth for the past three years.

(2). Who satisfy the County Council that they are unable of their own means to obtain a University Education.

(3). Who have been educated in Ireland.

(4). Who are of good health and character and under 19 years of age.

(5). Who pass in Irish and reach a standard of honours in the aggregate of subjects in the Test Examination which gives proof of ability enough to put a University Education to good use.

The Test Examination will be the Intermediate Examination of 1916, the order of merit being determined by the printed marks obtained by the applicants in Senior Grade Honours as published in the Official Results List—a Pass in Irish being essential.

The Scholarships shall be awarded to the two candidates best qualified in the judgment of the County Council on consideration of merit in this test examination, and of the fulfilment of the other requirements. If either or both of the highest eligible competitors will not accept Scholarships they shall be awarded to those next in merit, if qualified.

One or both Scholarships may be altogether withheld if sufficient merit or need of assistance is not shown.

The Student accepting a Scholarship must pass the Matriculation of the National University (unless the University accept his Intermediate Examination as qualification) in 1916, and attend

regularly the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or, by special permission of the County Council, in any other residence approved by the College authorities.

The College fees shall be paid direct by the County Council to the College authorities and the hostel proprietors, the balance, if any, to be expended on books and other expenses.

The County Council shall obtain from the College authorities an interim report of the progress and general conduct of each student up to the close of the Christmas term, and should the report be unsatisfactory as to attendance at lectures or from any other cause, the County Council may, on consideration of the report, cancel the Scholarship awarded.

In order to retain a Scholarship for the second and third year a Student must pass the College Examination of that year at a standard of merit to be fixed by the Council in consultation with the College authorities, and must also present a satisfactory report from the College as to attendance at lectures and general conduct during the year.

The County Council shall have complete discretion in applying or modifying these rules and in withholding or reducing Scholarships.

Candidates for Scholarships must apply to the Secretary of the County Council before the 15th September, 1916, and the Council shall meet to consider applications and award Scholarships at the end of September, 1916.

The Secretary was directed to write the College authorities for a report on the Louth County Council Students for the information of the County Council.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st February, 1916, at one o'clock p.m

Present:—In the Chair:—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Jas M'Carthy, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; James Wynne, J P; John Morgan, Thomas O'Rourke, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, and Mr J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting of 7th February, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Loans account	...	£15 14 7
Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	137 3 10
Secretary's Office	...	22 4 8
Total		£159 8 6

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Account were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RING NET FISHING.

With reference to the letter from the Department of Agriculture which had been before the last meeting of the Committee, and in which the Department requested particulars of the damage alleged to have been caused to the fishing industry by Ring Net Fishing, the Secretary informed the Committee that, in accordance with instructions, he had sent copies of this letter to Mr M Clinton, of Annagassan; to Mr Bernard Hamilton, Blackrock, and to the Secretary of the Dundalk Harbour Board. He had received replies from the two first-named gentlemen, setting out some of the grievances of the fishermen in regard to Ring Net Fishing.

These letters were read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies to the Fisheries Branch of the Department, and to press upon them the necessity for an inquiry.

RECOUPMENT UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th February, 1916, informing the Council that a sum of £103 5s 6d, being recoupment under above Acts, had been lodged with the Council's Treasurer to the credit of the Council. This sum was in respect of the period from 1st April, 1915, to 30th September, 1915.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

PARLIAMENT AND REGISTRATION ACT.

Circular letter was read from the L.G.B. dated 14th February, 1916, No. 6022/16, enclosing copy of the above Act, which provided that the Parliamentary and Local Government Register of Electors

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should remain in force until Parliament provides for the substitution of any special registers or otherwise directs, and that any claims of any local officer in Ireland discharging the duties in connection with register would be dealt with under instructions issued by the L.G.B.

DEFAULTING CONTRACTORS.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor informing the Committee that the contractors for roads, Index Nos. 118, 119 and 47, who had been reported by him to the last meeting of the Committee had since failed to do any work on their roads, which were in a bad state, and also requesting the cancellation of the contract on Road No. 145—308 perches—which had been neglected for some time past.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby recommend the County Council to cancel the following contracts:—

Index No. 118—700 perches—Castlecarra to Blakestown Cross and the Sea at Rathcor—Owen M'Ardle, Benagh, Contractor.

Index No. 119—596 perches—Bellaverty Bridge to Ballug and Ardtullymore—Thos. Rice, jun, Benagh, Contractor.

Index No. 47—809 perches—Mr Taaffe's house in Louth and the County Boundary at Channonrock—James Filgate, Priorstate, Contractor.

Index No. 145—308 perches of 4th class road between Duffy's Cross and Aghnaskeagh house on the Newry Road—John M'Galey, Feede, Contractor.

STRIKE AT JONESBORO' QUARRY.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor dated the 19th February, stating that the men working at above Quarry had struck work since the 7th February as their demand for wages at the rate of 19s per week had not been acceded to, and stating that he proposed moving the machinery from the Quarry during the ensuing week.

The Committee approved of the action of the County Surveyor in the matter, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS IN LOUTH COUNTY.

The following letter was read:—

Co. Louth Archaeological Society.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Council of the above Society, a request was received from the deputation appointed to wait on the Co. Council with reference to the taking over by that body of some ancient and historic remains in the town of Drogheda, so as to save them from further destruction. The report mentions that the County Council asks the Council of the above Society to furnish them with a list of antiquities not only in Drogheda, but elsewhere in the County. This list is in course of preparation and will be submitted at an early date. Meanwhile, I am directed to ask your Committee to take over at once the Butter Gate in Drogheda, as it is feared unless some control is exercised over this ancient monument, little will be left of it. Some repairs are needed to

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preserve it, but these once done, and in the care of the County Council of Louth, will help to save it.

Kindly lay this letter before the next meeting of your Finance Committee.

Faithfully yours,

S. COMERFORD,
Hon. Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

After discussion, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to take over the control of the Butter Gate in Drogheda and any other ancient monuments in the County, the list of same to be supplied by the County Louth Archaeological Society.

TELEPHONE FOR COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICE.

On the suggestion of the Chairman, and after discussion, it was unanimously recommended that the County Council should have the telephone installed in the Offices of the Council, and the Secretary was directed to have the matter attended to immediately after the meeting of the Council on Thursday, 24th February.

DOMICILIARY TREATMENT UNDER TUBERCULOSIS AGREEMENT.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that the amount of £30 was in accordance with the figures supplied by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management

as part of the agreement with the County Louth Insurance Committee. The Secretary was directed to inform the L.G.B. accordingly:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
16th February, 1916.

No. 8179/1916.
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Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 12th instant, relative to the proposed agreement between the Louth County Council and the County Insurance Committee in regard to the treatment of insured and exempt persons recommended for sanatorium benefit, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inquire upon what basis the proposed allocation of £30 for domiciliary treatment, as specified in the schedule, has been arrived at.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

WITNESS'S EXPENSES AT PETTY SESSIONS.

Letter was read from Constable Friel, R.I.C., Dunleer, stating he had attended at Drogheda Petty Sessions as a necessary witness in the cases of the County Council against Robert Skelly, Banbridge, and Patrick Rooney, Newry, for non-compliance with the Sheep-Dipping Order of 1915, and claiming 2s 8d cycling allowance, and that the R. M. in granting £1 costs in each case, stated that

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the County Council would be good enough to pay the Constable's expenses out of that. The letter further contained a request from the deputy for the D. I. to the Council to remit the 2s 8d due to the Constable.

No order was made, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from Rev. Father Hurson, C.C., Dundalk, informing the Council of application to the Magistrates at Court to be held on the 18th February for committal to an Industrial School of John Finnegan, St. Patrick's Terrace, Dundalk, aged 14 years.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DEATH OF CARETAKER OF COUNTY OFFICES.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Christopher M'Garrity, who had performed the duties of caretaker and cleaner of the County Council Offices, had died on Saturday, 19th February, and that his widow had informed him that she would attend to the Offices until the Council would make a permanent appointment. He further informed the Committee that the Court-keeper, Mr T Murray, had informed him that, if required, he would give the necessary attendance to the Offices until an appointment was made.

After discussion, the Committee decided unanimously to permit Mrs M'Garrity to attend to the Offices until a permanent appointment was made. The Secretary was directed to place on the

agenda for next meeting of the Finance Committee the appointment of a caretaker in room of Christopher M'Garrity, deceased.

FENCE AT TANKARDSROCK.

Letter was read from Mr Hugh O'Hare, Tankardsrock, requesting permission to erect fence at his house at Tankardsrock, and the matter was referred to the County Surveyor, with instructions to report to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

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Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 24th February, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members:—N T Murphy, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; James T M'Gee, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, T V M'Quillan, W T Skeffington, J P; Joseph Dolan, James Wynne, J P; Bernard Finegan, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and Dr J A M'Quillan, T M O, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and—

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on 20th January, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by T V MacQuillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Thursday, 20th January, 1916.
Monday, 24th January, 1916.
Monday, 7th February, 1916.
Monday, 21st February, 1916.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting held on the 14th February, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Co. Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 7th February, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on 21st February, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed,and we hereby approve of the conditions of the Co. Louth Scholarship Scheme for the year 1916-1917, as set out therein.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 24th day of February, 1916, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

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ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 4th January, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th January, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph Dolan, Esq;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 11th January, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 8th February, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 10th January, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 31st January, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th January, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their adjourned meeting held on Monday, 7th February, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with the Advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set by contract at the adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils.

ARDEE DISTRICT.

The following tenders, being the only ones received, were accepted:—

Work No. 268—Peter Liscoe, Richardstown, Dunleer—£24.
Work No. 279—Peter Liscoe, Richardstown, Dunleer—£38 16s.

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DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

No tenders received.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Only one tender was received, which was accepted by the Council:—

Work No. 89—Peter Kerr, Channonrock—£86 14s 0d.

WORKS PLACED IN THE HANDS OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural D. Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meetings, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR TO 31st MARCH, 1917.

The Estimate of Rates for service of the Financial Year to the 31st March, 1917, copies of which had been sent to each member of the County Council, and to the Clerks of the Rural District Councils and Urban District Councils, was next considered.

Letter was read from the Clerk Ardee District Council in which exception was taken to a levy of ½d in the £ for a separate charge in the Ardee Rural District. The amount required was only £4, and as the levy was off the entire district, which

would produce £147, he requested the Council to strike out this levy of ½d from the estimate.

After discussion the Council unanimously agreed to the request.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Finegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the General Estimate of Rates ,and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges (as amended in red ink), as set out on Forms 45 and 46, with the various rates in the £, as set out therein and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 7th February, 1916, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council.

DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Demands on the Urban Councils of Drogheda and Dundalk, the amounts of which are as follows:—

Drogheda—£3,326 0s 0d.
Dundalk—£4,900 3s 6d.

The Demands were then signed by the Chairman.

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FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of report from the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Committee, which appeared on Pages 46 and 47 of the printed minutes, in which it was recommended that, as suggested by the L G B, the County Council should confirm their resolution passed on 26th November, 1914, and definitely decide to take over the management o fboth Drainage Districts.

The following resoution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the resolution passed by the Council at their meeting held on 26th November, 1914, and decide to take over the management of the Fane Drainage District and the Wottonstown Drainage District, as all the conditions in said resolution have now been complied with.

COUNTY LOUTH FORESTRY SCHEME.

The next matter considered by the Council was the letter from the Council's solicitor with reference to the Forestry Scheme for the County of Louth, in which he pointed out that the plantation at Willistown could not be vested in the Council until a Forestry Scheme was approved. Mr O'Connell then addressed the Council on the matter, and explained that the Council had offered the sum of £75 for this plantation to the Land Commission, and the offer had been accepted and the bargain completed. It was necessary, however, that a Forestry Scheme should be drafted and approved before the lands could be vested in the Council, and it was only when this had been done that any grant would be paid by the Department from the Development Fund. After discussion

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Joseph Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That as advised by our solicitor, we hereby direct him to prepare a Forestry Scheme for the County of Louth to enable the vesting of the plantation at Willistown, purchased by the Council to be effected.

PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

The letter from the Westmeath County Council, requesting the Council to consider the question of the taking over of Peamount Sanatorium by the Councils who had purchased beds therein, was the next business on the agenda, but the Council decided not to take any action in the matter, and no order was made.

CO-OPTION ON COUNTY LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the Insurance Commissioners requesting the Council to co-opt a member in room of Mrs E A Duffy, deceased.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Bernard L Coleman a member of the County Louth Insurance Committee vice Mrs E A Duffy, deceased.

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NOMINATION ON ANNAGASSAN PIER COMMISSION.

Letter was read from the Secretary Annagassan Pier Commission informing the Council that Mr John Hoey, local Commissioner, had resigned.

A notice of motion appeared on the agenda from Mr Michael Meade, that he would move that Mr Peter M'Guinness, Annagassan, be nominated to fill the vacancy thus caused.

Accordingly the notice of motion standing in the name of Mr Michael Meade was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously.

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby nominate Mr Peter M'Guinness, of Annagassan, to fill the vacancy on the Annagassan Pier Commission, caused by the resignation of Mr John Hoey.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to have it inserted on the minutes:—

Dundalk, 22nd January, 1916.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

I have received your letter transmitting the very kind resolution of condolence passed by the County Council on the death of my dear wife. I wish you to convey to the members of the Council my sincere thanks for their exceedingly kind expression of sympathy in my bereavement, and I also thank you very much for your own personal kindness.

I am,

Yours very sincerely,

CHARLES A. DUFFY.

Charles M'Alester, Esq, Dundalk.

THANKS FOR CO-OPTION.

Letter was read from Very Rev Canon Lyons thanking the Council for his co-option as a member of the Ardee Pensions Committee.

AGREEMENT WITH INSURANCE COMMITTEE

Letter was read from the L G B dated 21st February, No. 9245-1916, stating that the amount available for domiciliary treatment should be amended from £30 to £203, being the correct allocation of the funds under Clauses 2 and 5 of the agreement. The Secretary was directed to make the necessary alteration.

TRACTION AND MOTOR TRAFFIC.

On the motion of Thomas O'Rourke, Esq,
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P,

The resolution submitted by the Newtownards Rural District Council, directing attention to the great injustice to the ratepayers by the damage to roads by traction engine and motor wagon traffic, and requesting the Government to have the law so amended that the owners of such vehicles will be brought in and included for adequate taxation, was unanimously adopted.

Arising out of this resolution, on the suggestion of Mr. Patrick M'Gee, the Secretary was directed to inquire from the Armagh County Council what bye-laws, if any, they had adopted entitling them to charge special licenses to traction engines using their county roads.

ACCOUNTS AND AUDITORS' REPORTS.

Letters were read from the L G B enclosing audited accounts and auditors' reports from the following:—

Tuberculosis Committee of Management, to 30th September,

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County Committee of Agriculture, to 30th September.
Joint Committee of Technical Instruction, to 30th September.
Drogheda Union, to 30th September.
Dundalk Union, to 30th September.
Dundalk Rural District Council, to 30th September.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Letter was read from the Down County Council stating that at a recent meeting the matter of very heavy claims for compensation for malicious injury amounting to more than £11,000 which were awarded against the County in cases where the property had been duly insured against fire was considered; that their Council had resolved to approach the Members of Parliament for the county with a view to having the law affecting Ireland in this matter amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain, and requesting the other County Councils in Ireland to co-operate with this view.

A discussion took place on this letter, and Mr O'Connell stated that in England where property was insured that no claim for malicious injury could be maintained.

The following resolution was then passed, Mr Joseph Dolan dissenting:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby request the Members of Parliament for the County of Louth to endeavour to have the law relating to malicious injuries in Ireland amended and brought into line with the practice prevailing in Great Britain.

MALICIOUS INJURY DISMISSES.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell reporting that he had received the costs of the dismiss in each case for malicious injury claims brought by Laurence Conlon and Michael M'Kenna and that he had lodged to the credit of the Council the amounts received, viz—£3 12s 6d and £1 12s 0d.

GRANT FOR DROGHEDA DISPENSARY.

Leter was read from the L G B enclosing copy of letter sent by them to the County Louth Insurance Committee, in which they stated that the Treasury had refused sanction of any additional grants for buildings at the present time, and that the amount sanctioned for the Drogheda Tuberculosis Dispensary, namely, £100, could not be increased, and suggesting that two or three rooms might be rented for the Dispensary.

A discussion took place on this matter, and it was ultimately decided that a deputation consisting of the Chairman, Mr N T Murphy, Mr W T Skeffington and the Secretary should wait upon the L G B to press for an increased grant for the erection of the Dispensary at Drogheda.

SHEEP DIPPING (LOCAL REGULATIONS) (IRELAND) ORDER.

Letter was read from the Department enclosing copies of the above Order, and it was decided to refer the same to the Executive Committee for their consideration.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th March, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; T V M'Quillan, N T Murphy, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; Michael Meade, Edward Goodman, Thomas B M'Court, Wm Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	...	£82 16 8
Secretary's Office	...	14 1 10
		£96 18 6
Loans account	...	£17 4 1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

CARETAKER FOR COUNCIL OFFICES.

In accordance with the recommendation made at the last Meeting of the Finance Committee and approved by the Co. Council, the Committee then proceeded to the appointment of a Caretaker for the County Offices in room of Christopher M'Garrity, deceased. The agreement between the late Caretaker and the Council was read, and the duties of the Caretaker noted, which included the cleaning, attendance and lighting of fires in the Council Chamber, Secretary's Offices, Co. Surveyor's Offices, County Committee Office, County Courthouse, etc.

Applications for the position were received from Messrs Timothy Murray and Joseph Mulligan. In Mr Murray's application he stated that in the event of his not being appointed he would be grateful for the use of the garden for drying clothes, etc.

The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that the use of the garden until such time as it would be taken over by the County Surveyor for the Machinery Depot would only be for the Caretaker appointed, but the Committee decided that the garden must be given up immediately it is wanted by the Council.

Mr Patrick M'Gee proposed, and Mr Michael Meade seconded, that Joseph Mulligan be appointed Caretaker of the County Offices in the Courthouse, Dundalk, at a salary of £20 per annum payable quarterly.

There being no other name proposed, the Chairman declared the resolution carried unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to have an agreement prepared between Mulligan and the Council accordingly.

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PAYMENT OF MALICIOUS INJURY DECREES.

The Secretary submitted list of Malicious Injury Decrees on levy for year ending 31st March, 1916, and was instructed to authorise the Council's Treasurer, the Hibernian Bank, Ltd., to pay same.

The list is as follows:—Joseph Woods, £24 19s; George H Pentland, £7 2s; Annie Johnston, £44 17s 6d; Joseph M Johnson, £9 8s 6d; and Joseph Hamill, £9 3s 6d.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Return showing the state of the Rate Collection on 29th February was submitted by the Secretary. The amount of the second moiety of the rate is £17,850 3s 2d, and of this the sum of £6,088 6s 8d had been collected and lodged, leaving a balance of £11,761 16s 6d outstanding.

The Return was initialled by the Chairman.

RECOUPMENT UNDER DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

A claim for recoupment of the sum of £39 18s 7d, being one half of the net expenditure of the Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the quarter ended 31st December, 1915, was submitted by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman.

DEFAULTING LAND PURCHASE ANNUITANTS.

Letter was read from the Irish Land Commission, dated 25th February, 1916, enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants in Co. Louth against whom legal proceedings had been directed for the recovery of the Instalments due under the Acts of 1891-6 and 1903-9, and stating that the non-payment in proper time of the instalments in these cases had involved a

charge upon the Guarantee Fund for the County, and thereby upon the County Rates. The total arrears amount to the sum of £740 19s 9d.

The list was examined by the Committee, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DEDUCTIONS FROM ESTATE DUTY GRANT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 1st March, 1916, No. 5660/1916, informing the Council that they had received copies of certificates of the Irish Land Commission and the National Debt Commissioners showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc., under the Irish Land Acts, and stating that the amount which will be deducted in respect of land purchase liability from the Estate or Death Duty Grant payable in the County in the course of the month is a sum of £9 7s 11d.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
2nd March, 1916.

No. 10808:16.

Louth County.

Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 28th ultimo, relative to the proposed transfer of the business of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts to the County of

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Louth; and I am to state that the Board will cause the necessary Provisional Orders to be drafted in regard thereto.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS—WALSH V. CO. COUNCIL.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

3rd March, 1916.

Ismay Chester Walsh, Appellant.

Louth County Council, Respondents.

Dear Sir,—

I have already reported that in the matter of the claims for £50 and £5 herein for compensation for alleged criminal injury to stock, the County Court Judge dismissed the larger claim and awarded a decree for £2 in the small claim, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Castlebellingham.

The Appeals on the part of the Applicant were heard on yesterday at Dundalk Spring Assizes before Mr Justice Pim, when the sum of £3€ was awarded after reversal of dismiss in the first case, and the decree of £2 in the second case was affirmed. His Lordship gave the Appellant £5 witnesses' expenses to include travelling expenses of herd from Waterford, fees of two veterinary

surgeons, etc. The Council are granted costs against the Appellant in the second case as the decree of the Court below was not increased.

Both sums to be levied off the D. E. D. of Castlebellingham.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

MOTOR AND TRACTION ENGINE TRAFFIC.

As directed by the County Council the Secretary had written to the Secretary Armagh Co. Council enquiring what bye-laws, if any, had been made by his Council empowering them to issue licences to Motor and Traction Engine Owners using their County Roads, and submitted reply received in the matter and copy of the bye-laws. The bye-laws were to the effect that no owner of a locomotive shall use or permit the use of such locomotive on any public road within the County of Armagh unless and until a licence shall have been granted him for the purpose by the County Council. The fee for the licence is £10. As, however, the bye-laws were in respect of locomotives other than agricultural locomotives, it was found difficult to collect the licence, as all owners claimed their machine was used for agricultural purposes, and the Secretary of Armagh Council stated it was difficult to obtain evidence to the contrary.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

AGREEMENT BETWEEN COUNTY COUNCIL AND INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 1st March, 1916, No. 10755/1916, stating that the agreement between the Co. Council

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and the Louth County Insurance Committee in reference to the treatment of insured and exempt persons recommended for Sanatorium Benefit appeared to be now in order, and that the arrangements specified in the schedule are such as the Board can approve.

The agreement was recommended for sealing, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DROGHEDA DISPENSARY.

The following letter from the L G B, in reply to letter of the Secretary informing the Board that a deputation had been appointed by the County Council to wait on them to discuss the question of an increased grant for Drogheda Dispensary, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
29th February, 1916.

No. 10,560:16.

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Sir,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your lettter of the 26th instant, and to state that if the object of the proposed deputation is to press upon the Board the urgent need for the provision of a Branch Tuberculosis Dispensary at Drogheda, the Board do not consider it necessary to trouble the members of the Deputation to attend at this office, as the Board are fully satisfied on this point.

The Board, however, have been informed by the Treasury that, during the continuance of the present war, issues from the Grant

for building purposes will be suspended, and in these circumstances it appears to be useless to submit the application of the Louth County Council to their Lordships.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

QUARRY WORK AT JONESBORO' AND FAUGHART.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

County Surveyor's Office, Dundalk,
4th March, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen of Finance Committee.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

Following my report re Jonesboro' Quarry to your Meeting of 21st ult, I arranged for starting work in Faughart quarry on 28th ult. On that date while out in Faughart I got word that the Jonesboro' quarrymen were ready to return to work. They did so on 29th ult, the following day. I am now endeavouring to keep both quarries working.

On Thursday and Friday, 2nd and 3rd inst, Mr J P J Butler, Road Board Engineer, inspected the works in progress with me and was quite satisfied.

I enclose for sealing agreement in connection with Faughart quarry.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH,

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The Agreement referred to in above letter was that between William M'Alester, of Faughart Upper and the County Council for the usage of the quarry at Faughart for three years for the sum of £50.

It was unanimously agreed to recommend the Co. Council to seal the Agreement.

FENCE AT TANKARDSROCK.

The following report from the County Surveyor in this matter was read:—

County Surveyor's Office, Dundalk,
March 6th, 1916.

Re Mr Hugh O'Hare's Application.

To the Finance Committee Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

Mr Hugh O'Hare, of Tankardsrock, has rebuilt or repaired 80 lineal yards of his dry stone fence, leaving a grass margin 5 feet wide between the fence and the watertable, while keeping on the old foundation.

He now asks for leave to encroach on the grass margin or waste ground where it is 7 to 17 feet wide in continuing the rebuilding of his fence for a further length of 52 lineal yards to the south.

As the road is wide at this place (30 to 40 feet between the fences), I see no objection to his taking in some of the waste ground providing that he ranges the fence in line with the existing fence on the south end. This would still leave a grass margin 9 feet wide between the south end of the fence and the watertable.

In connection with this matter, Wm Kelly, who occupies the labourer's cottage at the south end of Mr O'Hare's field, claims the site of the ruins of the old cottage with the small garden attached thereto, while Mr O'Hare asserts that this place has been surrendered to him.

As Kelly's father-in-law, the late Owen Mathews, held the old cottage and garden as a freehold, the title to the place appears to be in dispute.

In order to avoid any question of trespass, Mr O'Hare should give an undertaking not to extend the new fence so far as to enclose the ruins of the old cottage or the garden.

THOMAS WALSH.

P.S.—To-day, since above report was furnished, Hugh O'Hare called to my office here, and states he has now knocked down the cottage (disputed) and removed the stones thereof. He again asserts that the cottage and garden were surrendered to him by the late Owen Mathews, the surrender being prepared by Mr R Dickie, Solicitor, and completed in Mr Dickie's office.

THOMAS WALSH

After discussion, it was decided that unless a recommendation be got from the Rural District Council no rule be made on the matter.

DROGHEDA RURAL DISTRICT ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 2nd March, 1916, No. 10630/1916, enclosing Auditor's report on the accounts of the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union for half-year ended 30th September, 1915, together with attested abstracts of the accounts.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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EXHIBITION OF DRAWINGS .

Letter was read from the Architectural Association of Ireland, dated 4th March, 1916, stating that the Association was arranging for an exhibition of the drawings submitted in the recent competition for plans for the New County Council Offices of Louth, and requesting that the Council would be good enough to lend the winning designs for inclusion in the exhibition. The Association would be responsible for the safety of the drawings.

It was unanimously agreed that the plans should be lent for the exhibition and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th March, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; T V MacQuillan, N T Murphy, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; Michael Meade, Edward Goodman, Thomas B M'Court, Wm Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Executive Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING (LOCAL REGULATIONS) (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1916.

The Secretary read circular letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 25th February, 1916, No. 142—16 V. B., enclosing copies of the above Order made by the Department in connection with sheep dipping. The Order gives power to the Local Authority to make such regulations as they think fit for requiring that any dipping or double dipping of sheep prescribed in the principal Order shall be carried out under such conditions

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and at such times and places as may be specified in a Notice signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority and served by post or otherwise on the owner or person in charge of the sheep referred to in the Notice.

That this Notice dispenses with the usual Notice of Intention to Dip.

That each copy of the Regulations made must be approved by the Department of Agriculture.

That the power to make the Regulations shall only be exercised by the Local Authority or their Executive Committee.

That any Inspector of the Local Authority may, subject to their direction, enter any premises within their district and examine any sheep thereon, and that such powers of entry and examination shall be in addition to any other like powers vested in the Inspector by the Act of 1894.

That anything done or omitted to be done in contravention of any Regulation made by the Local Authority under this Order, the owner and the person in charge of any sheep in respect of which the same is done or omitted to be done, and the lessee and the occupier of the place in which such sheep are located, shall be deemed guilty of an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894.

The terms of the Order were discussed by the Committee, and attention was directed to the first article in the Order—that the Notice to the owners for dipping appointments should be signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority; and it was pointed out that as the Dipping Superintendents would be the Inspectors under the principal Order, and that the clerical work might be

confusing and troublesome to the working superintendents, the Department suggested that to relieve this difficulty the Clerk to the Local Authority might be appointed an Inspector for the purposes of notification.

After discussion, on the motion of Mr Wm Woods, J P, seconded by Mr B L Coleman, J P, it was unanimously agreed that the Clerk to the Local Authority be appointed an Inspector under the Appointment of Inspectors Order.

No further arrangements were made about the drafting of any other local regulations, and the Committee adjourned.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 20th March, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—William Woods, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on 6th March, 1916, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor—		
Loans Account	...	£72 19 3
Subsidiary Account	...	172 4 5
Secretary's Office	...	67 17 7
Total		£313 1 3

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

GRANTS—SANITARY SALARIES AND MEDICAL AND EDUCATIONAL.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 11th March, transmitting Paying Order for the sum of £50 19s 1d balance in respect of the amounts paid as salaries to the Sanitary Officers of the Rural Districts in the County for the year ended 30th September, 1915.

Further letter from L G B, dated 11th March, was read, transmitting Paying Order for the sum of £447 8s 2d, being the balance in respect of the expenditure incurred for Medical and Educational purposes by the Board of Guardians in Co. Louth for the year ended 30th September, 1915.

The letters were initialled by the Charman.

THE LATE CAPTAIN ROGER BELLINGHAM.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to have the picture hung in the Council Chamber, and to write thanking Sir Henry for his kindness in making the presentation:—

Castlebellingham,
March 13th, 1916.

Dear Mr M'Alester,—

I have a good framed engraving of Captain Roger Bellingham that I should like to present to the Co. Council to remain always in their Board Room, and propose leaving it at the Courthouse (addressed to you) on Wednesday, 15th, the afternoon of which day I shall be in for a meeting of the County Louth Archaeological Society. As Dundalk was the last place in Ireland that my son was in, it seems very fitting that his picture

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should belong to the Council sitting there, and I have great pleasure in presenting it for their acceptance.

Yours truly,

HENRY BELLINGHAM.

TELEPHONE FOR COUNTY OFFICES.

The tender for the installation and hire of the telephone for the offices of the Council was considered by the Committee. The minimum annual rent was as follows:—

Installation rental	...	£4 0 0
500 Exchange calls	...	2 0 0
Minimum annual rental		£6 0 0

For the first year only there will be a war charge of £4 in addition to the £6.

After discussion, it was unanimously decided to recommend the acceptance of the tender, and the Secretary was directed to write the contract Manager of the Telephone Department to forward the necessary agreement for the acceptance of the County Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY DISMISS.

The following letter from Mr O'Connell was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

15th March, 1916.

Killanny Co-operative Farm Implement Society, Ltd, £20.

Malicious Injury Claim v. The Council.

Dear Sir,—

I received to-day from the Solicitor for the Society the sum of £2 2s to cover costs of dismiss of this claim at Dundalk Hilary Quarter Sessions and fee for withdrawal of the appeal lodged by the Society herein.

I enclose Treasurer's receipt for amount as lodged with Bank to-day.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

HEATING OF COUNTY COURTHOUSE.

A Memorial signed by the County Court Judge and all the Dundalk Solicitors was read. The memorial complained that the intense cold of the Courthouse during the last Spring Assizes was intolerable owing to some defect in the heating system, and requesting that same would be remedied before the ensuing March Sessions.

It was decided to refer the consideration of the matter to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee, and the Secretary was directed to place same on the agenda for that Meeting.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, and initialled by the Chairman, notifying that at the Court to be held at Drogheda on 27th March, application would be made to commit Elizabeth Mary, Owen and Thomas Murray, Boyne Place, Drogheda, children under 14 years of age, to an Industrial School.

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RING NET FISHING.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

844/16—F.B.

Department of Agriculture, etc,

Fisheries Branch, Dublin,

15th March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, relative to ring net fishing from motor boats, I have to state that the representations on this subject made by the various public Boards interested, will be duly considered, with a view to a decision as to whether they disclose a prima facie case such as would justify investigation by means of public Inquiries.

In such event, however, the Department must further take into account, in existing circumstances, the considerable public expense involved by such Inquiries, and by the procedure which might follow them, and also the difficulty of securing adequate representation of the various interests involved, in the absence of a large number of fishermen now serving in H. M. Forces.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

Circular letter from the L G B dated 16th March. No. 8751-1916, was read, stating that the County of Louth had been

assessed for the sum of £264 9s 6¾d, being the apportionment on the county for the above found under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, and letter from the Hibernian Bank, Dundalk, was also read stating that this amount had been lodged by them to the credit of the fund in accordance with the Order. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy of same to each of the rate collectors:—

No. 13023/16
Louth County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 15th March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to the return showing the condition, on the 29th ultimo, of the collection of the poor rate for the current half year in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they regret to observe that the collection generally is in a very backward condition.

The Collectors should be warned of the necessity of lodging the full amount of their warrants by the end of the present month.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

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ASSISTANT SURVEYOR'S TRAVELLING EXPENSES.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply that owing to the largely increased number of road contracts taken over by the County Surveyor, the number of inspections on these roads for the superintendence of the surface men was greatly increased:—

No. 10807/16
Louth County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 15th March, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to increase the allowance made to the Assistant Surveyor, Mr John M C Lyons, for travelling expenses from £35 to £50 a year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be furnished with particulars as to the Council's reason for proposing this increase.

By Order of the Board,

S. WATT.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS ACT.

Circular letter was read from the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation directing attention of the Council to the above Act, which was to make certain provisions relating to Pensions, Grants and Allowances made in respect of the present war to officers and men in the naval and military service, and their wives, children and other dependents, and the care of officers and men disabled in consequence of the present war. The Act empowered County Councils to prepare schemes for work of local Committees to be appointed by the County Councils. The circular requested the Louth County Council to prepare a draft scheme for use in County Louth.

After discussion, the Chairman and Secretary were requested to prepare a draft scheme and submit same to the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

PATRICK CLARKE'S NEGLECTED CONTRACT.

The following letter was read, and the Committee unanimously decided to direct the County Surveyor to have the usual ten days' notice served, and if the work is not proceeded with by the contractor to report further and have the contract cancelled:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
20th March, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen, Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report neglect on road, index No. 42, Drogheda (Louth) R. D., 790 perches, Drogheda to Navan, by Townley Hall, between the Cross at the Boyne Obelisk and Mattock Bridge—Contractor, Patrick Clarke of Mell.

The Contractor during the year just passed refused to comply with specification in regard to stone, and refused to accept Killineer limestone, consequently no stone (except a little so-called darning) went out this year. Contractor refuses to put out the best stone within 4 miles of the road during the coming year.

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I recommend that 10 days' notice be served and the contract terminated, so as if possible to provide some stone for next year.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted list of owners of Motor Cars and Motor Cycles, who have not yet paid the motor licence duties for the year 1916, and requested a direction as to the prosecutions against the defaulters. The Secretary was directed to place the list in the hands of the Solicitor to the Council, who was to make application for the payment of the duties, and if same were not paid within one week from the date of the notice, that he should proceed to recover the penalties in each case.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 3rd April, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J F Murphy, J P; B Hamill, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Wm Woods, J P, and B L Coleman, J P, Esquires

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Finance Committee held on the 20th March, 1916, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and after examination, were ordered for payment.

Works in Charge of County Surveyor—Loans' Account	£105 8 6
Subsidiary Account	28 17 8
Secretary's Office	456 18 5
	£591 4 7

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans' Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

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HEATING OF COUNTY COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK.

The following Memorial was read:—

"We, the undersigned, request you to have the existing hot water circulating system in the Record Court, Dundalk, put into working order at once, before the ensuing March Sessions, on the 23rd March inst. The condition of the said Court during last Spring Assizes was intolerable from the intense cold, although the court keeper states that the fire was duly kept lit during the Assizes, and owing to some defect in the system the Crown Court was heated and the Record Court was not heated, and as business cannot be carried on under suchconditions, we must re quest the matter to receive immediate attention.

Dated this 13th day of March, 1916.

Signed—Geo. C Green, County Court Judge; Chas MacMahon, Robert Dickie, R Espinasse, P L Macardle, J H Murphy, D O'Connell, A S Coulter, F P Johnston, S H Moynagh, J. M'Court, M Molony, P J Callan, E G L Ward, and C J M'Gahon, Solicitors.

The County Surveyor informed the committee that as far as he could discover there was no defect in the heating system, as the pipes inboth courts were very highly heated, but that they were not suitable to distribute the heat through the Courts. At the ground level the heat from the pipes was very great, while in other parts of the Court during the recent cold weather there was extreme coldness. He stated that the heating system was very antiquated, and that an up-to-date installation of water heating would probably cost £200. He further informed the Committee that he had obtained an estimate from the manager of the Electric Works for the cost of installing electric radiators to the Courts, which was already wired for electric

lighting, and this would be £45, and the probable cost of the heating by radiators would be about 6d per hour for each court, and that the radiators could be regulated easily according to the temperature necessary.

After discussion it was unanimously recommended, on the motion of Mr B Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr P Woods, J P, that the courts be electrically heated, and directed the County Surveyor to formulate a proposal for the cost of same, for the next meeting of the Proposal Committee.

DEATH OF PENSIONER.

Letter was read from Miss A Davidson, Londonderry, informing the Council that her father, Hugh Davidson, who was a pensioner of the Council, as an ex-jail official, had died on the 14th March; that his pension was £35 per annum, and requesting that the proportion of his quarterly amount would be paid to her without taking out probate of her father's will.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had written to Miss Davidson that no monies could be paid until the probate was taken out, and the Committee approved, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

MR. LYONS' TRAVELLING ALLOWANCE.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 22nd March, No. 13643/16, stating that they approved of the proposal of the Council to increase the annual allowance to Mr Lyons, Assistant County Surveyor from £35 to £50 for vouched travelling expenses, the mileage travelled being certified by the County Surveyor.

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CRIMINAL INJURY CLAIMS.

Letter was read and initialled by the Chairman, from Mr. O'Connell, dated 29th March, 1916, informing the Council that the County Court Judge had awarded Richard Boyle, Ballaverty, the sum of £5 for hay burned, the amount to be levied off the Electoral Division of Rathcor.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a claim for malicious injury to ploughs, the property of Mr Patrick Hoey, Merches, for the sum of £10 had been lodged, and that he had sent the papers to Mr O'Connell as usual.

ROAD BOARD GRANT.

Letter was read and initialled by the Chairman from the Road Board enclosing Grant for the sum of £368 for the interest on Loan for Machinery purchased by the Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had transmitted to the Road Board the certificate of the County Surveyor of the purchase of the plant, and requested payment of the Grant.

RECOUPMENTS AND GRANTS RECEIVED.

Letters were read as follows enclosing cheques for the amounts as undermentioned:—

Department of Agriculture, 22nd March—£39 18s 7d Recoupment under Diseases of Animals Acts.

Local Government Board, 23rd March—£952 18s, Estate Duty Grant, Guardians.

Local Government Board, 23rd March—£862 18s 10d, Estate Duty Grant, Roads.

Local Government Board, 27th March—£6391 15s, Agricultural Grant.

DROGHEDA URBAN ROAD BOARD GRANT.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, dated 28th March, stating that the Road Improvement Scheme for the Urban District of Drogheda was fully completed, and requesting that application might be made for the sum of £410 balance of Grant.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had requested the County Surveyor to inspect and report, and when this was done, the Committee directed the Secretary to apply for payment to the Road Board.

ARMY SEPARATION ALLOWANCES AND RATE-AIDED INSTITUTIONS.

Circular letter was read from the L G B with reference to the admission of recipients of Army Separation Allowances to rate-aided institutions, and the Secretary was directed to send copy thereof to the Louth County Infirmary.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS ACT.

Letter was read from the Royal Patriotic Fund Corporation requesting the Council to obtain an estimate of the widows, children and other dependents of deceased soldiers in different parts of the County, and the Secretary was requested to, if possible, obtain the information required, and furnish same as early as possible to the proper quarter.

The Committee had under consideration the draft scheme under the Naval and Military War Pensions Act as to the constitution of a local Committee for the County of Louth to be appointed by the County Council, and it was suggested that the number of

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members of the Committee should be 36, of whom 6 should be women, 6 representatives of labour, and 6 members of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families' Association or the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society.

The Secretary was directed to submit a draft scheme to the Patriotic Fund Corporation, and if they approved to have the Committee appointed at the next meeting of the County Council.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted the return of the Rate Collection for the half year ended 31st March, by which it appeared that all the Collectors had closed the Collection of the second moiety of poor rate with the exception of Patrick Hughes. This Collector had a balance outstanding amounting to the sum of £340 18s 6d.

The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the return to the L G B and also to the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, the guarantors of the Collectors.

The Secretary was further directed to apply to the L G B for their sanction to the payment of the balance of the poundage fees due those Collectors who had not finished their September collection at the close of that period and were only paid a proportion of their fees, and who had now completed their collection of the second moiety.

GARNISHEE ORDER.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
31st March, 1916.

Denis M'Ardle v. Thomas M'Kevitt, Jun.

Dear Sir,—

Adverting to your letter of 21st January last enclosing

three Paying Orders and requesting that the balance of £24 18s 3d be deducted from total of Paying Orders and the remaining balance only be handed defendant, I have ascertained from both parties and their Solicitors that this arrangement was not contemplated or agreed on. I pointed out to all parties that the Council were not prepared to act otherwise than under the terms of the Order. and that the copy Order served on the Council must be wrong. I returned the copy Order to Mr Downey, Solicitor for Plaintiff, and you will observe he has now amended same.

I obtained defendant's receipt on Paying Orders No. 16, £2 10s 5d; No. 57, £13 5s, and No. 94, £12 18s 9d. I cashed the three Orders, deducted £10 which I handed Plaintiff and send you his receipt herewith, and handed balance of £18 4s 2d to defendant.

I again return all papers sent me other than the Orders for payment.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

HIRE OF STEAM ROLLER.

The County Surveyor submitted an application from the Manager, Castle Hill Quarries, Carlingford, for the hire of the Steam Roller for a few hours to roll in a short piece of road from the Newry road to the Quarries.

The Committee decided unanimously to grant the request on the payment of the amount of hire fixed by the Co. Surveyor.

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JONESBORO' QUARRY.

The following letter and report were read, and after discussion the County Surveyor was directed to obtain any evidence that would lead to a conviction of the parties responsible for the attempt to injure the county property:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Dundalk,
3rd April, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee Meeting,
3rd April, 1916.

Jonesboro' Quarry.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I beg to lay before you a report from the Overseer in charge of Jonesboro' and Faughart quarries, of an attempt to damage the Council's plant in Jonesboro' quarry.

From what I can learn of the matter none of the men employed in the quarry was concerned in the act.

It would be advisable to order a prosecution if evidence can be obtained and the parties identified who were concerned in the attempt, in order to prevent any more such attempts.

Your obedient Servant,
THOMAS WALSH.

14, Chapel Street, Dundalk,
March 30th, 1916.

Dear Sir,—

On visiting Jonesboro' quarry on last Wednesday, March 29th, the foreman told me that the bogie which he derailed and left about 15 feet from the line of rails on the quarry floor the

previous evening, he found the next morning upended on the pithead and quite near the edge. The depth of the pithead on that day was 12 feet.

I am told that two men were seen about 7.30 p m on Tuesday evening, March 28th, shifting some stones quite near to where the crusher is placed, they were probably trying to undermine the stones that are now piled for breaking. There are about 430 tons piled up, and serious damage might be done to the stonebreaker which is close by, if by accident or otherwise the pile of stones fell on to it. I have reported the matter to the police .

Your obedient Servant,
L. V. FEEHAN, Overseer.

To Thomas Walsh, Esq, Co. Surveyor.

WORKMEN AT ROAD ROLLING, ETC.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that several of the men employed by the Council had requested leave of absence for a short time for spring work on their holdings.

After discussion, the Committee unanimously agreed to the request, and the matter was left in the Co. Surveyor's hands.

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Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th April, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; John F. Murphy, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Proposal Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The follwing proposals were considered by the Committee, and each was unanimously approved:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 28—To defray cost of working stone crushers for Road Contractors during the year ending 31st March, 1917, if Contractors agree to hire crushers. Not to exceed £150. (The same or such portion thereof as may be expended to be refunded by Contractors employing crushers).

County-at-Large (ex-Urban) Charge.

No. 29—To instal Electric Heating Radiators in Crown and Record Courts, Dundalk County Court House. Cost not to exceed £50.

County-at-Large Charge.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large payments for the quarter ended 31st March, 1916, which were duly examined, and recommended for payment. Among these payments appeared a sum of £32 10s 11d for Constabulary expenses on the County of Louth, in respect of the half year ended 31st March, 1916. The Secretary read circular letter from the Receiver of Constabulary, Dublin Castle, enclosing the account with a request that same would be laid before the meeting of the Proposal Committee. A discussion took place on this matter, and the Secretary was directed to write to the Receiver and express the view of the Committee that the expenditure for extra Constabulary was considered unnecessary, and as it was presumed that the extra force was drafted into the county in connection with the recent Parliamentary Election that the quietude that prevailed during the election was a proof that the extra force was unnecessary. The account was then passed for payment.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th April, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James T M'Gee, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; J F Murphy, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Mr Clinton's report.

During the month of February a case of suspected scab occurred at Dundalk Port amongst a lot of sheep consigned to England. Wool from the suspected animals was forwarded to the Department, but no parasites were found. The two suspected animals were killed by owner, and the remainder dipped and forwarded to England. No other case of infectious disease occurred in the district.

I beg to report that during the month of March no case of infectious disease occurred in my district. A case of suspected

scab was reported at Dundalk Port, but on examination of the animals scab was not found to exist.

JOSEPH T. CLINTON, V S.

Mr Donnelly's Report.

During March I had to investigate one or two cases of suspected swine fever, but I found the animals in each case were not suffering from the disease. I also made inspections in one or two other cases where contagious disease was supposed to exist. There are no animals in the district at present under restrictions..

A. A. DONNELLY, V S.

The reports were initialled by the Chairman.

No formal report was received from Mr Maxwell, but the Secretary submitted forms sent in by him for cases of sheep scab on the farm of J.Crawley, Artnalivery, Ardee, including the withdrawal of the detention notice.

APPOINTMENT OF INSPECTORS.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture was read and initialled by the Chairman. The Secretary informed the Committee that with respect to his appointment as an inspector for the purpose of notifying officially the fixtures made for the dippings during the dipping periods, it was not his intention to make any claim for any remuneration:—

Department of Agriculture,
Dublin, 3rd April, 1916.

No. 981-16.

Sir,—

I have to acknowledge, with thanks, the receipt of your

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letter of 29th ultimo indicating the point reached as regards the formulation of revised sheep dipping arrangements for your County.

There will be no objection as far as the Department are concerned to the proposed increase of 2s a week in the rate of remuneration of the superintendents of the dipping tanks, and it is presumed that their names and their respective rates of remuneration as so increased will be communicated to the Department in due course for approval. It is also presumed that the Department will be notified in the event of remuneration being attached to the appointment (which it is observed the Executive Committee have recommended) of the Clerk of the Local Authority as an Inspector for the purpose of notifying officially the fixtures made for the dippings during the dipping periods.

It is noted that a special meeting of the Executive Committee will be held on 10th inst. to consider and pass local regulations for the County Louth under the Local Regulations Order of 1916, and the Department will be glad to receive a copy of such regulations in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

THE SHEEP DIPPING (LOCAL REGULATIONS) (IRELAND) ORDER OF 1916.

The consideration of the above Order of the Department of Agriculture came up on special notice on the agenda. The Secretary read the circular letter from the Department and the

general terms of the Order. In Clause 1 of the Order it enacted that the Local Authority may make such regulations as they think fit for the following purpose, that is to say—for requiring that any dipping or double dipping of sheep prescribed in the principal Order shall be carried out under such conditions, and at such time and place as may be specified in a notice signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority and served by post or otherwise on the owner or person in charge of the sheep referred to in the notice.

A discussion took place on this Clause, and Mr M'Gee directed the attention of the Committee to the confusion that would likely arise if this notification were sent to sheep owners for inspections at unsuitable times to them. He held that the proper course to adopt would be for the owner to serve notice of his intention to dip and that the selection of the date of dipping should be left to him, and that the notice should be sent to the Local Inspector and not to the police as provided in the principal Order. This view was held by the Committee, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—"That the selection of the date of the dipping be left to the owner of the sheep to be dipped, and that the notification of the date be sent to the Local Inspector appointed by the County Council under the Sheep Dipping (Appointment of Inspectors) (Ireland) Order of 1915 and not to the police."

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 17th April, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Wm Woods, J P; B Hamill, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor—Loans Account	£120 6 2
Subsidiary Account	86 14 9
Secretary's Office—Subsidiary Account	24 10 5
Total	£231 11 4

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The Committee recommended that a sum of £1,000 be transferred from the General Account to the Subsidiary Account.

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The List of Irrecoverable Arrears of Rates for the half year ended 31st March, 1916, were submitted and recommended for payment.

UNPAID PAYING ORDER.

Letter was read from Patrick M'Elroy, Haynestown, dated 7th April, 1916, stating that a Paying Order for the sum of £13 3s 0d, dated 24th April, 1913, had been issued to him and was mislaid at the time, and only now was found. He enclosed the Paying Order, which was on foot of a road maintenance contract in the Dundalk District, and requested payment of the amount.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Order had been outstanding for over a year, and was cancelled by the Auditor at the end of 1914. After discussion the Secretary was directed to apply to the L G B for sanction for the payment of the amount to the contractor.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department dated 7th April, No. G1348-16, informing the Council that five samples of butter obtained at Dundalk on 6th March, had been submitted for analysis, and proved to be pure. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ACCIDENT AT FAUGHART QUARRY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a man named Michael Boyd, one of the workmen engaged at Faughart Quarry, had met with an accident to the knuckle of the left hand by a cutter which was being struck to cut a steel-jumper.

The Insurance Company were advised of the accident, and they had obtained their doctor's report, which stated that the man would be quite fit to resume work in about a fortnight. The Secretary read letter from the Insurance Company in which they stated that the injured man's average earnings worked out at 14s 8d per week, and that it would be in order for the Co. Council to pay him compensation at the rate of 7s 4d per week from the day of the accident. The Secretary was directed to pay the workman 7s 4d per week, the payments to be made out of the petty cash account.

GARNISHEE ORDER.

Letter was read from Mr H J W Downey, Solicitor, Dublin, dated 12th April, 1916, in the matter of the garnishee order obtained by Denis M'Ardle, of Cunnicar, against Thos M'Kevitt, of Barronstown, a road contractor, stating that he understood a further payment on foot of road contracts had been sanctioned to M'Kevitt, and requesting that in accordance with the terms of the order the balance due M'Ardle, namely, £14 18s 3d might be paid over to him. The Secretary informed the Committee that this matter had been dealt with by the County Solicitor up to the present, and he was directed to hand any paying orders due M'Kevitt to the Solicitor to be dealt with by him under the terms of the order.

SHEEP DIPPING ACCOUNT.

Account was submitted from John Donnelly, Carlingford, for removing sheep tanks, etc, from Carlingford to Omeath during the dipping periods of 1915. The amount of the account—£1, and a further sum of 10s for storing the tank, were recommended for payment.

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LOCAL TAXATION (IRELAND) ACCOUNT.

Schedule was submitted and initialled by the Chairman from the Labourers' Department Local Government Board, showing particulars of amounts remitted to the Commissioners of Public Works in Ireland out of the Exchequer contribution to be applied by them towards the repayments of outstanding Loans under the Labourers Acts on the Rural Districts of Ardee No 1, Drogheda and Dundalk, as follows:—£167 17s 4d, £185 1s 8d, and £245 6s 11d respectively. The Schedule pointed out that the amounts of the half yearly annuities due to the Commissioners by the above-named Rural District Councils in respect of such Loans will be reduced accordingly.

POUNDAGE FEES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

The following letter in reply to an application by the Secretary for sanction to the payment of the balance of poundage fees due three of the collectors in respect of the half-year ended 30th September, 1915, was read:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 13th April, 1916.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge receipt of your letter of the 6th inst, relative to the payment by the Louth Co. Council to Collectors Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and John Woods, of the balance of poundage fees for the half-year ended the 30th September last, and, in reply, I am to refer you to the terms of the Board's letter of the 22nd October last. (No. 56052-1915).

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

Secretary Louth County Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the letter referred to in the above, gave sanction to the payment to the Collectors named of a proportion only of their fees based on the amount lodged by them on or before the 30th September. The Collectors referred to had closed their September collection on 13th October, 1915, and furthermore had closed the collection of the second moiety of their warrants on 31st March, 1916.

The Committee were unanimously of the opinion that under the circumstances the L G B should not withhold sanction to the payment of the balances due the collectors, and the Secretary was directed to write the L G B accordingly.

MR. PATRICK HUGHES' COLLECTION.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Mr Patrick Hughes, who had not closed the collection of the second moiety of poor rate on 31st March, had called on him during last week, and stated that he was prepared to resign his position as collector, if the L G B sanctioned the carrying forward to the new collector's warrant of any recoverable arrears, and that he be allowed to deduct from the amount of his warrant all irrecoverable arrears, and be allowed any poundage fees due him. The Secretary had conveyed these facts to the L G B by letter, and the following reply thereto was read:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 14th April, 1916.

Louth County.
No. 17,914-1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 11th instant relative to Mr Patrick Hughes, Poor Rate Collector in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ire-

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land to state that the question of his resignation, or the payment of any poundage fees, cannot be considered until the Collector or his Sureties first lodge the full amount of his warrant for the year ended the 31st ultimo.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

Secretary,

Louth County Council.

After discussion the Secretary was directed to send copy of this letter to the Collector, and also to his sureties, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company.

CONTRACTOR'S DELAY IN SUPPLYING ORDERS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had received complaint from the County Surveyor of the delay in the supply of fortnightly pay-sheets which were requisitioned early in March. The Secretary stated that these sheets were ordered from the contractor, Messrs M'Dougall and Co, Drogheda, on the 9th March, that he had written or wired complaining of the delay to the contractor on six occasions, and that these sheets were only received after 4 o'clock on 13th inst. He had wired to the contractor on the morning of the 12th instant, and confirmed the wire by letter, that if the sheets were not received on the following morning he would order a supply from Mr Tempest and charge the contractor with any extra cost. As the sheets did not arrive on the morning of the 13th, nor was any reply received from Messrs M'Dougall by that morning's post, he ordered a supply from Mr Tempest. A letter received from Messrs M'Dougall apologising for delay, was read. This letter was received on 17th instant.

The Committee approved of what the Secretary had done in the matter.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 20th April, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter B Moore, J P; M Meade, T B M'Court, P Callan, J P; P Donegan, J P; J Wynne, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; M O'Meara, J P; B Hamill, J P; J F Murphy, J P; T O'Rourke, B L Coleman, J P, and B Finnegan, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; James Dromgoole and J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors; and D. O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting,

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held on the 24th day of February, 1916, a printed copy of which has been sent to each Member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a printed copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 6th March, 1916.
Monday, 20th March, 1916.
Monday, 3rd April, 1916.
Monday, 17th April, 1916.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

When this item on the agenda was reached, the Secretary read the following letter from the Department of Agriculture relative to the resolution passed by the Executive Committee, that the selection of the date of Dipping be left to the Sheep Owners, and that the notification be sent to the Local Inspector and not to the Police:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,

Dublin, 12th April, 1916.

No. 1108—16.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant in regard to the results of consideration, at the

meeting of your Local Authority on 11th instant, of the question of regulations for the County under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916. In reply I have to state that such a regulation as that suggested in your letter would not be within the powers conferred by the Order abovementioned. A notice of intention to dip, given by a sheep owner under the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, must be given to the Police, but it is competent for the Local Authority, if they choose, to arrange that the Police, on receiving it, shall send it on direct to the Dipping Inspector for the district, instead of, in the ordinary course, to the Clerk of the Local Authority.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council, Dundalk.

After discussion, it was decided unanimously to delete from the Minutes the resolution directing the owner to send the notice of intention to dip to the Local Inspector instead of to the Police, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meetings held on the under-

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mentioned dates, a printed copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed,

Monday, 6th March, 1916.
Monday, 10th April, 1916,

save and except the Minute of the resolution passed by the Executive Committee at their Meeting on the 10th April, 1916, directing that the notice of intention to dip be sent to the Local Inspector instead of to the Police.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 10th day of April, 1916, a printed copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

DEATH OF MR EDWARD GOODMAN.

At this stage of the proceedings the Chairman stated he wished to propose a vote of condolence with the relatives of Mr Edward Goodman, who was for many years a member of the Council. He referred in most sympathetic terms to the deceased gentleman's work on the Council, and to the wide circle of his acquaintances and his interest in his native county.

He proposed the following resolution:—

That we learn with regret of the lamented death of Mr Edward Goodman, who was for many years a respected member

of the Council. His great interest in its work, and in everything that concerned the welfare of our county, has merited our respect and approbation. We beg to tender to the members of his family our sincere condolence in their sad bereavement, and, after the urgent Statutory business is disposed of, that we adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr Michael Meade seconded, and spoke in feeling terms of his long and intimate connection with the deceased, and lauded his many good qualities.

The following members of the Council and the Secretary desired to be specially associated with the resolution:—Messrs Patrick Donegan, J P; James Wynne, J P, and Bernard Finnegan.

The resolution was then passed in silence, all members standing as a mark of respect.

DEATH OF MISS RATH.

The following resolution was passed in silence, all members standing:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to our respected member, Mr Denis J Rath, our sincere condolence in the loss sustained by him in the death of his daughter.

ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly

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Meeting, held on the 4th day of April, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £671 15s 3d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 11th day of April, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £550 12s 8d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 10th day of April, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,142 19s 7d.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held on

the 10th day of April, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £4,666 8s 11d.

UNION AND DISTRICT COUNCIL DEMANDS.

The Treasurer's Advice Note for the payment of the following instalments of above was duly signed:—

Ardee Union, £1,162 19s 3d; Ardee No. 1 R D C, £728 15s 0d. Drogheda Union, £1,430 6s 6d; Drogheda R D C, £381 0s 0d. Dundalk Union, £2,910 10s 0d; Dundalk R D C, £1,263 5s 0d.

COLLECTORS' ARREARS SHEETS.

The arrears sheets for the half year ended 31st March, 1916, were inspected and signed by the Chairman.

DATES OF QUARTERLY METINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the Second Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

Ardee No. 1—4th July, 1916.
Drogheda (Louth)—11th July, 1916.
Dundalk—3rd July, 1916.

And that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, the 10th July, 1916.

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MAKING OF RATES FOR YEAR ENDING 31st MARCH, 1917.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That in accordance with the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their Meeting held on the 24th day of February, 1916, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917, as assessed in the rate books, and as set out as follows, viz:—

The Rates in the £ for General Charges are:

Ardee No. 1—Land, 31 pence; Buildings, 47 pence.
Drogheda (Louth)—Land, 34 pence; Buildings, 55 pence.
Dundalk—Land, 44 pence; Buildings, 65 pence;

And, further, that the rates in the £ in respect of Separate Charges, as set out on Form 43, and adopted at the said Meeting of the 24th day of February, 1916, be also made by the Council, and that the Secretary be directed, in accordance with Article 78 of the Public Bodies Order, to publish the Statutory Notice of said Rates for General and Separate Charges having been made.

REVISION OF SALARIES.

At the request of the Chairman, the Council discussed the question of the revision of the salaries of the Secretary and the office staff, and the Secretary was unanimously directed to place on the notice convening the next meeting of the Finance Committee the discussion of the matter.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 1st May, 1916.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, William Woods, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, Bernard Finegan, Bernard Hamill, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thos. Walsh, B E, County Surveyor, was also in attendance.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Finance Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of County Surveyor	...	£220 17 1
Secretary's Office	...	19 19 8
Loans Account (for Road Board Work)	...	103 5 3

REVISION OF SALARIES.

As directed by the County Council, the Committee, as per the agenda, took up the consideration of the revision of the salaries paid to the Secretary and the office staff of the Council.

After discussion, it was decided to consider the Clerks' salaries first. The Chairman informed the Committee that he had

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directed the Secretary to obtain information from some of the neighbouring counties as to the salaries paid to their Secretaries and staff, and the following replies were laid before the Committee:—

COUNTY MONAGHAN—Salary of Secretary and Clerk to Local Authority, and Fees under Franchise and Jurors Acts, annual, £575; Accountant, £160; Clerk, £100; Clerk, £60.

COUNTY TYRONE—Secretary, under all above heads, £725; Accountant, £200; Clerk, £200; Clerk, £110; Clerk, £100.

COUNTY ARMAGH—Secretary (appointed 1915) as above, and as Secretary T C M and O A P Committee, £660; Accountant and as Clerk to Insurance Committee and Clerk to Sub O. A. P. Committee, £335; Clerk, £150; Clerk, £150; Clerk, £80.

COUNTY MEATH—Secretary and Clerk L. A. and Franchise and Jurors Acts Fees (appointed 1916) £452; Accountant, £150; Clerk, £104; Clerk, £78.

COUNTY CAVAN—Secretary and Clerk L. A. and Franchise and Jurors' Acts Fees, £855; Accountant, £150; Clerk, £100; Clerk, 52; Clerk, £52.

The present salaries and the terms of appointment of the office staff of the Louth County Council are as follows:—

Mr Gilmore, Accountant, £85; to raise by annual increments of £5 to £120.

Mr Louden, Clerk, £83; to raise by annual increments of £5 to £120.

Mr Cotter, Clerk, £55; raising by £5 annually to £80.

After a long discussion the following resolution was passed, Mr Michael Meade dissenting:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Wm Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend that the annual increments of the office staff of the Council be increased as follows:—Mr

Gilmore, accountant, £15 per annum, and Messrs Louden and Cotter £10 per annum, to the maximum; the advance to date from the 1st May, 1916.

The consideration of the Secretary's salary was then taken up. The amount of his salary as Secretary of the Council was £200 per annum. As Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts £90, (half of which was recouped by the Department), and for Franchise and Jurors Fees, £35, making the net amount for which the county funds were liable £280.

After discussion the following resolution was passed, Mr. Michael Meade dissenting:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend that the salary of the Secretary of the Council be increased from £200 to £250 per annum, the increase to date from the 1st May, 1916.

CLOTHING FOR PATIENTS AT PEAMOUNT.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy to the Tuberculosis Committee for information on the subject to enable a reply to be sent:—

No. 17,222-16.
Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

20th April, 1916.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Tuberculosis Committee of the Louth County Council on the 5th instant, relative to the supply of certain articles of

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clothing to Robert Carr, an uninsured inmate of Peamount Sanatorium; and I am to inquire whether any arrangement has been made with the Sanatorium Authorities with a view to the retention in the Sanatorium of any articles of clothing that may be supplied to County Louth patients for the use of future patients from the county.

The Tuberculosis Committee will understand that in necessitous cases clothing should be provided by the Sanatorium Authorities, who are accountable for the treatment of patients admitted to the institution,and should therefore defray the cost of anything that may be necessary for such treatment.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

GRANT FOR EXTRAS FOR CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Leter was read from the L G Board, dated the 20th April, 1916, No. 18643, 1916, enclosing paying order for £13 13s 7d in respect of work executed at the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, Dundalk.

The Committee directed that the amount be paid to the Contractor at the next meeting of the County Council.

COUNTY SCHOLAR'S RESIDENCE.

Letter was read from Miss Teevan notifying that she was no longer residing at the Dominican Hall, Stephen's Green, and that her new residence had been chosen by Miss Greene, Dean

of Residence, University College, and stating that if necessary Miss Greene would send the new address and formally approve of same.

The Secretary was directed to write Miss Greene in the matter, and ask the College authorities for their approval, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ACCIDENTS AT JONESBORO' QUARRY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that another slight accident had occurred at Jonesboro' Quarry to Mathew Rooney, a workman engaged at the Crusher, and that he had notified the Insurance Company of the matter.

The Secretary also reported that the other workman, Michael Boyd, was now about to resume work, and that the Insurance Company had been advised accordingly.

The Committee approved of what had been done.

CRIMINAL INJURIES.

Notices of the following criminal injury claims were laid before the Committee. These claims arose out of the disturbances at Castlebellingham, and the commandeering of vehicles:—

Wm Ireland, Dublin—Injuries to Motor Car.
Edwin V. Lowry, Dublin—Loss of Motor Car and Rugs.
Mary M'Gough, Dundalk—Injury to Horse and Car.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the papers in connection therewith had been sent to the County Solicitor as usual.

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ROAD CONTRACTOR'S CLAIM.

Letter was read from James Filgate, Priorstate, stating that the road from Louth to Inniskeen, for which he had been contractor up to the 13th of January, 1916, the contract for which had been since cancelled, was to come up for contract at the Dundalk Rural Council on 1st instant; that he had put out 47 yards of broken gravel for steam-rolling, and that the stones had not been paid for. The contractor stated that unless arrangement was made as to the payment he would return the stones to the owners. On the advice of the County Surveyor the Committee decided not to take any notice of the letter, which was initialled by the Chairman.

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to place on the agenda for the next meeting of the Council, the co-option of Councillor in room of the late Mr Edward Goodman, and also the co-option on the various Committees of which the late gentleman was a member.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTIES.

Letter was read from the Accountant G. P. O., Dublin, enclosing instruction as to the payment of the altered Excise Duty on motor cars for the present year, and how they would be dealt with by the Post Office, which specified that any payments made would be noted as "Licence Deposit." The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First (adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th May, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James T M'Gee, J P; Thos O'Rourke, Bernard L Coleman, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; James Wynne, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called to consider tenders for the undermentioned Work:—

No. 29—To instal Electric Heating Radiators in Crown and Record Courts, Dundalk County Court House, not to exceed £50.

Only one tender was received for the work, namely, that of Messrs Gaskin Bros., Park Street, Dundalk, who proposed to carry out the work in accordance with specification for the sum of £50 (fifty pounds).

This tender was unanimously accepted.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large payments amounting to the sum of £1,281 2s 10d, which were examined and passed unanimously.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th May, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James T M'Gee, J P; Thos O'Rourke, Bernard L Coleman, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; James Wynne, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 1st May, were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor—Loans Account	...	£91 10 10
Subsidiary Account	...	66 11 0
Secretary's Office—Subsidiary Account	..	19 6 3
		£177 8 1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

PRINTING—CROWN AND PEACE OFFICE.

Mr A N Sheridan, Clerk of Crown and Peace, attended before the Committee to make application for an increased amount for the necessary printing under certain heads for the Crown and Peace Office. The amount sanctioned by the Co. Council under these heads was £6, and Mr Sheridan contended that owing to the greatly increased prices for printing and paper the amount was entirely inadequate, and requested that the limit might be extended to £20.

After discussion, on the motion of Mr Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr Thomas O'Rourke, the Committee decided to recommend the Co. Council to increase the amount to the sum of £15.

Mr James T M'Gee dissented from this recommendation, as he considered that a good deal of the expense was unnecessary.

COLLECTOR PATRICK HUGHES.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board requesting to be informed whether the full amount of Collector Hughes' warrant had yet been lodged, and also whether his resignation had been received.

The Chairman explained to the Committee that a sum of £224 11s 6d had been lodged since the end of the half year, leaving the amount outstanding £116 7s 0d. Of this amount lists of irrecoverable arrears amounting to £23 10s 2d had been lodged with the Secretary and checked by him. The Chairman further explained that a representative from the Guarantors, the London and Lancashire Insurance Company, had been down about the matter, and had suggested that a deputation consisting of the Council's representatives, the Insurance Company and the brother of the rate collector, should interview the L G B with a view to a proper adjustment of the collection,

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and to obtain the consent of the L G B to the recoverable arrears being carried forward to the next collection.

A letter was read from the Insurance Company stating that the L G B had consented to receive a deputation from the Council on Tuesday, 16th instant, in connection with the matter. The Secretary informed the Committee that the representative of the Insurance Company had stated that his Company would guarantee the Council against any possible loss should all the arrears not be collected, and would make good any deficiency. He also stated that it was urgent that the matter should be dealt with at once as the new rate books were ready, and would require to be handed to the collectors immediately.

After discussion the Committee unanimously decided that a deputation consisting of the Chairman and the Secretary should proceed to Dublin on Tuesday to meet the L G B and the Insurance Company on the subject. The Committee also approved of the carrying forward of the arrears to the next collection subject to the canction of the L G B.

GRANT OF INTEREST ON MACHINERY LOAN.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Road Board,
35, Cromwell Road,
South Kensington, London, S W,
28th April, 1916.

Sir,

Referring to an application from the County Surveyor dated the 21st January last, I am directed by the Road Board

to send you cheque for £368, being the final payment under Grant No. 3317; also form of receipt, which kindly sign and return.

The duplicate certificate relating to this Grant, which has been initialled here for the purpose of identification is also enclosed.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
W. REES JEFFREYS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

CLOTHING FOR SANATORIUM PATIENTS.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to reply to the L G B according to the terms thereof:—

County Louth Tuberculosis Committee
of Management,
90, Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk,
4th May, 1916.

Dear Sir,—

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to reply to your communication dated the 1st inst, with enclosure copy of letter 17,222-16, dated 20th April, 1916, from the Local Government Board, relative to certain articles of clothing provided for a patient named Carr, at Peamount Sanatorium. I am to state that clothing is provided in necessitous cases by the Authorities of the Institution in which the treatment is given on the recommendation of the Committee, who are guided in their decision by the Resident Medical Su-

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perintendent of the Institution reporting that the articles are necessary for the patient's treatment.

No arrangements have been made with the Sanatorium Authorities to retain any clothing provided for the use of future patients. I am to add that generally where clothing is provided the patient is practically destitute.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th May, 1916.

Dear Sir,—

I enclose Treasurer's receipt for £3 15s 0d, being amount of costs awarded at Dunleer Petty Sessions on the 9th November, 1915, against Nicholas Cooney and nine other defendants (seven shillings and sixpence in each case), now placed to the credit of the Council.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The Secretary informed the Committee that two claims had been filed as follows, and the claims sent to the solicitor:—

Patrick Cooke, Mullavally, for hay burned.
Patrick J Byrne, Dublin, for Motor Cycle. (This claim was lodged late).

He also informed the Committee that notice had been served by Mr Charles D King, Annagassan, withdrawing the claim for bread-cart, etc, and in connection with the claim of Mr E V Lowry, for loss of motor car, the following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

14th May, 1916.

Malicious Injury Claim.

Edwin V. Lowry, Blackrock, Co. Dublin, £300.

Dear Sir,—

I have been making inquiries into this claim, and was informed in Dublin last week that the motor car has been recovered at Navan, but that some of the baggage and contents are missing. Mr Horan, solicitor, who was with Mr Lowry at the time, states that Mr Lowry's claim will now be for a sum not exceeding £60. Of course I may say that I am prepared to argue in court that the claim is not sustainable against the county.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

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NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS ACT.

Circular letter was read from the Statutory Committee, London, who are dealing with this matter, requesting that they might be informed at once whether a draft scheme had been framed and the local committee appointed. A further circular letter was read from the same body requesting to know whether it was desired that the Statutory Committee should make arrangements with existing organisations for carrying on the work temporarily after 1st July.

The Committee decided to recommend the County Council to reply that it would be desirable for the Statutory Committee to make arrangements with existing organisations for carrying on the work under the Act.

PROVISIONAL ORDERS IN PARLIAMENT.

Circular letter was read from the L G B stating that Mr E A Bonnor Maurice, of Parliament Street, London, S W, would have charge of all unopposed bills confirming Provisional Orders made by the Board, and that the Local Authority must, on receiving notice from him, be prepared to employ a Parliamentary Agent to conduct the proceedings on their behalf.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

GARNISHEE ORDER.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
8th May, 1916.

M'Ardle v. M'Kevitt.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 22nd ultimo enclosing three Paying Orders in favour of Thomas M'Kevitt, viz—

£6 10s 5d, £11 8s 9d, and £10 5s, I have to report that I cashed the three Orders after obtaining defendant's receipt to same. I deducted from the total the sum of £14 18s 3d, which I forwarded to Mr H J W Downey, plaintiff's solicitor, and you will find his receipt with file returned. The balance due plaintiff was £9 13s 3d, and the sum of £5 5s costs.

After above deduction in payment out of plaintiff's claim against defendant, I handed M'Kevitt the balance in my hands amounting to £13 5s 11d.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

COUNTY SOLICITOR'S BILL OF COSTS.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell enclosing his Bill of Costs with requisition to tax. The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to seal the requisition, and Mr P L Macardle, solicitor, Dundalk, was appointed to represent the Council at the taxation.

FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th May, No G1928-16, stating that samples of butter taken at Ardee on 7th ultimo for analysis proved to be pure. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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ARDEE BRANCH LINE.

Letter was read from the Great Northern Railway enclosing an account of receipts and expenditure on the Ardee Branch Line for the half year ended 31st December, 1915, as follows:—Receipts, £1,258 10s 6d; Expenditure, £1,506 13s 6d; Deficit, £248 3s 0d. The account was initialled by the Chairman.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 15th May, 1916, at one oclock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James T M'Gee, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, B L Coleman, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; James Wynne, J P, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following report was read:—

Drogheda, 13th May, 1916.

Gentlemen,

During the month of April in this district there has been no outbreak of contagious disease in animals, and no animals are at present under restrictions.

I made inspections in a few cases reported to me personally where contagious disease was supposed to exist, but found the

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animals were not suffering from any of the notifiable diseases.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

The Louth County Council, Executive Committee.

The Secretary was directed to request Messrs Clinton and Maxwell to send in their reports for the month of April.

TENDERS FOR SHEEP DIP.

The following tenders for the supply of dip for the Council's tanks in Ardee and Dundalk districts were accepted:—

Ardee—Mr Patrick M'Gee, at 10s per dozen packets.
Dundalk—Messrs H Backhouse and Co., at 9s per dozen packets.

The only other tender received was from Mr Patrick Ward, Dundalk, for Dundalk District, at 9s 9d per dozen packets.

IDPPING SUPERINTENDENTS OF COUNCIL'S TANKS FOR 1916.

The Committee recommended the following appointments:—

BALLYMAKENNY TANK—Michael M'Quillan, to receive the following fees—1d per sheep and ½d per lamb, for all dippings at the tank.

The following gentlemen to act as local committee—Messrs P. Donegan, J P; P Callan, J P; Joseph Dolan, and D J Rath.

ARDEE—Wm Leonard, at 18s per week during the full dipping periods.

Local Committee—Messrs P M'Gee, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; James M'Donnell, Mullacloe; R Stokes, Ardee; J Halpenny, Ardee, and J C Kieran, J P, Ashville.

KNOCKBRIDGE—Thomas M'Ardle, at 18s per week, during the full dipping periods.

Local Committee—Messrs J F Murphy, J P; M M'Ardle, B L Coleman, J P, and B Hughes.

AGHAMEEN—Owen Keenan, to receive the following fees—1d per sheep and ½d per lamb, for all dippings at the tank.

Local Committee—Messrs J H M'Ardle, J P; J Connolly, J P; P Woods, J P, and B Finegan.

CARLINGFORD—Patrick O'Hagan, to receive the following fees—1d per sheep and ½d per lamb for all sheep dipped at the tank.

Local Committee for Carlingford and Omeath Tanks—Messrs Wm Woods, J P; J P Kearney, P Woods, J P, and Michael O'Meara, J P.

The question of appointing a Superintendent for the Omeath tank was left to the local committee for a recommendation.

The Committee unanimously recommended that all the Superintendents act as Local Inspectors under the Appointment of Inspectors (Ireland) Order for the inspection of dippings at the private tanks of sheep owners at the remuneration of 2s per week for the time covered by the Summer and Autumn dipping periods. The Committee further recommended that the following rates be charged at all the Council's tanks for the dippings:—Large sheep, 1½d each; their lambs, 1d each; small sheep, 1d each; their lambs, 1d each.

It was decided to leave the definition of the areas of inspection of the various inspectors to the local committees.

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LOCAL REGULATIONS.

The following local regulations for the County of Louth under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, were passed unanimously:—

The Department of Agriculture and

Technical Instruction for Ireland.

Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916.

Administrative County of Louth.

In exercise of the powers conferred on them by the above-mentioned Order of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and with a view to a better execution and enforcement of the provisions of the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, the County Council of the Administrative County of Louth, being the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, have, at a Meeting held on the 15th May, 1916, made the following Regulations, viz:—

1.—Any owner or person in charge of sheep who is served by post or otherwise with a Notice in the Form in the Schedule hereto, signed by an Inspector of the Local Authority, shall, in respect of the sheep referred to in such Notice, carry out, or cause to be carried out, the dipping or dippings presscribed by the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915, under the conditions and at the time and place or times and places specified in such Notice.

2.—All dippings taking place under the foregoing Regulation must be made in the presence of a Local Inspector, appointed by the Louth County Council as Local Authority, and

all sheep must be dipped by thorough immersion as provided in the principal Order.

3.—Any Notice of intention to dip served on the Police by a sheep owner, or person in charge of sheep, will be transmitted to the Local Inspector appointed by the County Council for the district where the sheep are located.

It is desirable that sheep owners should arrange with the Local Inspectors the days on which they intend to have the dippings done.

SCHEDULE.

FORM OF NOTICE—SHEEP DIPPING.

Regulations of the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act for the Administrative County of Louth.

To———————— of ————————

Take Notice that the Local Authority, under the Diseases of Animals Act for the Administrative County of Louth, require the sheep to the number of ——, or thereabouts, in your possession or under your charge at ————, to be dipped during the Summer (Autumn) Dipping Period (as defined by the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order of 1915) under the following conditions and at the following time(s and place(s), viz:—

Conditions ————————————————

Time(s) ————————————————

Place(s) ————————————————

(Signed), ————————————————

Inspector of the Local Authority.

NOTE—Where sheep are required by a Notice under the above Regulation to be dipped at a specified time and place,

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the owner or person in charge need not notify the Police of his intention to dip.

Failure to comply with the terms of a Notice served under the above Regulation is an offence against the Diseases of Animals Act, entailing liability to severe penalty on prosecution.

SHEEP DIPPING ORDER (IRELAND) FORMS.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Mr James T M'Gee, J P;
Seconded by Mr Bernard L Coleman, J P,

and passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to forward same to the Department:—

That owners or persons in charge of sheep being exposed for sale, whose names have been previously returned to this Council by the Council's Inspector as having dipped their sheep within the prescribed time, and in the proper way, be no longer obliged to accompany same with any further forms.

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Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 25th day of May, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members:—Bernard Hamill, J P; Patrick M'Gee, J P; N T Murphy, Peter Woods, J P; Thomas B M'Court, James Wynne, J P; J P Kearney, Bernard Finnegan, B L Coleman, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; Ml. Meade, Thos O'Rourke, John Morgan, and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and V Warren, Clerk T C M, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on 20th April, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq:

That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 1st May, 1916.

Monday, 15th May, 1916.

To this resolution N. T. Murphy, Esq, proposed as an amendment, which was seconded by J T M'Gee, Esq, J P, that the Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on the 1st May with reference to the Salaries of the Council's Office Staff, be amended to read £10 for all the clerks instead of the increase recommended in the minutes, which was £15 to the accountant, Mr Gilmore, and £10 each to Messrs Louden and Cotter.

After discussion, the Chairman took a vote of the Council on the amendment, with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs Jas T M'Gee, Patrick M'Gee, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, John Morgan and Peter Woods—6.

Against the Amendment—Messrs B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P Kearney, T B M'Court, Thomas O'Rourke, James Wynne and B L Coleman—7.

Mr Michael Meade did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost.

The Secretary answered queries of Mr N T Murphy with reference to the fees paid him for the Motor Licence Duty collection. He informed the Council that, as the L G B and Road Board had notified, the Grants made to County Councils out of the Road Board Fund would be based on the amounts collected in the various counties; that he had increased the activity in the collection of these duties, and that this factor had operated in the amount of the Grant made to the Council for Road Improvement; that the Council received 5 per cent on the collection in the county, and the County Council had paid over this amount to him and to his predecessor in the latter's time. He further stated that the amount collected as revenue to the County Council for Motor Registration and Driving Licences had been increased from the sum of £61 in 1912 to the sum of £203 in 1915, and that he did not receive anything whatever on this collection.

The original resolution confirming the Finance Minutes was then put by the Chairman and passed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Propsal Committee at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 15th May, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Joseph P Kearney, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 15th May, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

At this stage of the proceedings the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to send copy to the Department:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That as all Sheep in the County must be dipped in the presence of a local Inspector appointed by the County Council, we ask the Department to forego that part of their regulations compelling sheep owners to dip their sheep twice within a certain time during the Autumn period, as sheep owners find this regulation very injurious to heavy breeding ewes.

DEATH OF MR. LAURENCE M'KEON.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That we learn with great regret of the death of Mr Laurence M'Keon, who has been an honoured member of the Council for the past fourteen years. His unflinching advocacy of all National claims, which during the Land War

caused him a long term of imprisonment, and his interest in everything affecting the welfare of our County, has won our respect and admiration. Although he had reached the patriarchal age of 95 years, his mental and physical vigour were maintained to the very end, and he was looked upon with affection as the Father of the County Council. We deeply deplore his loss, and beg to tender to his family our sincere sympathy, and, after the urgent business on the Agenda is disposed of, that we adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

Mr M Meade desired to be specially associated with the resolution, which was passed in silence, all members standing.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 25th May, 1916, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 4th April, 1916, and set out on

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Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting, held on Tuesday, 25th April, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 11th April, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and that Tenders received for Works numbered 127, 130, 131 and 133 are hereby accepted and approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the Contracts for same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 10th April, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting, held on 1st May, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th April, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 15th May, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council proceeded to consider Tenders for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE.

Work No. 286—Only one Tender was received, and was accepted—Thomas Molloy, Pollbrock, at £30.

DROGHEDA.

Four Tenders for Works in this District, which had been sent in to the Adjourned Meeting of the Drogheda Rural District Council, were not considered by that Council as a quorum was not present at its meeting, nor at the adjournment

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thereof. The Tenders had accordingly been forwarded to the County Council.

On the motion of N T Murphy, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick M'Gee, Esq, J P,

It was unanimously agreed that these Tenders should now be dealt with by the County Council.

The following Tenders were accepted:—

		£	s	d
No. 130—Patrick Ussher, Balgatherin,	at	42	0	0
No. 131—Patrick Fitzpatrick, Carricknashana	at	24	9	0

Tenders were received for Works Nos. 127 and 133, but as the Contractor and his Sureties did not attend, it was decided to place the Works in the hands of the County Surveyor.

DUNDALK.

The following Tenders, being the lowest, were accepted:—

		£	s	d
No. 150—James Boden, Upper Merches	at	25	14	8
No. 154—Patrick Mathews, Jun, Hoarstown	at	8	18	6
No. 155—Patrick M'Cann, Feede	at	8	19	8
No. 156—Peter Begley, Sheelagh	at	10	0	0

WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph P Kearney, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That all Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

PATRICK HUGHES' RATE COLLECTION.

REPORT OF DEPUTATION TO LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.

The following report was read:—

The deputation appointed by the Finance Committee to wait on the Local Government Board with reference to the state of Mr Patrick Hughes' rate collection, beg to report that, accompanied by the Rate Collector's brother, Mr Peter Hughes, and the representative of the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, the Sureties of the Collector, were received by the Local Government Board on Tuesday, the 16th instant. The facts were laid before the Board as follows:—

The amount now outstanding is £116 7s 0d. The irrecoverable arrears amount to approximately £30, and the amount of poundage fees due to Hughes on the present and former collections is £70. The examination of Mr Hughes' collection books shows that there is still due by various ratepayers a sum approximating to £90, which, with the irrecoverable arrears, about amount to the balance outstanding.

The Local Government Board refused to sanction the carrying forward to the next collection of the irrecoverable arrears, and stated the Sureties must be called upon to lodge the amount outstanding; also that any arrears of poundages due the collector and the irrecoverable arrears of rates would be paid direct to the Sureties, according to the terms of the Bond. The Board further directed that the Collector be formally suspended by the Council, and when this was done the Board were to be advised, when the matter would be immediately acted on. Mr Peter Hughes has promised his assistance in the

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matter of the lists of irrecoverable arrears and anything else to facilitate the County Council and the Sureties.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby suspend Mr Patrick Hughes from his position at Rate Collector for collection district No. 5, Rural District of Dundalk, and that we call upon his Sureties, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, to lodge to the credit of the Council the outstanding balance due on foot of his Warrant for the half-year ended 31st March, 1916.

FORESTRY SCHEME FOR WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell submitting draft of above scheme, and requesting its approval by the Council. Letter was also read from the Department of Agriculture stating that they had approved of the draft scheme submitted by the Solicitor, and that when this was approved by the County Council, their sanction to the appointment of Hugh Ginnety as caretaker of the Willistown Plantation would be expressed.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq,
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby adopt the draft scheme now submitted by our Solicitor and approved by the Department of Agriculture under Sections 4 and 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, as amended by Section 18 of the Irish Land Act, 1909,

for the user of the parcel of land at Willistown, which has been acquired by the Council for Forestry purposes.

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR VICE MR. E. GOODMAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr Laurence Goodman, of Park Street, Dundalk, a member of the County Council for the Electoral Division of Dundalk Urban, vice Mr Edward Goodman, deceased.

CO-OPTION ON COMMITTEES VICE MR. E. GOODMAN, DECEASED.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Laurence Goodman, of Park St., Dundalk, a member of the following Committees, viz:—Joint Committee Louth County Infirmary, County Louth Insurance Committee, County Committee of Agriculture, Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

The reading of the Correspondence was referred to the next ordinary meeting of the County Council, and the meeting adjourned.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th May, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J F Murphy, J P; Michael Meade, James Wynne, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Committee held on 15th May were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and, on examination, payment was ordered:—

	£	s	d
Loans Account—Works in charge of Co Surveyor	111	5	0
Subsidiary Account— Do do	88	11	5
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	335	6	0
	£535	2	5

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

ARREARS LISTS.

Letter was read from the L. G. B. dated 23rd May, 1916,

No. 22,381/1916, returning the Lists of Irrecoverable Arrears for half-year ended 31st March, 1916, and approving of the payment to the Collectors of the amounts set out on the lists, except as regards some items of rates for land on several of the lists, and an item on Collector Kelly's sheets for rates assessed against the Drogheda Corporation in respect of a quarry. The letter stated that these items could not be regarded as irrecoverable, and the collectors should be instructed accordingly.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman, and payment of the amounts approved was ordered.

ACCIDENTS AT QUARRIES.

Letters were read from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation, Ltd, dated 13th May and 25th May, enclosing cheques value £1 9s 4d and £1 4s 4d, in settlement of claims for compensation in respect of injuries sustained by Michael Boyd and Mathew Rooney respectively. The injuries were the results of accidents at the Council's quarries, and the compensation was based on the average weekly earnings of the workers claiming. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.

Circular letter was read from the L. G. B. instructing the Secretary to advise all owners of public clocks to have same altered in accordance with the terms of the above Bill. The Secretary stated he had done so, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following letter from the L. G. B. with reference to

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poundage fees due Collectors Cluskey, Woods and Peter M'Donnell, in respect of the collection of poor rate for half-year ended 30th September, 1915, was read:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
18th May, 1916.

No. 19334/16.
Louth County.

Sir.

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before htem your letter of the 18th ultimo, applying for permission to pay to Messrs Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and John Woods, Poor Rate Collectors in County Louth, the balance of the poundage fees withheld from them in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last.

The Board consider that these Collectors by their failure to fulfil the guarantees which were given by them a short time ago, have forfeited any title to special consideration.

At the same time, if these Collectors are now willing to make amends, by showing good progress with their collections during the current half-year and by closing punctually, the Board would be prepared to reconsider the County Council's application at a later date. The Collectors must, however, clearly understand that in determining the extent to which the balance of the poundage will be refunded to them, strict regard will be paid to the manner in which they individually carry out their duties.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient servant,
A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

RATES DUE FROM NEWCOMEN ESTATE.

The following letter from Collector M'Cullough was read, and the Committee recommended that the amount due be refunded to the Collector subject to the approval of the L.G.B.:

Beltichburne, Drogheda.
26th May, 1916.

The Chairman, Finance Committee.

Dear Sir.

I beg to remind you of an application I made to your Committee in May, 1913, in reference to land on the Newcomen Estate, Clogherhead. There were four years' rates due at the time I made the application, and you referred the matter to your Solicitor, Mr O'Connell. He proceeded against the Executors of the late Fr. Clarke. When the case came before the County Court Judge, Mr Mackay, for the Executors, stated the matter was in Chancery, and the Judge ruled it out. Now I understand that all the money is spent in law costs. There were two farms sold which realised fourteen hundred pounds (£1,400). During the four years the land was derelict, and of course at the end of each half year I had to lodge the money as it was part of my warrant.

I think in all fairness I should be recouped this money, as I did all I could in the matter.

Faithfully yours,
P. M'CULLOUGH.

P.S.—The amount due on one holding is £9 19s 1d, and the other £3 13s 2d.—P.M'C.

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DIVISION OF LANDS.

Letter was read from the Estates Commissioners dated 24th May, 1916, No. E6760/16, enclosing list of lands which it is anticipated will be divided by the Commissioners and allotted to tenant purchasers under the Land Purchase Acts within the ensuing twelve months, and suggesting that the Secretary of the Council should include these lands in the lists of lands requiring revision of valuation which he will forward to the Valuation Office by the 27th June, in order that if the lands are divided this year consequential amendments may be made in the rate books for the ensuing year.

The Secretary was directed accordingly, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Letter was read from the Secretary Co Louth Archaeological Society stating that at a meeting of that body letters were read from the Louth Rural District Council and the Corporation of Drogheda, consenting to the taking over by the Louth County Council of the Ancient Monuments in Drogheda known as the "Butter Gate," "The Old Abbey," and "Clogh Patrick," and requesting that the County Council would now exercise the necessary authority over these antiquities. The Secretary informed the Committee that the consent of the Louth Rural District Council and the Corporation of Drogheda should be in the hands of the Council before any steps were taken, and he was directed to the Clerks of the bodies mentioned for the formal consent of their Councils in the matter.

SIR CHARLES CAMERON'S REPORT.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

City Laboratory, Chatham Row,
Dublin, 17th May, 1916.

Sir Charles Cameron's Report for Quarter ended 31st March, 1916.

Seven articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C. as follows:—Butter, 3 samples; milk, 2; whiskey, 1; sugar, 1; total, 7. They were pure. One specimen of water analysed for the Drogheda Rural District Council had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—total solid matter, 21.000, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.012; saline ammonia, 0.0075; nitric acid, 2.870; chlorine, 3.490. Colour light yellow. A good water.

There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, which were taken up in County Louth, and were pure.

No poison could be found in the two specimens of feeding stuff received for analysis from Mr T J Gallagher, Official Sampler, County Committee of Agriculture, Dundalk.

One specimen of water analysed for W J Carroll, Esq, Dundalk, had the following composition:—One imperial gallon contained in grains—total solid matter, 39.900, including albuminoid ammonia, 0.006; saline ammonia, 0.001; nitric acid, 2.120; chlorine, 3.780. Colour almost colourless. A good water.

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Two specimens of margarine analysed for the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum were pure.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and miscroscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given. Total analyses, 18.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Letter was read from the L. G. B., No. 16717/1916, enclosing copies of the Provisional Orders made by them transferring to the Louth County Council the business of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts, and stating that copies of the Order had been forwarded to the Irish Office, London, with a view to their being submitted to Parliament for confirmation. The letter further stated that the Council should now put themselves in communication with the Board's Parliamentary agent, Mr Edward A Bonnor-Maurice, 46 Parliament Street, London, S W, who will take charge of the Confirming Bill when introduced into Parliament. The letter suggested that a copy of the Wottonstown Order should be sent to Mr J R Garstin, of Braganstown, who disapproved of the proposed transfer, informing him that the Order will now go before Parliament for confirmation.

The Chairman said that when the taking over of these districts was decided upon by the Council it was believed that the Provisional Orders were all that would be necessary, but that if the Orders had to be confirmed by Parliament it would be desirable that the Council should know who would be responsible for the costs. If the Council were liable, the amount would have to be levied on the owners of lands

benefitted by the drainage systems, and it would be well that they should know this before any further action was taken. The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to inquire from the L. G. B. whether the Council would be liable for any of the costs incurred by the passage of the Bill through Parliament.

CLOTHING FOR SANATORIUM PATIENTS.

The following letter was read, and referred to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

23rd May, 1916.

No. 23922/1916.
Louth County.

Sir.

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 18th instant, in regard to the supply of articles of clothing to an uninsured patient in Peamount Sanatorium, and they desire to state that, apart from any question of legality, the provision of outfits to individual patients appears to the Board undesirable, as it would tend to become the usual practice, and would thus diminish the funds available for institutional treatment.

The difficulty, however, might be met by an arrangement with the Hospital Authorities that a sufficient number of sets of the main items included in the Outfit List might be kept in the Hospital for the use of patients sent by the Louth County Council who may require them. It would be preferable that the Outfits should be provided by the Hospital Authorities in consideration of a small addition to the maintenance charges, but if this course is not found practicable, the Tuberculosis

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Committee could supply the Outfits on the understanding that they will be retained in the Hospital on the patient's discharge.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

BRANCH TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARIES.

The following letter was read, and the arrangements noted therein were recommended for approval by the County Council:—

County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Managament,

Dundalk, 19th May, 1916.

Dear Sir.

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform the Louth County Council that they have acquired, with the sanction of the Local Government Board, the undermentioned premises for the purposes of Branch Tuberculosis Dispensaries—

(1) Rose Cottage, Omeath, from Mrs Alice Connolly, Omeath, for £8 per year with rates and taxes and £5 per year for caretaking.

(2) Two rooms in the North Quay Dispensary, Drogheda, from the Drgheda Board of Guardians for one year at £10. It is also proposed to retain the services of the existing caretaker, Miss Callaghan, to perform the extra duties in connection with the Drogheda premises at the remuneration of 3s per week.

Yours faithfully,

VAL. WARREN, Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

HIRE OF ROLLER.

Letter was read from Mr E Moore, Currabeg, requesting that one of the Council's Road Rollers should be hired to him for some rolling he required done. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that at present he could not spare a roller for private work, and the Secretary was directed to write Mr Moore accordingly, and that if the roller would be available later on the County Surveyor would arrange, if possible, to hire same to him.

BUILDING SITE IN COLLON.

The following letter was read, and referred to the local County Councillors and the County Surveyor for information and report:——

Ancient Order of Hibernians,

Collon, 23rd May, 1916.

Sir.

I am directed by above body to write to Louth County Council, asking permission to build a Hall on site known as

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the Market Square, Collon. If permission is granted, will you kindly write stating terms, etc, and oblige,

Yours respectfully,

P. J. HALPIN.

WAGES DUE LATE CARETAKER.

Letter was read from Mr P J Kerley, solicitor for Mrs. M'Garrity, widow of the late caretaker of the County Council Offices, requesting that Paying Order for the amount due her husband might be paid to her without production of letters of administration.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the sum due was £2 13s 9d, and he had been awaiting the letters of administration before paying over the amount to Mrs M'Garrity.

The Committee decided to recommend payment of the amount without production of administration papers to Mrs M'Garrity if security, to indemnify the Council, is given.

UNIVERSITY SCHOLAR'S RESIDENCE.

Letter was read and initialled from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, statig that the house, 20 Lower Leeson Street, in which Miss E M Teevan has taken up residence, is approved by the College authorities. The letter also stated that all the fees due by Miss Teevan to the College had been paid.

ALL-IRELAND MUNITIONS AND GOVERNMENT SUPPLY COMMITTEE.

Letter was read from the Dublin Industrial Development Association on behalf of the above Committee, requesting full details of each of the Industries carried on in the County, with

a view to submitting same to the various Government Departments purchasing Munitions and other supplies, and securing as large a share as possible of this business for Irish manufacturers.

The Secretary was directed to obtain, and send on to the Association, the required information.

TUBERCULOSIS MEDICAL OFFICER'S APPOINTMENT.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies of same to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management and to Dr M'Quillan:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

27th May, 1916.

No. 14,710/1913.
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Sir.

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have now approved of the appointment of Dr J A M'Quillan as Tuberculosis Officer of County Louth, on the following conditions:—

(1) That he shall devote his whole time to the discharge of his duties.

(2) That he shall be precluded from accepting fees or reward of any kind for his services other than his official salary.

(3) That he shall discharge such duties as may be prescribed from time to time by the Local Government Board, and shall carry out such duties as the Tuberculosis Committee or the County Council may direct with the approval of the Board.

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(4) That he shall reside within easy reach of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

APPLICATION FROM FAUGHART QUARRY MEN.

The folowing memorial was read:—

May 27th, 1916.

Sir,

We, the undersigned workmen, employed in the Louth County Council's quarry at Faughart, wish you to please lay before the Council at their next meeting this application, respectfully asking them to grant us an increase of 4s additional, so as to bring our wage up to a standard of £1 per week. Our present weekly wage is 16s, and as you, gentlemen, are fully aware, the price of food stuffs has gone up by 40 per cent or over, and when calculated on this basis our present wage does not, in purchasing value, exceed 10s per week. Our work also is both heavy and severe, as is naturally always the case in quarry work, and the upkeep of wear and tear to our boots, caused by constant moving on stones, is a very big item of outlay. Besides there is hardly a week in which we do not lose time owing to bad weather, and when this happens it leaves our wages still less.

We hope, gentlemen, you will give our application favourable consideration, and that your decision will be such as to cause contentment amongst a not overpaid staff of workmen.

We beg to Remain,

Your obedient Servants,

John Halpin, Michael M'Cann, Patrick Jameson, Jas. M'Ardle, Richard O'Hare, Joseph Halpin, Stephen Fearon, Hugh M'Namee, James Sandes.

To the Secretary Louth County Council.

After discussion the Committee unanimously decided that the application for an increase could not be acceded to.

QUARRY AT TULLYALLEN.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor that owing to the difficulty of procuring suitable stone for road maintenance in the vicinity of Drogheda, it would be desirable to have a quarry opened on the lands of Mr Roche, of Drybridge, where he believed a good quarry was obtainable. The owner of the land had given the necessary permission, but it would be also necessary to procure a pass to the quarry over a narrow strip of land in the ownership of Mr Balfour, Townley Hall, Drogheda, and suggested that the Committee should approach the latter gentleman for his consent to the pass required. The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to write Mr Balfour for his permission for the making of the pass required.

WITHDRAWAL OF MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

Letter was read from the Council's Solicitor acknowledging receipt of notice of Withdrawal of Claims for Malicious Injury

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in the case of Mary M'Geough, Park Street, Dundalk, against the Council for loss of horse and car, rugs, etc, during the recent trouble. The property has been found and returned to owner.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

COLLECTOR HUGHES' ARREARS LISTS.

The Secretary submitted lists of irrecoverable arrears of rate in Mr Patrick Hughes' collecting district, and on examination same were approved, and the Secretary was directed to have them declared, and submitted to the Local Government Board.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 29th May, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J F Murphy, J P; Michael Meade, James Wynne, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Peter Woods, J P; and Bernard Finnegan, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

MEETINGS OF LOCAL COMMITTEES OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL'S TANKS.

The following report was submitted and approved:—

The following Local Committees met at the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, the 22nd May, 1916.

In the Chair at all Committees: C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

ARDEE.

Present:—J T M'Gee, J P, and James M'Donnell, Esquires.

The question of the water supply for the tank was discussed, and the Secretary was directed to invite quotations per load as

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required, from Laurence Callan and Joseph Breen, both of Ardee. It was also decided that a poster be prepared setting out the dipping regulations and that same be posted at all the tanks.

The area of inspection by the local Inspector, Wm Leonard, was fixed as follows:—The Electoral Divisions of Ardee Rural, Ardee Urban, Clonkeen, Mansfieldstown, Tallanstown, Castlebellingham, Collon, Dromin and Drumcar.

DROGHEDA.

There was no attendance of any member of the Local Committee, consequently no business was transacted.

KNOCKBRIDGE.

The following gentlemen were present:—B L Coleman, J P; M M'Ardle, and B Hughes, Esquires.

The area of inspection by the Local Inspector, Thomas M'Ardle, was fixed as follows:—Electoral Divisions of Dundalk Rural, Faughart, Castletown, Darver, Dromiskin, Haggardstown, Barronstown, Castlering, Killanny, Louth and Upper Creggan.

AGHAMEEN.

All the members of this Committee attended—J H M'Ardle, J P; James Connolly, J P; B Finnegan, and P Woods, J P, Esquires.

A discussion took place as to the suitability of the site for this tank, which had for some time been fixed at Aghameen, Mr J H M'Ardle contended that there should be two tanks for

the area, and moved that if a second tank could be procured that it should be hired and used at Ravensdale and one other suitable site for the dipping periods. This was seconded by Mr Connolly, and the proposition was carried, Mr Peter Woods dissenting. The Secretary was directed to write Messrs Coopers and arrange for the hire of an additional bath, and Mr J H M'Ardle agreed to try and arrange for a suitable site.

The area of inspection of the Local Inspector, Owen Keenan, was fixed as follows:—Electoral Divisions of Ballymascanlon, Jenkinstown, Ravensdale, and Rathcor.

CARLINGFORD.

The only member of the Committee in attendance was Wm Woods, Esq, J P.

Mr Wm Woods stated that the Superintendent who did the work last year was not available, and he agreed to try and get a suitable man to act for Carlingford and Omeath.

The following area was fixed provisionally:—Carlingford—E. Divisions of Carlingford and Greenore, and if a site at Piedmont was not procured, Rathcor was to be included.

Omeath—The E. D. of Drummullagh.

The Secretary submitted letter from Messrs Cooper offering a second-hand Tank, for which they would charge hire at the same rate as the other Tanks hired by them, namely, 5s per year.

The Committee unanimously accepted the offer, and the Secretary was directed to ask to have the Tank sent on at once.

It was also arranged that this Tank be used at Ravensdale

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and Annaloughan alternately, and the appointment of a Superintendent for this Tank was left in the hands of Messrs Finnegan and Connolly.

CARLINGFORD AND OMEATH TANKS.

The following arrangements were made in connection with above Tanks, namely, that the appointment of the Superintendent be left to Mr Wm Woods and the local Committee.

BALLYMAKENNY TANK.

The Committee directed the Secretary to convene a meeting of the local Committee, to be held in Drogheda on Thursday, 1st June.

Mr N T Murphy was appointed a member of this Committee.

The Tender of Mr L J Healy, Drogheda, for the supply of Dip to Ballymakenny tank, at 11s per dozen packets, was accepted.

WATER FOR ARDEE TANK.

The following Tenders for the supply of water for the dipping period to Ardee tank were received.

L Callan, Tisdale street, Ardee, at 1s per load.

J Breen, The Green, Ardee, at 10d per load.

The last-named tender, being the lowest, was accepted, and the following sureties were approved of:—Julia Breen and William E Hopkins.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following Reports were read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Dear Sir.

I beg to report that no case of infectious disease occurred in my district during the Month of April.

Yours truly,

J. T. CLINTON.

Sir.

I beg to report that I have examined the usual fairs and markets of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District for the month of April. In the No. 1 District I have had no reported cases of disease.

I am, faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL.

CERTIFICATE OF DIPPING.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture,

Veterinary Branch,

Dublin, 23rd May, 1916.

No. 1392/16.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 17th instant asking the Department to give effect to a resolution adopted by the Executive Committee of your Council in the following terms:—

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"That the owners or persons in charge of sheep being exposed for sale, whose names have been previously returned to the Council by the Council's Inspector as having dipped their sheep within the prescribed time and in the proper way, be no longer obliged to accompany same with any further forms."

In reply I have to state that the point to which the resolution is directed has been considered more than once previously by the Department. They have, however, been unable to discover means of satisfactorily obviating the practical difficulties which procedure such as that recommended in the resolution would be bound to involve. If the sheep owner, when exposing his sheep for sale, were to bring the Dipping Inspector's certificate with him, the Police, especially if he were not well known to them, would scarcely be satisfied without some evidence in addition that the animals exposed by hi n formed part of the lot described in the certificate, and the need for a declaration supplementary to the certificate would thus, in any case, arise. On the other hand, if no document were required to be brought with the sheep, and if the Police were to be content merely with verbal statments by owners or persons in charge of sheep at fairs that the animals exposed by them had all been dipped as required, there can be little doubt that a door would thereby be opened to widespread evasion of the Order.

In all the circumstances the existing provision requiring that sheep exposed for sale during the market-regulation periods shall be accompanied by one document only, i.e., a declaration in specified terms relating solely to those animals, is regarded as that most adapted to the needs of the case, and the Depart-

ment accordingly regret that they cannot see their way to accept your Committee's proposal on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

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Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 5th day of June, 1916, at 1 o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; Laurence Goodman, B L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, W Woods, J P; Patrick Donegan, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; John Morgan, Michael M'Ardle, J F Murphy, J P; B Hamill, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and B Finnegan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

Before proceeding to the business of the meeting, the Chairman announced that a telegram had just been received from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, the guarantors of Mr Patrick Hughes, to the effect that they were lodging to the credit of the Council the sum of £116 7s 0d, being the amount outstanding on Mr Hughes' warrant. This was considered satisfactory by the Council.

The special business for which the meeting was called was to make arrangements for the appointment of a rate collector for the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural in room of Mr Patrick Hughes.

After a short discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby fix the rate of poundage fees to be paid on the collection of Poor Rate in the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural at 5½d in the £ on the amount of the Collector's Warrant, and the prescribed fees for the duties under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts, and we hereby direct our Secretary to insert advertisement in the County papers for the appointment of a Collector, to be made at the Annual Meeting of the County Council to be held in Drogheda on Friday, 16th day of June, 1916.

BALLYMAKENNY DIPPING TANK.

The following Report was read:—

Ballymakenny Dipping Tank Local Committee.

As directed by the Executive Committee, a special meeting of the Local Committee for the management of the Ballymakenny Dipping Tank was held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, the 1st June, at the hour of 12 o'clock noon.

In the Chair:—Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P.

Other Members present:—N T Murphy, P. Callan, J P, and Joseph Dolan, Esquires.

The Secretary of the Council was also in attendance.

Letter was read from Michael M'Quillan, the Superintendent of the Ballymakenny Tank, resigning his position. Mr Murphy directed the attention of the Committee to the fact that owing

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to the number of private tanks in the district there would be a large number of inspections necessary, and that the entire time of the person appointed to act as Superintendent and Inspector would be occupied during the dipping periods, and as the Summer dipping period started from the 1st June, it would be absolutely necessary that the appointment should be made at once.

After discussion, the Committee decided that an advertisement should be inserted in the "Drogheda Argus" on Saturday, the 3rd instant, inviting applications for the position, and recommended that the Inspector and Dipping Superintendent should be performed by the same person, and that the salary to be paid should be at the same rate as for the Ardee and Knockbridge Inspectors, viz, £1 per week during the dipping periods.

It was further recommended, owing to the urgency of the matter, that the appointment should be made at a further Special Meeting of the Tank Committee, to be held in Drogheda on Tuesday, the 6th June, at 2 o'clock p m, and that the Secretary report to the County Council to their Special Meeting to be held on Monday, the 5th June, the findings of the Committee for confirmation.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the recommendations of the Ballymakenny Dipping Tank Local Committee to appoint a Dipping Superintendent for the Ballymakenny Tank who will also act as Local Inspector for the District, at a salary, to cover both appointments, at the rate of £1 per week

for the Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods, and we confirm the authority given to the said Local Committee to appoint the said officer.

FAUGHART QUARRY.

The County Surveyor informed the Council that the workmen engaged at Faughart Quarry had ceased work. He stated that these men had applied for an increase in their wages, which at present were 16s per week, and the Finance Committee had refused to accede to the application, and that they had now struck work.

A discussion took place on the matter, but it was considered that the resolution of the Council refusing the former applications of the quarrymen engaged at Jonesboro' and Cocklehill could not be varied now, as all the quarry work was in connection with the Road Board Grant, and that the rate of wages to be paid the men was based on the estimate for this work furnished to the Road Board. Eventually it was decided to make application to the Road Board for an additional grant, and if this request were acceded to, the question of an increase to the men would be further considered.

Arising out of the discussion, Mr Finnegan requested information from the County Surveyor as to whether he had authorised the overseer of the quarry to question labourers applying for work if they had the permission of their former employers to apply for work under the Council.

The County Surveyor replied that he merely wished that any of the workmen applying for work under the Council had given uctice to their former employers of their intention to leave their employment, as complaints had been made to him on the subject by road contractors.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 12th June, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;

Other Members:—James Wynne, J P; Laurence Goodman, J F Murphy, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, W Woods, J P, and D J Rath, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in chargea of Co Surveyor—Loans Account	195	7	7
do do Subsidiary Account	49	18	3
Secretary's Office—Subsidiary Account	33	12	5
Total	£278	18	3

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

UNPAID PAYING ORDER.

Letter was read from the L.G.B. dated 2nd June, 1916,

No. 24166/1916, in reply to letter from the Secretary requesting that the Board would sanction the payment by the Council of the amount of a Paying Order issued to Patrick M'Elroy on 24th April, 1913, which had been mislaid and was not cashed, stating that the Board could not authorise the payment of this amount.

The Committee unanimously directed the Secretary to again write the Board stating that the Council considered that the amount of the paying Order was legally due, and that it was unfair to withhold the money, and requesting the Board to reconsider their decision.

PATRICK HUGHES' COLLECTION.

Letter was read from the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company dated 5th June, 1916, enclosing cheque value £116 7s 0d to close Mr Patrick Hughes' rate collection, and requesting that when the sanction of the L.G.B. was received, the balance of fees due Mr Hughes, together with the amount of his irrecoverable arrears, might be paid over to them in accordance with the terms of their Bond.

The Secretary stated he had lodged the cheque for £116 7s 0d to the credit of the Council, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman. The Secretary was directed to transmit the Arrears Sheet to the L.G.B. and request the sanction for the payment to the Insurance Company of these and any poundage fees due to the ex-collector.

POUNDAGE FOR RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
6th June, 1916. No. 27055/16.

Sir.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland

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to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, relative to the collection of the Poor Rate in Louth County, and, in reply, I am to state that the Board sanction the proposal of the Council to fix the remuneration of the Collector to be appointed in the place of Mr Patrick Hughes at the rate of 5½d in the £.

I am to say that the Collector will be required to give a Bond from an approved Guarantee Society.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

INSURANCE.

Letter was received from the Hibernian Insurance Company suggesting that owing to the increased cost of building material and labour, it would be advisable for Public Bodies to increase their insurances on buildings.

The letter was marked "read."

FLOODING OF PUBLIC ROAD AT OMEATH.

Letter was read from the London and North Western Railway Company requesting reply to their letters in above matter. The County Surveyor stated that he was trying to arrange for a way to drain the surface water other than over the Railway property, but had not been able to settle the matter yet. He suggested leaving over reply to Railway Company for some time, and this was agreed to.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (EMERGENCY PROVISIONS) ACT, 1916.

Letter was read from the L.G.B. enclosing copy of the above Act, which legalises and regulates the action of local authorities in granting leave of absence and making allowances to their officers and servants who have joined his Majesty's forces, and which makes various administrative provisions with a view to economy during the War.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from Rev Father Hurson, C C, Dundalk, notifying that application would be made to the Magistrates at the Children's Court on 9th June for committal of five children to an Industrial School, viz, Lizzie and Mary Kearney and Catherine, Bridget and James Tallon, all of them under the age of fourteen years.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DOG LICENCES.

Letter was read from the Registrar of Petty Sessions Clerks informing the Council that their proportion of surplus moneys arising from the sale of Dog Licenses for the year 1915 amounts to £222 7s 7d, and that this sum had been lodged with the County Treasurer to the credit of the Council.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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CARETAKER FOR WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman :—

Department of Agriculture,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,

8th June, 1916. No. A11100/16.

FORESTRY.

Sir.

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 2nd instant intimating that the Louth County Council have approved the draft scheme for the user of the lands at Willistown which have been acquired by the Council for forestry purposes, and to acquaint you, for the information of the Council, that the Department are pleased to sanction the appointment of Hugh Ginnetty as caretaker over the lands in question at the remuneration of £3 per annum.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

SCHOLARSHIP HOLDER.

In reply to query by the Secretary, a letter was received from the Registrar, University College, stating that Patrick Hanratty, a County Louth Scholarship holder, had joined the Army last November. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letters from the County Solicitor were read, and initialled by the Chairman :—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th June, 1916.

C.I. Applications—Patrick Cooke, Mullavalley, burning of straw, £7, and Patrick Hoey, Marshes South, two ploughs damaged, £10.

Dear Sir.

I beg to report that the above applications were heard at Dundalk Quarter Sessions on the 3rd instant.

In the first claim his Honor Judge Green awarded the applicant a decree for £6 10s 0d, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Louth.

In the second claim a decree for £5 was awarded, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, County Council.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

5th June, 1916.

C.I. Applications—Wm Ireland, £36 4s 3d; Edwin V Lowry, £300, and Patrick Joseph Byrne, £70.

Dear Sir.

I made application to his Honor at Dundalk Quarter Sessions last week that the above claims be allowed to stand adjourned until next Quarter Sessions in October, in view of promised

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legislation which will possibly effect these claims, and the application was granted. The respective Solicitors for the applicants offered no objection to this course being adopted.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, County Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a further claim had been received from Mr Patrick Hoey, Marshes South, for the sum of £125 for the alleged malicious burning of a cottage. The papers received in this case had been forwarded to the Council's Solicitor, who was giving the matter his attention.

CLOTHING FOR SANATORIUM PATIENTS.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to forward copy of same to the Local Government Board:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee,

Dundalk, 10th June, 1916.

Dear Sir.

I am directed by the Tuebrculosis Committee of Management to acknowledge receipt of your letter dated 31st May, 1916, with enclosure copy of letter No. 23922/16, dated 23 May, from the Local Government Board, with further reference to the question of supplying clothing to a patient at Peamount, and in connection with which I am to state that the Committee considers it neither necessary nor desirable that any immediate change be made in the existing arrangements for supplying articles of clothing in necessitous cases, as the sums disbursed under this head are trifling, and the Committee is assured

that the system of retaining clothing in a Sanatorium for the use of future patients is objectionable and undesirable.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

COUNTY AND ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' POSTAGES.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that at present he and his assistants defray out of their own pockets postage incurred on behalf of the County in the course of their business, and requesting that in future, when properly vouched, such postage be refunded to them.

This was unanimously agreed to, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor requesting to be authorised by the Council to take the necessary steps by ten days' notice to have the following roads attended to and to have the contracts cancelled:—

No. 3—2000 perches Ardee to Carrickmacross. Contractor, Patrick Clarke, Rathory.

No. 4—981 perches from Dundalk to Kingscourt, by Nicholastown. Contractor, John Clarke, Rathory, is at the front.

No. 59—832 perches, Ardee to Slane, by Smarmore. Contractor, John Corbally, Cluide.

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No. 57—837 perches, Kingscourt to Drogheda. Contractor, Patrick Reilly, Hunterstown, is ill and unable to continue the work.

The Committee unanimously recommended the taking over of these roads by the County Surveyor on ten days' notice, and the cancellation of the contracts.

APPLICATION FOR TAR BOILER.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that the specification for Road Board work now being carried out by the Council provides for the tarring of stretches of the road at Dunleer, Castlebellingham and near Dundalk, and that the tarring at Dunleer and Castlebellingham was to be carried out this summer. He had been offered one of the latest makes of tar boiler, with double furnaces and spreading apparatus, for £81 10s 0d. It could alternatively be had on hire at £3 per week from the date of despatch, minimum charge, £10. He desired to ask the Committee whether they would be agreeable to the purchase of the boiler, and stated that there was a sum of £60 to the credit of the Machinery Loan Account which could be used for the purpose.

The Committee unanimously recommended to the County Council the purchase of the tar boiler, and that the balance of the Machinery Loan to be utilised for the purpose.

GILES' QUAY PIER.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that some repairs would have to be done to the above Pier this summer, as the sea slope had been damaged by the tide, and requesting that a sum of £40 be transferred in the usual way for this expenditure.

The Committee unanimously recommended the transfer of £40 from the Giles' Quay Revenue Account to provide for necessary work at the Pier.

PIERS.

On the suggestion of Mr Rath, the County Surveyor was directed to visit Clogherhead Pier and report if any repairs were necessary.

Mr William Woods informed the Council that the Store on Carlingford Pier which had been recently erected by the Council was lying idle, and he did not believe it would ever be used under the present system by which charges were made per ton per week for storage. He held that the Store should be advertised to be let by tender.

The Chairman informed Mr Woods that the present system could not be altered unless the resolution approving of it were first rescinded, and Mr Woods agreed to bring up the matter again on Notice of Motion.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

Letter was read from the County Solicitor stating that he required Map of the area of Willistown Plantation to be drawn on each copy of the Forestry Scheme, which had now been engrossed in duplicate for submission to the Department, and the County Surveyor was requested to attend to this matter.

HOLIDAYS.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the staff be granted their annual holidays, to be taken at times which would best suit the work of the office, the Secretary to arrange accordingly.

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Finance Committee.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th June, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, James Wynne, J P; Laurence Goodman, J F Murphy, J P; Peter Woods, J P; B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P, and B L Coleman, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor—Loans Account	173	5	9
Do. Do. Subsidiary Account	188	10	10
Secretary's Office—Subsidiary Account	236	9	10
	£598	6	5

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

POUND FOR DROGHEDA.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, enclosing the following requisition:—

Petty Sessions District of Drogheda.

County of Louth.

We, the undersigned Magistrates assembled at Drogheda Petty Sessions on this 19th day of June, 1916, do, in pursuance of Section 19 of 14 and 15 Vic., Cap. 92, authorise the establishment of a Pound at the Corn Market, Fair Street, Drogheda, within the Petty Sessions District of Drogheda, and accordingly we request the County Council of Louth (as successors to the late Grand Jury) to present and provide for the erection and maintenance of such Pound according to the said Statute.

Signed—Laurence Stanley, J P, Mayor; G H Shannon, Peter Lyons, P P Keeley, S Jordan, Peter Lynch, A J MacQuillan.

The Secretary read the Section of the Act referred to, in which it was set out that on the requisition of three or more Justices of the Peace for any Petty Sessions District within the county it shall be lawful for the Grand Jury (and consequently for their successors, the Co. Council) to present such sum, not exceeding £10, as they shall think fit for the erection or repair of any pound; the keeper of such pound paying to the Co. Treasurer of the county any sum fixed, but not exceeding 40s, as an annual rent for same. The Justices of the Peace to appoint the keeper of any such pound.

After discussion the matter was referred to the Co. Council for consideration.

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QUARRY AGREEMENT.

The Secretary submitted agreement with Ellen Fagan, of Ballymakellett, for the raising of 500 cubic yards of stone at Ballymakellett for the sum of £6 5s 0d.

The agreement was approved and recommended for sealing by the County Council.

REVISION LIST.

The Secretary submitted lists of changes of names and revisions of valuation to be made by the Valuation Office. Same were examined by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to forward them to the Valuation Office.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS ACT.

The Secretary submitted draft scheme for the constitution of a local committee for the County of Louth under the above Act. The scheme provides for a committee of 20, of which not less than 5 shall be women, 4 representatives of labour, and 8 members of either the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association or the Soldiers' and Sailors' Help Society. As specified in the schedule to the scheme the folowing bodies would be represented on the Committee:—Dundalk and Drogheda Branches of the Trades Council, Dundalk and Drogheda Branches of the Soldiers' and Sailors' Families Association, and the Co. Louth War Fund Committee.

The scheme was approved by the Committee.

UNPAID PAYING ORDER.

The following etter was read:—

No. 28971-1916.
Louth County.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 23rd June, 1916.

Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 14th instant, respecting the Paying Order issued by the Louth County Council to Mr Patrick M'Elroy, on the 24th April, 1913, which was not presented for payment, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they can only repeat that they have no legal power to authorise the Council to make this payment now.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,
J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

The Chairman informed the Committee that the amount in question, namely, £13 3s 0d, had been paid over to the road contractor to whom the Paying Order was issued, by a local merchant. . The order had been mislaid and had only been found a few weeks ago. It would, he thought, be very unfair that the merchant should now be at the loss of this amount.

The Committee were unanimously of this opinion, and payment of the amount was recommended.

The Secretary informed the Committee that if he could not produce an authority from the Local Government Board for the payment, the auditor would surcharge the amount, as, according to the Public Bodies Order, the P. O. should have been presented for payment within six months from the date thereof.

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ROAD IMPROVEMENT IN DROGHEDA URBAN DISTRICT

Letter was read from the Road Board dated 22nd June, 1916, enclosing cheque for £411, being the final payment under Grant No. 3011 for road improvement in the Drogheda Urban District. The Secretary informed the Committee that he had lodged the cheque to the credit of the Council, and that Paying Order for the amount would be issued to Drogheda Corporation at next meeting of the County Council. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

INCREASE OF WAGES TO MEN EMPLOYED AT ROAD BOARD WORK.

The following letter, in reply to application made by the Council for an additional grant for Road Board Work owing to the increased cost of labour, was read. The matter arose out of an application by the workmen engaged at Faughart quarry for an increase in wage from 16s to 20s per week, when it was decided by the Co. Council that if the Road Board gave an additional grant, the Council would re-consider the question of increasing the wages:—

The Road Board,

Manager and Engineer's Office,

South Kensington, London, S W,

22nd June, 1916.

Sir,

Dublin-Belfast Road.

Grant No. 3013.

In reply to your letter of the 12th inst, I am directed by the Road Board to say that the question of increasing the wages paid to the workmen engaged in quarrying stone in connection

with work being carried out under the above grant, is one which must be left to the discretion of the County Council.

With regard to the question of making an additional Grant to cover the extra expenditure to be incurred by the increase of wages mentionad in your letter, this must stand over until the works are completed and the County Council are in a position to furnish details of the actual cost of the works.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. P. MAYBURY.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

After considerable discussion on the question of increasing the wages of the quarry men,

It was proposed by Thos O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq,

That the wages of all men engaged on work under the Road Board Scheme be increased from 16s to 17s per week.

As an amendment to this,

It was proposed by J F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P,

that no increase be granted.

The Chairman took a division on the amendment with the following result:—

For the Amendment—Messrs Coleman, M'Ardle and Murphy—3.

Against the Amendment—Messrs O'Rourke, Woods, Goodman, Wynne, and Finnegan—5.

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The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original resolution—that the wages of all men engaged at work under the Road Board Scheme be increased from 16s to 17s per week —wasdeclared carried by the same majority.

JONESBORO' BRIDGE.

Leter was read from the Secretary Armagh Co. Council, requesting that P.O. for £11, being half cost of repairs to Jonesboro' Bridge, be sent on to him. The work had been carried out by the Armagh County Surveyor on the condition that the Dundalk Rural District Council would pass a proposal for half the cost, and the Secretary informed the Council that this had been done, and it would be in order to issue P. O. for the amount on the certificate of the County Surveyor.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th June, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thos O'Rourke, James Wynne, J P; Laurence Goodman, J F Murphy, J P; Peter Woods, J P; B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P, and B L Coleman, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

BALLYMAKENNY TANK.

The following report was read and unanimously approved:—

Ballymakenny Tank Committee.

As directed by the County Council, a meeting of the Local Committee of the Ballymakenny Tank was held in Drogheda Court House on Tuesday, the 6th June, 1916, at the hour of 2 o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: P Donegan, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—P Callan, J P, and N T Murphy, Esquires.

In accordance with the advertisement issued the Committee proceeded to appoint a Dipping Superintendent and Local Inspector for the district.

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Applications were read from the following:—Denis Tiernan, Newhouse, Termonfeckin; John J Kerr, Philipstown, Ballymakenny, and Patrick F M'Keon, Priorstown, Termonfeckin.

The latter two candidates both attended in person and were interviewed by the Committee.

After a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint John J Kerr, Philipstown, as Dipping Superintendent for the Ballymakenny Tank, and Local Inspector for the Drogheda District at the salary of £1 per week for the Summer and Autumn Dipping periods.

It was unanimously arranged that the Inspectror make Inspections on Wednesday, Thursday, Friday and Saturday in each week, and that he attend at the tank on each Mnoday and Tuesday.

It was recommended that he be paid his wages each fortnight and that he be instructed to lodge all monies received by him for dipping fees each fortnight.

DUTIES OF DIPPING INSPECTORS UNDER LOCAL REGULATIONS.

Mr B L Coleman stated that there appeared to be some misapprehension in regard to the duties of the Inspectors under the Local Regulationos passed by that Council. He understood, and he believed the Inspectors did also, that they were only to inspect dippings carried out at proper swim-baths; but it appeared now that they had to attend at all private dippings whether performed in a swim-bath or in a hand-bath. He did not think it would be possible for an Inspector to get through his work unless dippings in baths other than swim-baths were done away with, and that those people who had not swim-baths were compelled to bring their sheep to the county tank.

Mr P Woods agreed with Mr Coleman's views.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Inspector at Ardee Tank had called at the office that morning, and had handed him six notices of Intention to Dip served on him for dippings at places far removed from each other. They were all to take place on that day (Monday), and it would be impossible for him to inspect them all. This Inspector also complained that in a few cases when he had gone to inspect dippings on the days specified in the notices, no dippings took place, nor was there any preparation made at the place for the dippings. The Secretary further in formed the Council that he had written the Department requesting to know whether they approved of the dippings in hand-baths, and whether it would be within the powers of the Council to compel owners not having a proper swim-bath to dip at the Council's tank. The following reply to this letter was read:—

Department of Agriculture,

Veterinary Branch, Dublin,
20th June, 1916.

No. 1810-16.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of 19th instant, in reference to the question of securing in the process of sheep dipping the "thorough immersion" which the Sheep Dipping Order requires.

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In reply I have to state that while dipping in swim baths is, without doubt, the more expeditious and economical method of dipping, it is not impracticable, the Department are advised, by proper manipulation to effect a thorough immersion in a less capacious bath. The process in this case is of course a tedious one, and the practice of using small vessels such as you describe would naturally increase the difficulties of supervision; but it does not appear to the Department that it would be competent for the Local Authority for that or other reasons to require dipping in their district to be carried out in swim baths.

If, however, swim-baths were provided by the Local Authority it would apparently be open to them, under the Regulations at present in force in County Louth, to require any owner who had not suitable means of dipping of his own, to carry out dipping in one of these baths. The procedure in such cases would be to insert the requisite condition as to the manner of dipping in the Notice specifying the time and place at which the dipping is required to be done.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to write again to the Department pointing out the difficulties which had arisen in connection with the inspections, and the impossibility of carrying out the work properly unless dipping in hand-baths was abolished, and requesting a direction in the matter from the Department. He was also directed to call a meeting of the Executive Committee when the reply came to hand.

TANK SUPERINTENDENTS.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Finnegan, seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J P, Thomas M'Dermott (Doxey), of Ballymakellet, was unanimously appointed Dipping Superintendent at the Ravensdale and Annaloughan Tank, at a salary of 18s per week.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the Carlingford Local Tank Committee had appointed Hugh M'Kevitt, Carlingford, Superintendent at the Carlingford tank, and Owen Treanor, of Corrakit, Superintendent at the Omeath tank. These men would also act as Local Inspectors for the areas served by their tanks.

The Committee unanimously approved of these appointments.

SHEEP SCAB.

Forms in connection with the following cases of Sheep Scab in the county were submitted by the Veterinary Inspectors, Messrs Donnelly and Clinton respectively:—

J G O'NEILL, at Drogheda Port.
MICHAEL DAWE, at Dundalk Port.

As notified on the Forms, the affected animals were slaughtered, and the animals not affected were isolated and dipped.

AUTUMN DOUBLE DIPPING.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

No 1475-16.

Department of Agriculture,
Veterinary Branch,
Dublin, 30th May, 1916.

Sir,

I have to advert to your letter of 25th instant, and to

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the resolution which, as you indicate, was unanimously passed by your County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting on that day, in the following terms:—

> "Resolved—That as all sheep in this county must be dipped in the presence of a local inspector appointed by the County Council, we hereby request the Department to forego that part of their regulations compelling sheep owners to dip their sheep twice within a certain time during the Autumn period, as sheep owners find this regulation very injurious to heavy breeding ewes."

In reply I have to state that the circumstances of the life history of the insect which produces Sheep Scab render it most desirable that the prescribed double dipping at an interval of not less than seven or more than fourteen days in the Autumn Period should be persevered in, if the end aimed at, viz—the eradication of the disease from the country, is, in due course, to be attained. The Department could not, therefore, but regard a suspension of the double-dipping requirement as a retrograde step in existing circumstances, and it is accordingly regretted that they are unable to entertain the proposal in your Council's resolution.

At the same time they wish to say that there is no reason to consider that the second dipping should necessarily be injurious to "heavy breeding ewes," especially as it is competent to start the arrangements for the two dippings in such cases as early as may be wished after 31st July.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Friday, 16th June, 1916, at 11 o'clock a m.

Present:—Charles A Duffy, J P; Bernard Finnegan, Peter B Moore, J P; Michael Meade, Laurence Goodman, Patk Donegan, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Joseph Dolan, W T Skeffington, J P; James Wynne, J P; Patrick Callan, J P; Peter Woods, J P; T V MacQuillan, John Dolan, James M'Carthy, J P; Denis J Rath, N T Murphy, and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thos Walsh, County Surveyor, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

On the motion of Peter B Moore, Esq, J P,
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P,

the chair was taken by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Letters were read from the Clerks of the Ardee No. 1 and Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Councils stating that at the annual meetings of those bodies, Sir A V Foster Bart, and Patk Donegan, Esq, J P, were elected Chairmen of the respective Councils.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Dundalk Rural District Council stating that the annual meeting of his Council on 9th instant, fell through as a quorum did not attend, but he belie-

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ved that Mr Wm Woods was entitled to continue to act as Chairman until the appointment of his successor. The Secretary informed the Council that he had requested the opinion of the Council's Solicitor, Mr O'Connell, on this point, and read reply from him to the effect that in his opinion Mr Woods may continue to act as a member of the County Council until his successor as Chairman of the Dundalk Rural District Council has accepted the office and signed the required declaration.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Joseph Dolan, Esq, proposed the election of Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P, as Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year, but Mr Duffy declined to accept nomination. The resolution was not seconded.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That Lieutenant William A Doran, of Harristown, Ardee, be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, of Seatown Place, Dundalk, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the coming year.

Mr Duffy suitably returned thanks for his unanimous election.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR.

The next business on the agenda was the appointment of a rate collector for the District Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural in place of Mr Patrick Hughes.

Only one application was received, that of Mr James Vincent Johnston, of Bellurgan, Dundalk, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr James Vincent Johnston, of Bellurgan, Dundalk, Poor Rate Collector for the District Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural, on the terms and conditions as advertised by our Secretary, viz—Remuneration at the rate of 5½d in the £ on all monies collected and lodged with the County Treasurer to the credit of the Council, and in accordance with the Orders, Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Board; together with the prescribed fees for the duties he will be required to perform under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts.

The Secretary requested a direction from the Council as to the amount of Security from the Guarantee Society, the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company, which the Collector would be required to give for this collection district. He informed the Council that the late Collector's bond was £900, which had not been varied when his former collection district had been divided. He further stated that Mr Johnston's bond for collection district No. 9, for which the warrant was about

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£2,200, was £600, and that the warrant for the collection district No. 5, to which he was now appointed, was £2,328.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide that the amount of the bond for Collection District No. 5—the Electoral Division of Dundalk Rural—to which Mr James V Johnston is now appointed collector, be the sum of £600.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

The following letters were read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:—

Clogherhead, Drogheda, 7th May, 1916.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

I would thank you to kindly convey my own and family's grateful thanks to the Council for their resolution of sympathy in our recent sad bereavement. I thank you also personally.

Sincerely yours,

DENIS J. RATH.

Sandpit House, 5-6-'16.

Dear Mr M'Alester,

Please convey to the Chairman and gentlemen of the Louth County Council my most sincere thanks for their sympathy with me on the death of my father. The kind words of regret expressed by them in their resolution of condolence

will always be to me and to my family a source of grateful remembrance.

Faithfully yours,

P. L. M'KEON.

BLACKROCK PICTURE THEATRE.

Leter was read from the Manager Blackrock Picture Theatre Company, applying for renewal of license for above Picture Theatre, and the following resolution was passed unanimously—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by T V MacQuillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby grant a renewal of the Cinematograph License to the Blackrock Picture Theatre for the ensuing year.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, stating that his Council approved of the taking over by the County Council of the Ancient Monuments in Drogheda known as the Old Abbey and the Butter Gate. Letter was also read from the Clerk of Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Council stating that his Council approved of the Ancient Monument known as Clogh Patrick, situate at Mell, being taken charge of by the County Council.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by John Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to take over the charge of the Ancient Monuments in Drogheda, namely, The Old Abbey, situate at West Gate, and the Butter Gate, situate at

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John's Gate; also the Monument known as Clogh Patrick, situate at Mell, in the Rural District of Drogheda, for their proper preservation.

NATIONAL TEACHERS' SALARIES.

Resolution was submitted from the Waterford County Borough calling upon the Treasury to grant an increase of salaries to the Irish National Teachers, and to substitute monthly payments for the present system of quarterly payments.

On the motion of W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P,

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

TAXATION OF IRELAND.

A resolution was sumitted from the City of Dublin Municipal Council protesting against the proposed enormous increase in Irish Taxation, and requesting the Irish representatives in Parliament to resent such or any increase. The resolution pointed out that Ireland's building and other chief industries are practically dead, and that the incidence of taxation is different from that obtaining in Great Britain.

On the motion of N T Murphy, Esq;
Seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P,

The resolution was unanimously adopted.

AMALGAMATION OF WORKHOUSES.

Resolution in above matter submitted from the Tyrone Co. Council, calling on the Government to pass a Bill giving power

to the L G B to make provision for the more economical administration of Poor Relief by closing superfluous workhouses or by amalgamation of same, was marked "read."

AGRICULTURAL SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letter was read from the County Council of King's County suggesting that Scholarships in Agriculture should be tenable only at University College, Cork, was referred to the Scholarship Committee.

RICHMOND PATIENTS.

Return was submitted, and initialled by the Chairman, showing the number of patients from Louth County in Richmond District Asylum.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

Mr James M'Carthy, J P, gave notice that at the next meeting of the County Council he would move that in future Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be held in Drogheda at 10.30 a.m.

DEATH OF CAPTAIN FILGATE.

The following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Capt. William de Salis Filgate, who was for many years a respected member of this Council, and we beg to tender to his widow and relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

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Proposal Committee.

Minuets of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th July, 1916, at 1 o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;

Other Members—Patrick M'Gee, J P; Laurence Goodman, Bernard L Coleman, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, J P Kearney, Bernard Hamill, J P; John Morgan, James Wynne, J P; Bernard Finnegan and Denis J Rath, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, asd signed by the Chairman.

The following Proposals were considered by the Committee, and each was approved unanimously:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 30—To purchase Tar Boiler—Johnston's Patent Double Furnace, with Double Waithman's Apparatus, complete ready for working. Cost not to exceed £85 0s 0d, to be provided as follows:—£60 0s 0d remaining of Machinery Loan to be applied to the purchase, £25 0s 0d further to be now approved and to be a County-at-large, ex-Urban, charge.

No. 31—To Paint Water Cart, and Paint and Repair Mud Cart provided for the use of Ardee. Cost not to exceed £10 0s 0d. County-at-large, ex-Urban, charge.

The Secretary submitted County-at-large Payments for Quarter ended 30th June, 1916, which were examined and recommended for payment.

The Committee adjourned to Monday, 7th day of August to receive Tenders.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th July, 1916, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;

Other Members—Patrick M'Gee, J P; Laurence Goodman, Bernard L Coleman, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, P J Kearney, Bernard Hamill, J P; John Morgan, James Wynne, J P; Bernard Finnegan and Denis J Rath, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Loans Account—Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	215	2	0
Subsidiary Account— do. do.	188	15	7
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	120	12	7
	£524	10	2

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

PETTY CASH ACCOUNT.

The Secretary informed the Committee that owing to the large number of workmen employed at quarries and on road work the amount required for Insurance Stamps was very high, and the Petty Cash Account, into which a sum of £30 was paid each quarter, was unable to meet this and the ordinary expenditure for postage and other petty disbursements.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the amount paid into the Petty Cash Account each quarter be increased from £30 to £50 to meet the increased outlay.

EX-COLLECTOR PATRICK HUGHES' ARREARS LISTS.

The Secretary submitted ex-Collector Hughes' Arrears Lists for period ended 31st March, 1916, and on examination same were ordered for payment to the London and Lancashire Fire Insurance Company.

The following letter from the L.G.B. was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
28th June, 1916.

No. 29870/16.
Louth County.

Sir.

In reply to your letter of the 19th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they will not object to the payment by the Louth County Council to the Londan and Lancashire Fire and Life Insurance Com-

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pany, Limited, of such arrears of ex-Collector Hughes' as have been approved by the Board.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

EX-COLLECTOR HUGHES' POUNDAGE FEES.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary informed the Committee that the arrangement by which the fees and arrears due the Collector were being paid to his Guarantors was in accordance with the terms of the Bond, and was unanimously agreed to at the conference in Dublin, at which the L.G.B., the County Council, the Insurance Company and the ex-Collector's brother were present:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

16th June, 1916.

No. 27847/16.

Louth County.

Sir.

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, in the circumstances, they will not object to the payment by the Louth County Council to the London and Lancashire Fire and Life Insurance Company, Limited, of the poundage fees due to ex-Collector Patrick Hughes.

The arrears sheets and vouchers of the ex-Collector should be forwarded to the Board as usual.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted Return showing the condition of of the Poor Rate Collection to 30th June, 1916. Of the 1st Moiety of the Rate, amounting to the sum of £17,773 18s 5d, a sum of £468 18s 8d has been collected.

The Return was initialled by the Chairman.

HARBOUR RECEIPTS.

The Secretary submitted the returns of the Harbour Constables for the quarter ended 30th June, 1916, showing that the following dues had been received:—

		£	s	d
Clogherhead	...	0	16	0
Carlingford	...	21	13	6
Giles' Quay	...	10	0	3

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY—ARCHITECT'S ACCOUNT

The Secretary submitted account from Mr Vincent O'Connell, architect of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, amounting

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to the sum of £15 17s 2d, being fees and expenses in connection with the erection of the Dispensary. As it appeared from a minute of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management that the amount of £40 paid Mr O'Connell for his work in connection with the proposed Dispensary at Castletown, which had been abandoned, was intended to cover his fees in connection with the Dispensary now erected at the Louth Hospital, the consideration of the account was adjourned for further information, which the Secretary was directed to request the Clerk of the Tuberculosis Committee to supply.

ST. JOSEPH'S ORPHANAGE LOAN.

Letter was read from the Superioress, Convent of Mercy, Dundalk, informing the Committee that she had lodged to the credit of the Council with the County Treasurer the sum of £100, being half yearly instalment of Industrial School Loan.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
4th July, 1916.

Dear Sir.

With reference to interview with you and the Chairman of the Council yesterday, I served notice on the Solicitors for the respective applicants that the claims should be forwarded to the Property Losses (Ireland) Committee, and if this course was not adopted I should make use of notice on the postponed

hearing before the County Court Judge at Quarter Sessions.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY FEES.

Letter was read from the L.G.B. dated 30th June, 1916, enclosing Paying Order value £63 1s 2d, being the amount payable to the County Council in respect of duties on licences for Motor Cars during the year ended 31st March, 1916. The Secretary stated that the amount had been lodged to the credit of the Council, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

EDUCATION ACT COSTS.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Petty Sessions, Collon, enclosing P.O. 4s 6d and vouchers for costs awarded under above Act at Collon Petty Sessions on 29th June.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

NOXIOUS WEEDS.

Circular letter was read from the Department dated 30th June, No. A12794/16, requesting the Council to take all necessary steps to ensure that all roads and lands in the control of the Council shall be kept clear of noxious weeds throughout the present season.

The County Surveyor stated he always attended to this, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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TRADE BOARDS ACTS, 1909.

Circular letter was read from the L.G.B. dated 30th June, 1916, No. 29589M, informing the Council that the notice required to be given by an employer under Section 7 of the Trade Boards Acts in the case of contracts with Local Authorities will no longer be necessary. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RATES—NEWCOMEN ESTATE.

With reference to the Rates due Collector Patrick M'Cullough out of the above estate, in Chancery, which the Finance Committee, at their meeting held on 29th May, recommended to be refunded to the Collector, subject to the sanction of the L.G.B., the Secretary informed the Committee that he had written the Board for their approval, and had received in reply a letter requesting to be informed as to the nature of the proceedings taken for the recovery out of the estate of the amount of Rates due, namely, £13 12s 3d. He had replied by forwarding copy of letter received f rom Mr Daniel O'Connell, who had been acting in the matter, in which Mr O'Connell stated that he had brought a Civil Bill at Dundalk Quarter Sessions on 4th June, 1913, claiming Poor Rates due by the Executors of the late Rev John Clarke, P P, on the lands of Collystown. Mr Mackay, who defended, pointed out to Judge Green that the estate was in Chancery, and until allocation the Rates could not be paid. His Honor said he felt bound to nil the Civil Bill in the circumstances. Subsequently Mr O'Connell had made enquiry at the Office of the Chief Clerk in Chancery, and found that until the final stage is reached, and the costs of the several parties to the suits are provided for, this account for Rates cannot be dealt

with. Proceedings in Chancery are still pending, and will not be completed before next term.

On receipt of this reply the L.G.B. had written on 30th June, 1916, No. 31,541/16, that under the circumstances mentioned in Mr O'Connell's letter the Board do not consider the Rates irrecoverable, but to meet the wishes of the Council they assent to the amounts in question being refunded to the Collector and carried forward for subsequent collection.

The Committee approved of this course, and recommended the refund to the Collector of the amount in question.

RATE COLLECTOR'S APPLICATION.

Application was read from Collector Patrick Cluskey requesting the Committee to consider the question of increasing his salary owing to the very greatly increased amount of his warrant.

The consideration of the application was adjourned to next meeting of the Committee, and to be put on Agenda convening the meeting.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL PUPIL.

Letter was read from the Drogheda Industrial School requesting permission of the Council to the transfer of Thomas Curran, an inmate of their School, to Letterfrack Industrial School, Galway, as he is now of age for the transfer.

The Committee unanimously approved of the transfer.

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APPROVAL OF COLLECTOR JOHNSTON'S APPOINTMENT.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
26th June, 1916.

No. 29895/16.
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Sir.

h Te Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 19th instant, relative to the collection of the Poor Rate in Louth County, and I am to state that they have assented to the collection district of Dundalk being added to the collection districts of Ballymascanlon and Faughart so as to form one collection district, and to Mr James Vincent Johnston being appointed Collector for the entire district.

Mr Johnston should give security for £1,200 in respect of the collection, and his Bond, when completed, should be submitted for the inspection of the Board.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

FAUGHART QUARRY WORKERS.

Mr Bernard Finnegan raised the question of the Strike at Faughart Quarry, and requested information how the matter stood. The County Surveyor informed the Committee that

the men had not yet resumed work, nor had any formal offer been made to them. A long discussion took place, after which the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Finnegan, Esq;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq;

That we give full powers to the County Surveyor to arrange terms with the workmen at present on strike at Faughart Quarry, and with the workmen in the other quarries worked by the County Council.

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Executive Committee.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 10th July, 1916, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Thomas O'Rourke, B L Coleman, J P; J P Kearney, D J Rath, and L Goodman, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following reports were read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

MR. CLINTON'S REPORT—JUNE, 1916.

During the month I visited the fairs and markets in my district as usual. On June 24th an outbreak of scab occurred in one lamb amongst a lot of 13, the property of Mr M Dawe, of Church street, Dundalk. The affected animal was slaughtered and the remainder dipped under my supervision. Other necessary steps will be taken regarding disinfection, etc.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

During the month of June I had one case of sheep in a lot of 79 sheep brought in from the County Meath. The diseased animals were slaughtered, with the owner's permission, and the in-contacts dipped twice.

Your Secretary was furnished with full particulars of the case on the prescribed forms of the Department. I had no other outbreak of contagious disease in animals, but made inspections in a few suspected cases reported to me.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

I beg to report that I visited the fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of June.

Though I have no official case of disease to report, I learn from outside sources that sheep-scab is still prevalent in this district, but as I can get no names, I cannot personally investigate.

W. E. MAXWELL.

SHEEP DIPPING (LOCAL REGULATIONS.)

As directed by the Committee, the Secretary had written to the Department informing them of the difficulties of inspection, by the Local Inspectors, of private dippings, which, the Department had stated, might be legally performed in hand baths. A very large number of sheep owners adopted this method, with the result that on several occasions a number of notices of intention to dip, on the same day and at the same hour, but at widely divergent parts of their districts, were

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served on the Local Inspectors. It was impossible, under the circumstances, for the Inspectors to attend at all the dippings, and unless the dipping in hand baths was abolished it would be impossible to carry out the regulations.

The following reply had been received from the Department—

Department of Agriculture,

Veterinary Branch,

29th June, 1916.

No. 1893/16.

Sir,

In reply to your further letter of 27th instant respecting certain difficulties arising in connection with the supervision of sheep-dipping in County Louth, I have to point out that the object of the Regulation requiring sheep owners to carry out dipping at such time and place, and under such conditions as the Local Authority may direct, is to place the Local Authority in a position to overcome the difficulties mentioned.

Such Regulation being in force in County Louth, the Local Authority may, by the due service of notices thereunder, arrange the dipping of every owner's sheep so as to admit of th dipping being supervised in each instance by one of the Dipping Inspectors. Moreover, in cases where there is reason to believe that the facilities for dipping on the premises of any owner are not such as to allow of adequate personal supervision of the dipping, the Local Authority may require the dipping to be carried out under conditions which admit of such supervision, e.g., in the public dipping tank in charge of the Dipping Inspector.

I have to add that it should be practicable, through the

Police, to ascertain beforehand the kind of dipping facilities which each owner possesses.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

Secretary Louth County Council.

The Secretary was directed to write again to the Department stating that the Inspectors would be unable to carry out their duties under the Local Regulations if dipping in hand baths was not abolished.

DIPPING INSPECTORS.

The following letter was read, and initialled by the Chairman:—

Department of Agriculture,

Veterinary Branch,

29th June, 1916.

No. 1892/16.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 27th instant respecting the arrangements recently made by your Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts in connection with the supervision of sheep-dipping in County Louth, I have hereby to express the Department's approval of the temporary appointment by the Local Authority of the undermentioned persons as Tank Superintendents, and also as Local Inspectors under the Appointment of Inspectors (Ireland) Order, with

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remuneration (in the Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods) as indicated opposite their respective names, viz:—

John J Kerr, Ballymakenny,
18s per week, and 2s as Inspector.

William Leonard, Ardee,
18s per week, and 2s as Inspector.

Thomas M'Ardle, Knockbridge,
18s per week, and 2s as Inspector.

Thomas M'Dermott, Ravensdale,
18s per week, and 2s as Inspector.

Owen Keenan, Aghameen,
Fees of 1d per sheep and ½d per lamb, and 2s per week as Inspector.

Hugh M'Kevitt, Carlingford,
Same.

Owen Traynor, Omeath,
Same.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

INSPECTION OF SHEEP DIPPING STATIONS.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th July, 1916, No. 2004/16, enclosing copy of report of their Inspector, Mr Norris, M.R.C.V.S., on his inspection of the

Council's Sheep Dipping Tanks in Carlingford and Omeath districts. The Report stated that Mr Norris had visited the tank at North Commons, Carlingford, where it is conveniently situated at the foot of the Carlingford mountain. The bath is of the portable swim-bath type and has a capacity for 240 gallons of wash. The "run" from the draining pen would be improved by the addition of a few battens placed crosswise at the exit of drainer to give the sheep a foothold as they run out. There is a drop of about a foot from the end of drainer to ground, and this might be improved so that the "run" would slope gradually from the end of the drainer. The surface of the catch pen and the ground surrounding would be improved by being concreted or sheeted in wood. In wet weather the ground becomes boggy, and in addition to its other drawbacks this condition would help to foul the bath considerably. M'Kevitt, the Inspector in charge, appears to be a satisfactory man. Mr Norris also visited Corrakit (Omeath) tank, where the hurdles to form the draining pen had not yet arrived. The Inspector also awaited a supply of Forms, etc., from the County Council. The Dipping season is later at Omeath than at Carlingford. The location of the tank appears to be convenient, and the Inspector, Owen Treanor, is an active young man engaged in sheep farming, who will, no doubt, be a satisfactory man for the work.

Mr Norris, in his general remarks, states that the work of supervision of private dippings will be almost impossible unless the Local Authority put in force the provisions of the Local a fairly large size built of concrete. These would give a better Council's tanks, as a number of owners prefer to dip at home in most unsuitable tubs.

Mr Norris considers that the County Council would do well to consider the question of erecting permanent swim-baths of

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a fairly large size built of concrete. These fould give a better service than temporary baths, and would in the end be less expensive.

The report was initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary informed the Committee that immediately after the confirmation of the appointment of Treanor by the Executive Committee, he had been given all books necessary, and that the hurdles had been sent to Omeath.

SHEEP SCAB CASES.

Various forms in connection with cases of sheep scab in sheep, the property of the following owners, were sent in by the Veterinary Inspectors and initialled by the Chairman—George Ogle, Gormanstown, Drogheda Port; J G O'Neill, Oldcastle; Michael Dawe, Dundalk, Dundalk Port; Thomas Thornton, Newtowndarver.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 24th July, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair:Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J H M'Ardle, J P; B Hamill, J P; L Goodman, J F Murphy, J P; J Wynne, J P; W Woods, J P; Thos O'Rourke, and John Morgan, Esquires.

Letter was read from Mr Walsh, County Surveyor, stating he was beginning the tarring of the streets of Castlebellingham, and might be unable to attend the Finance Committee, but would endeavour to get back in time.

Mr John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	£153 8 11
Subsidiary Account—do. do.	78 19 9
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	54 0 7
	£286 9 3

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The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted Forms 22 for the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk for quarter ended 30th June, 1916, and payment was recommended of the amounts set out on same, namely—Ardee, £612 12s 0d; Drogheda, £360 1s 2d; Dundalk, £1,004 16s 0d.

RATE COLLECTORS' APPLICATION.

The following applications from four of the Rate Collectors were read:—

Mansfieldstown Castlebellingham,
10th July, 1916.

To Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Will you kindly bring under notice of Finance Committee that my Poundage Fees is only 4½d in the £ for the past 12 years. My collection when County Council started was about £1,800, and it is now £2,667 half-yearly. My old salary before the change was from £220 to £230 per year, or 10d in the £. I have the worst grievance of any Collector in the county. There are upwards of 80 extra Labourers' Cottages within the past 10 years, and also Clermont Park, upwards of 100 ratings with farms, labourers' cottages, gardens separately for fishermen of Blackrock. Major Fortesscue's agent used to pay this in one cheque. I never got any allowance for this extra work. The late Mr T J Byrne told me he would see and move to get me paid over Clermont, but didn't do so. Whatever the Finance Meeting consider fair I will be satisfied with it.

Your obedient Servant,

P. CLUSKEY.

Dundalk, 10th July, 1916.

Gentlemen,

We, the undersigned Collectors, beg to apply to have our present salaries revised, as it is now over 13 years since we came to this arrangement with an Inspector from the Local Government Board, who calculated our salaries on the poundage rate paid us at that time, taking the amount of our different Warrants for the previous three years as the standard. We would suggest to the Committee to adopt the same system now, taking the past three years as a basis, as we believe this arrangement would be fair both to the Council and the Collectors. We would also request the Committee to recommend whatever arrangement they may arrive at to be retrospective for the past three years, as we are confident the Council will agree that there is a big difference as regards the expense of a Collector 13 years ago and the time we have gone through for the past three or four years.

When considering this application, the Collectors would be pleased to attend if required as a deputation before the Committee.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

PATRICK M'DONNELL, JOHN WOODS, PETER M'DONNELL.

The Chairman and Members
Finance Committee.

The Secretary submitted the following statement of the amounts paid these Collectors as salaries, which had been fixed instead of poundage rates:—

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P CLUSKEY—£101 10s 2d per annum—4 3-5d in the £.

PATRICK M'DONNELL—£129 5s 10d per annum—6 1-10d in the £.

PETER M'DONNELL—£100 11s 2d per annum—5 1-3d in the £.

JOHN WOODS—£88 2s 10d per annum—5½d in the £.

On the basis of the Warrants of these Collectors for the present collection, the approximate rate in the £ opposite the names represent the present salaries paid.

After a long discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Joseph H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend, subject to the approval of the L G B, that the following rates of poundage fees be fixed for the collections of the undermentioned Collectors of poor rate in the County of Louth, viz:—

PATRICK CLUSKEY, at the rate of 6d in the £.
PATRICK M'DONNELL, at the rate of 6½d in the £.
PETER M'DONNELL, at the rate of 7d in the £.
JOHN WOODS, at the rate of 7d in the £.

With reference to the request of the Collectors that the basis of revision should be retrospective for the past three years, the Committee unanimously declined the request.

MR. V. J. O'CONNELL'S FEES FOR CENTRAL DISPENSARY.

The Secretary read the correspondence from the Secretary of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management with Mr O'Connell

relative to the arrangement made for the preparation of the plans for the above Dispensary, and after discussion it was decided to refer the consideration of the matter to the Committee of Management and request that a report be made, on their findings, to the County Council.

QUARRY AT TULLYALLEN.

The following letter from Mr B R T Balfour's Solicitor was read, and referred to the Co. Surveyor for his report:—

36, South Frederick Street,
Dublin, 19th July, 1916.

Blayney R. T. Balfour's Estate.

Dear Sir,

I have heard from Mr Balfour with reference to the pass through his land in King William's Glen from the proposed quarry in Mr Roche's land at Tullyallen.

His principal objection to giving the permission is that he considers that the beauty of the Glen, which is resorted to by a large number of tourists, would be greatly spoiled by the heavy carting on the road, which is a narrow one, and that there would be a great deal of obstruction by lorries coming to and from the quarry.

Also if the pass is fenced the grazing of the lower part of the Glen will be useless, and if not fenced cattle will be able to stray out on the road, which would be most objectionable.

Mr Balfour thinks that if any other quarry in the neighbourhood would answer the purpose it would be a thousand pities to do anything that would damage one of the beauty spots of the county.

Yours truly,

R. E. MAUNSELL.

Secretary Louth County Council.

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INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the Rev Canon Hamilton, Dundalk, notifying that an application would be made for committal to the Meath Industrial Home, Dublin, of a child named Wm Wagner.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Letter was read from Manager Industrial School, Drogheda, notifying that Bernard Devine, an inmate of the School, having reached the required age, would be sent to Letterfrack Industrial School. The Committee unanimously approved of the transfer.

Letter was read from the Manager, St Patrick's Industrial School, Milltown, Belfast, pointing out the necessity of increasing the present Grant for the maintenance of children in Industrial Schools during the present war, and also stating that the Belfast City Council, and the County Antrim County Council had granted an increase.

The consideration of the application was adjourned for the present.

ACCIDENT AT QUARRY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that an accident had occurred to one of the workmen engaged at Cocklehill quarry by a stone bruising his foot. The Insurance Company had been advised, and they now requested a medical certificate, which the Secretary was directed to procure from the injured man.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTIES.

Circular letter was read from the L G B enclosing certified

statement showing the value of the Motor Car Licence Duties levied during year ended 31st March, 1916, by each County and County Borough Council in Ireland, by which it appeared that a sum of £1,261 3s 6d had beeen collected in the County of Louth.

MALICIOUS INJURY APPEAL.

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
13th July, 1916.

Richard Boyle, Ballaverty, £15. Criminal Injury Application.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that the appeal against the Decree of the County Court Judge awarding the Applicant £5 compensation for burning of pike of hay, was heard to-day at Summer Assizes, and the Judge of Assize affirmed the decision of the County Court and increased the amount awarded to the sum of £8, to be levied off the Electoral Division of Rathcor.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' APPLICATION.

Letters were read from Messrs J Dromgoole and J M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors, requesting a revision of their salaries with a view to having same increased, by the Council. The Secretary was directed to send copies of the applications to the County Surveyor and request his report on them for consideration by the Committee at their next meeting.

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HALL AT COLLON.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Dundalk, 22nd July, 1916.

Application by A.O.H. for Site for Hall in Market Square, Collon.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee Meeting, 24th July, 1916.

Gentlemen,

I met the representatives of the applicants for site in Collon on 11th instant, intending when I had seen the place to ask the local County Councillors to meet me there. The County Council does not even maintain the Market Square at Collon. I do not see, therefore, how the Council could be in a position to give title for a building site, apart from other considerations. I did not consider it necessary then to put the local County Councillors to the trouble of meeting me there.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 27th July, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Laurence Goodman, Michael Meade, T V MacQuillan, B Hamill, J P; Bernard Finegan, M O'Meara, J P; J M'Carthy, J P; J Wynne, J P; N T Murphy, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; John Morgan, Esquires; and Sir A Vere Foster, Bart.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons, and J Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were also in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Laurence Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on 25th May, 1916, and their Special Meeting held on 5th June, 1916, and their Annual Meeting, held on 16th June, 1916, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T V MacQuillan, Esq;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 29th May, 1916.
Monday, 12th June, 1916.
Monday, 26th June, 1916.
Monday, 10th July, 1916.
Monday, 24th July, 1916.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by B Finegan, Esq;
Seconded by J M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 29th May, 1916.
Monday, 26th June, 1916.
Monday, 10th July, 1916.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 10th July, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

VOTES OF CONDOLENCE.

The following resoutions were passed in silence:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Finegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we learn with regret of the death of Mr. James Connolly, J P, Ravensdale, who was for many years a respected member of this Council, and we direct our Secretary to convey to his widow and family our sincere sympathy in their sad bereavement.

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we desire to place on record our sincere sorrow at the death of Mr James Norton, J P, whose life-long work in the noble cause of Temperance has won our admiration. We hereby direct our Secretary to convey to his widow and family our sympathy in their sad loss.

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ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Sir A Vere Foster, Bart;
Seconded by T V MacQuillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 4th July, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £612 12s 0d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 11th July, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £360 1s 2d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Laurence Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 3rd July, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,004 16s 0d

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting, held on 10th July, 1916, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £5,763 14s 4d, be and are hereby approved of.

UNION AND RURAL DISTRICT DEMANDS.

The Treasurer's Authority for payment of the following Instalments of Demands was signed:—

Ardee Union	£1156	13	10
Drogheda do.	1379	19	1
Dundalk do.	2806	0	0
	£5342	12	11

Ardee No 1 R D	£196	5	0
Drogheda (Louth) do	15	0	0
Dundalk do	271	15	0
	£483	0	0

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DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Sir A Vere Foster, Bart, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the Third Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE—Tuesday, 3rd October, 1916.
DROGHEDA—Tuesday, 10th October, 1916.
DUNDALK—Monday, 2nd October, 1916.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on

Monday, 16th October, 1916.

CO-OPTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLOR.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resovel—That we hereby co-opt Mr Patk L M'Keon, J P, of Sandpit House, Termonfeckin, a member of the County Council vice Mr Laurence M'Keon, deceased.

CO-OPTION OF MEMBER OF DROGHEDA OLD AGE PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resovel—That we hereby co-opt Mr Patk L M'Keon, J P, of Sandpit House, Termonfeckin, a member of the Drogheda Old Age Pensions Committee vice Mr Laurence M'Keon, deceased.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER ON ARDEE DISTRICT SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Sir A Vere Foster, Bart;
Seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr John Maguire, J P, of Harristown, Ardee, a member of the Ardee District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr T P O'Carroll, deceased.

POUND FOR DROGHEDA.

The next business on the agenda was the consideration of requisition from the Drogheda Magistrates for the erection of a Pound at the Corn Market, Fair Street, Drogheda.

After some discussion, the consideration of this question was adjourned to next meeting of the Council.

MEETINGS IN DROGHEDA.

In accordance with notice of motion, Mr James M'Carthy, J P, moved:—

"That in future two Quarterly and two Adjourned Meetings of the Council be held in Drogheda Court House, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock, a m."

Mr N T Murphy, J P, seconded the motion.

After discussion Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, suggested as a

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compromise that two alternate Adjourned Meetings of the Council be held in Drogheda Court House in addition to the Annual Meeting. This modification was accepted by Messrs M'Carthy and Murphy, and the Council having given leave to Mr M'Carthy to amend his motion accordingly, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That in future awo alternate Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Council be held in Drogheda Court House, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock, a m.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS COMMITTEE.

In accordance with Scheme under the Naval and Military War Pensions Act, approved by the Council, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Sir A Vere Foster, Bart;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following to act on the Local Committee for the County of Louth, under the scheme in connection with the Naval and Military War Pensions, etc, Act, 1915:—

Lady Bellingham, Castlebellingham.
Miss Jones, Fort Hill, Dundalk.
Mrs Bailey, Sandymount, Blackrock.
Mrs Barber, Francis Street, Dundalk.
Mrs Macmillan, Ardee House, Ardee.
Colonel T J Jones, Lisnawilly.
Messrs Laurence Stanley, Drogheda.
James Davis, Drogheda.

R Hesketh, Custom House, Drogheda.
B R Balfour, Townley Hall, Drogheda.
A W Archer, Drogheda.
Max Hesse, Dundalk.
M M'Gowan, T C, Drogheda.
Thomas Leslie, Drogheda.
Wm Larkin, M'Dermott's Terrace, Dundalk.
James Smith, 7, Annaville Terrace, Dundalk.
Sir A V Foster, D L, Bart, Glyde Court, Ardee.
Michael Meade, Mountain View, Castlebellingham.
Michael O'Meara, J P, Omeath.
Bernard Finegan, Linenhall Street, Dundalk.

TARRING OF BLACKROCK ROAD.

In reply to Mr James Wynne, the County Surveyor informed the Council that he could not do any tarring on the Blackrock Road this season, as no proposal had been passed for the work by the Rural District Council.

TULLYALLEN QUARRY.

Mr N T Murphy, J P, referred to the correspondence appearing in the printed minutes, from Mr B R T Balfour's Solicitor, re above, and spoke of the suitability of this quarry for work on the main road from Drogheda to Navan. He urged that Mr Balfour should be again interviewed with a view to his consent being obtained for a pass to the quarry.

After discussion, the following committee was appointed to meet Mr Balfour for this purpose:—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P, and the County Surveyor, the latter to arrange for the interview.

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DANGEROUS TURNINGS.

The Chairman referred to a dangerous turn on the road to Blackrock, and requested the County Surveyor to bring the matter before the District Council with a view to its improvement.

Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, referred to a dangerous turning on the Omeath Road, and the County Surveyor was asked to see about this also.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

The following letter was read:—

Lisrenny, Ardee, 21st June, 1916.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly convey to the members of your Council my warm appreciation of their extremely kind resolution of sympathy on the death of my husband, conveyed to me in your letter of the 17th, and at the same time allow me to offer you my sincere thanks for your own personal message.

Yours faithfully,

GEORGINA M. FILGATE.

The Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

ASSISTED MILK STATIONS.

Resolution submitted from Meath County Council, requesting legislation empowering County Councils to establish assisted milk stations, by giving a bonus to selected farmers undertaking to sell milk at fixed rates in necessitous districts, was marked "read."

ARBITRATOR—ARDEE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The following letter was read, and after discussion was referred to the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council for their opinion as to the proposed successor to Sir John Barton:—

Great Northtern Rly., (I),
Secretary's Office, Dublin,
24th July, 1916.

Dear Sir,

It will be necessary to appoint an Arbitrator in the matter of the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts, under Sec. 18, Sub-Sec. 5 of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Act, 1892, in place of Sir John G Barton, resigned.

My Company hereby beg to suggest to your Council the appointment of Mr James Carroll, who has succeeded Sir John Barton in the Valuation Office as Acting Commissioner of Valuation for Ireland.

Yours faithfully,

T. MORRISON, Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

Letter was read from Mr Warren, Clerk Tuberculosis Committee of Management, setting out the names of those members of the Committee who had failed to attend its meetings during the past 12 months.

After discussion it was decided to place the question of appointments to the Committee on the agenda for next meeting of the Council.

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SECRETARY'S SALARY.

The following letter which had been addressed to the Presiding Chairman, was read and initialled:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
26th June, 1916.

No. 30278-1916.
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the resolution passed by the Louth County Council at their meeting on the 25th ultimo, proposing to increase the salary of the Secretary to the County Council from £200 to £250 a year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned this proposal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Presiding Chairman,
Louth County Council.

OMEATH IRISH COLLEGE.

Letter was read from Mr J T Dolan, requesting a renewal of the contributions from the members of the Council to the above, and stating that the Council were entitled to a representation of four members on the governing body of the College, should the subscriptions received equal last year's.

AGREEMENT FOR HAULAGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the Agreement between Oswald M'Dowell, of Marsh Farm, and the County Council for the haulage of 400 tons of prepared stone from Faughart Quarry to the Lurgangreen Road, at the rate of 4s per ton of 22½ cubic feet, and that we authorise our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council to the Agreement.

ESTATE DUTY GRANTS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 26th July, 1916, enclosing Order, with Schedule, for the payment of the sum of £529 9s 11d in respect of Medical and Educational Expenditure by Guardians in the County of Louth for year ending 30th September next.

Letter was also read from the L G B, dated 26th July, transmitting Order for the payment of the sum of £88 14s 2d in respect of salaries of sanitary officers in the rural districts of the country for the same period.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

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Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 7th day of August, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Finegan, James Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Laurence Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called to consider tenders for the following Works:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 30—To purchase Tar Boiler—Johnston's Patent Double Furnace, with Double Waithman's Apparatus, complete ready for working. Cost not to exceed £85 0s 0d, to be provided as follows:—£60 remaining of Machinery Loan to be applied to the purchase, £25 further to be now approved and to be a County-at-large, ex-Urban, charge.

No. 31—To Paint Water Cart, and Paint and Repair Mud Cart provided for the use of Ardee. Cost not to exceed £10. County-at-large, ex-Urban, charge.

For Work No. 30 no tender was received, and it was therefore placed in charge of County Surveyor.

For Work No. 31 only one tender was received, that of Patrick M'Cormack, Ardee, who proposed to do the work for the sum of £10, and the tender was unanimously accepted.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 7th August, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Finegan, James Wynne, J P; J F Murphy, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Laurence Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P, and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of Co. Surveyor—Loans Account	£175	11 9
Works in charge of Co. Surveyor—Subsidiary Account ...	89	15 9
Secretary's Office.Subsidiary Account ...	36	11 5
	£301	18 11

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The transfer of a sum of £2,000 from the General to the Subsidiary Account was recommended to the County Council.

ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' APPLICATIONS.

As per special notice on the agenda, the following applications from Messrs James Dromgoole and J M C Lyons, were considered by the Committee, together with report from Co. Surveyor on the applications as under:—

Dunleer, 22nd July, 1916.

To the Chairman and Members Louth Co. Council.

Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to apply for an increase in my salary as Assistant County Surveyor, owing to increased duties.

Since the commencement of your Road Board Scheme (July 1915), the inspection of work in the quarries, seeing to the distribution of stone along stretches of the North Road, and the checking of paysheets for Finance Meetings, considerably added to my usual duties. Also the unusual number of neglected contracts (mostly in remote parts of the district) taken up by the County Surveyor, necessarily doubled the number of my inspections.

I am now 35 years in the service of your County, and as this is my second application inside that fairly long period, I hope for a favourable consideration, under existing circumstances.

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES DROMGOOLE.

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Castle Road, Dundalk,
July 24th, 1916.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I respectfully beg to apply for an increase in my salary. Twelve years have elapsed since last you had this matter under consideration, and my work has largely increased in the meantime.

Trusting you will kindly give the matter favourable consideration.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M C LYONS, B E,
Assistant Co. Surveyor.

To Louth County Council.

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
5th August, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen,
Finance Committee, 7th August, 1916.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

In response to your request for a report from County Surveyor on applications by Assistant Surveyors, I beg to report as follows:—

So far as I can ascertain there has never been an exact definition of the duties of Assistant Surveyors by the County Council. Within the past two years there has been undoubtedly a large number of contracts on which Contractors have failed to carry out their contracts, more especially in Mr.

Lyons' district, but latterly also in Mr Dromgoole's district. These neglected contracts undoubtedly impose more work on the Assistants as on everybody else both in the County Surveyor's and Secretary's Departments. A reference to the minutes of the County Council proceedings will show the number of defaulters in each district. Since the outbreak of the war, owing to labour difficulties and the uncertainties of the situation. Contractors are chary of tendering, and a number of maintenance and special works have been carried out directly. In one county I am aware that a percentage of the expenditure on such works is given to the Surveyors to compensate them for extra duties in carrying out the works. I do not recommend any such course to be introduced into this county.

I would refer to the increases in mileage of roads in continuous maintenance in recent years. The mileage in each Rural District in 1898 and 1916 is shown below—to the nearest furlong:—

Ardee R D, 1898—198 miles; 1916—206½ miles.

Drogheda R D, 1898—125½ miles; 1916—138⅛ miles.

Dundalk R D, 1898—270½ miles; 1916—304⅜ miles.

It will be seen that the mieage in each Rural District has appreciably increased since the passing of the Local Government Act. The added miles are mostly "fourth-class" roads. In most other counties such roads are repaired only once in four or five years, and left to deteriorate again between repairs. As regards the Road Board Work now in progress, when preparing the Scheme in 1914, immediately after taking up duty here, the Assistants accompanied me when making trial borings, looking up quarries, etc, and put their local knowledge at my disposal. The supervision of the work now in progress

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has of course entailed extra duties on both, but so far more in Mr Dromgoole's case than in that of Mr Lyons'.

There is no doubt but the work of these officers has increassed since the last revision of their salaries. I recommend their applications for favourable consideration, and at the same time I recommend that a list of duties of the office be compiled and placed on record.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH,
County Surveyor.

The mater was discussed at length by the Committee, and the various duties of the Assistant Surveyors were gone into in detail, and approved. The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we recommend to the County Council that the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors, Messrs James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, be increased from £130 to £150 per year.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted return showing the condition of the poor rate collection as on 31st July, 1916. The total of the first moiety of the rate is £17,773 18s 5d, and of this a sum of £2,023 0s 6d had been collected, leaving £15,750 17s 11d outstanding.

The return was initialled by the Chairman.

HAY RESTRICTIONS.

Mr B Hamill stated that a number of people who had brought old crop hay into the market were prevented by the police from disposing of same, on the grounds that the War Supply Authorities had first claim on it. He believed that the claim did not apply to the old crop, and he suggested that a strong resolution should be forwarded to the authorities on the subject.

Mr T O'Rourke supported this view, and stated that the person in charge of the War Supplies locally, could not be found that morning to arrange matters, and considerable inconvenience was caused to both buyers and sellers in consequence.

Eventually on the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded by Mr T O'Rourke, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to forward same to the proper quarter:—

"That owing to the very great inconvenience and hardship caused to the farmers and the public generally by the restrictions placed upon the sale of hay by the Military Authorities, we request said Authorities to withdraw these resrictions in the case of old crop hay, and to limit any restrictions made in regard to the new crop, so that the buyers and sellers may have a free market for the quantity not required for military purposes."

EXCHEQUER MAINTENANCE GRANT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 1st August, 1916, No. 35792-1916, stating that a Paying Order for the sum of £245 from the above had been ordered in respect of the estimated

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expenditure for the treatment of tuberculosis in Louth County during half year ending 30th September next.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

BALLAST FROM CLOGHERHEAD PIER.

The following leter from Mr D J Rath was read, and the Secretary was directed to procure maps from the Board of Works and the Land Commission, showing the boundary of the Clogherhead Pier and Mr Rath's property, when a direction will be given to the Harbour Master on the subject:—

Clogher Head, 3rd August, 1916.

The Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

Dear Sir,

The Harbour Master at Clogher Head has been claiming rights on behalf of the County Council for the supply of ballast for ships leaving the harbour. This ballast is taken from land which I maintain is on my property, and while I have no objection to give every facility for the ballasting of vessels by permitting the masters to use the material taken from this land, I would wish the Council to instruct the Harbour Master that any ballast required must be taken with my permission.

Yours faithfully,

DENIS J. RATH.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

Circular letters were read from the General Post Office with reference to the procedure with regard to the issue of Motor Licence Duties, and to any deposits made with respect thereto during the period when the Licences were in abeyance. As the proposed increased charges for these licences had been abandoned the old conditions with reference thereto were again in operation. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

ACCIDENT AT FAUGHART QUARRY.

The Secretary informed the Committee that a slight accident had occurred to Stephen Watters at Faughart Quarry, and that the Insurance Company had been advised, and the preliminaries attended to.

TELEPHONE INSTALLATION.

An account for £7, cost of installation of the telephone in the County Offices, and deposit for trunk telegrams, etc, was submitted, and recommended for payment.

MR. V. O'CONNELL'S FEES.

Letter was read from the Clerk Tuberculosis Committee of Management, stating that Mr O'Connell had accepted the offer of 2½ per cent on the outlay for the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary. This was considered satisfactory by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to send the papers to the Clerk for completion.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 7th August, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Finegan, James Wynne, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Laurence Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following reports were read:—

MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

On July 8th an outbreak of scab occurred in a flock of 15 sheep, the property of Thomas Thornton, Newtowndarver. The sheep have been dipped three times, and the necessary measures were taken to stamp out the disease. An outbreak of scab was also detected in a flock of 23 sheep at Dundalk Port, which were consigned to England by Mr M Curran, Sligo. The affected animals were slaughtered and in-contact ones dipped. A case of swine fever has occurred on the premises of Michael

Hanlon, Ramparts, Dundalk. The matter is being at present dealt with by the Department of Agriculture.

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

During the month of July I had two outbreaks of sheep scab at the Drogheda Port, the animals in each case coming from Co. Meath. The diseased animals were slaughtered and the in-contacts dealt with, and your Secretary was furnished with full reports and particulars in the matter. There was no other case of contagious disease in animals occurring in this district during the month.

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

I beg to inform you that I attended the usual fairs and markets held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of July. I have no case of contagious or infectious disease to report for this month.

W. E. MAXWELL.

The various Forms in connection with the cases of Sheep Scab and Swine Fever, served by the Police and Veterinary Inspectors, were tabled and initialled.

SHEEP DIPPING TANKS.

The following letter was read, but no action was decided on in the matter:—

Department of Agriculture,
Veterinary Branch,
Dublin, 24th July, 1916.

No. 2077-16.

Sir, Sheep Dipping.

With reference to your letter of 12th instant, con-

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taining a further expression of the views of the Diseases of Animals Acts Executive Committee of the Louth County Council on the procedure needful to make sheep dipping effective in the County, I have to state that it would be a mistake to suppose that the Department regard the dipping in hand-baths as other than a makeshift arrangement, which it would be undesirable to have recourse to when better means can be provided. The Department are at one with the Committee in srongly favouring dipping in central baths under supervision as against the scattered dipping of small flocks in tubs, which renders adequate inspection impossible.

But the Department consider that the readiest way to attain the desired end of having dipping carried out at central points is by the full exercise of the Local Authority's powers under the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) (Ireland) Order of 1916, in pursuance of which the Inspectors can serve notices requiring dipping to be carried out at the place, etc, specified in the notice. It is hoped that this view of the matter will commend itself to the Committee, and that they will be so good as to take action accordingly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

AUTUMN SHEEP DIPPING.

The Committee directed the Secretary that all the arrangements in force for the Summer Dipping Period should be continued during the Autumn Period.

DIPPING SUPERINTENDENTS' SALARIES.

Applications were read from William Leonard, Dipping Supt. Ardee Tank, and Thomas M'Ardle, Dipping Supt. Knockbridge Tank, requesting advances in wages owing to the increased work. Each of the Superintendents asked that their wages for all the work of dippings and inspections be increased to 30s per week. After long discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Laurence Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That we recommend that the wages of William Leonard and Thomas M'Ardle, as dipping superintendents, be increased from 18s to 25s per week during the Autumn Period, and that they get an additional 2s per week each during the same period as Local Inspectors.

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Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee.

Minutes of above at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Court House, on Monday, 24th day of July, 1916.

Present:—In the Chair: J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Rev F M'Clelland, M A; Rev J Moody, M A; Rev J Donnelly, C C; P J Finegan, M D, J P; and W. Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary read the minutes of the last meeting of the Committee, which were confirmed and duly signed by the Chairman.

The Reports from the School Attendance Officers were next read and considered satisfactory.

The following notice of motion, which appeared on the agenda issued to the members of the Committee, was next considered:—

"I hereby give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Committee that the salary of the School Attendance Officer (Mr D O'Meara) be increased from £62 to £78 per annum. (Signed) Rev F M'Clelland, M A."

After due consideration of the subject matter of this notice, it was—

Proposed by Rev F M'Clelland, M A;
Seconded by P J Finegan, M D, J P, and unanimously recommended—

That the salary of the School Attendance Officer, Mr D. O'Meara, be increased by £16 per annum, and that we respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to this recommendation.

D. O'MEARA,
Secretary to Committee.

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Minutes of proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, 17th day of August, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—P L M'Keon, J P; M O'Meara, J P; Ml. Meade, Denis J Rath, Laurence Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J P; James T M'Gee, J P; Peter B Moore, J P; John Dolan, J M'Carthy, J P; and N TMurphy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thos Walsh, Co. Surveyor, John M C Lyons, and James Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, were in attendance.

Mr Patrick L M'Keon, J P, who was co-opted to fill the vacancy caused by the death of his father, having signed the Statutory declaration of acceptance of office, was welcomed by the Chairman on taking his seat on the Council.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;

Seconded by John Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on the July 27, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their meeting held on the 7th August, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting, held on the 7th August, 1916, a copy of which has been sen tto each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting, held on the 7th August, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Mr James T M'Gee, J P, asked whether it was obligatory on the Veterinary Inspectors to live within the district for which they were appointed, and the Secretary was direced to look up the matter, and report to next meeting of the Finance Committee.

CONFIRMATION OF DUNDALK SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the minutes of the Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee at their meeting, held on 24th July, 1916, including the proposal to increase the salary of the School Attendance Officer, Mr Daniel O'Meara, by £16 per annum.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 17th August, 1916, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

ARDEE WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 4th July, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 25th July, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

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DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 11th July, 1916, as set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 8th August, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Laurence Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 3rd July, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 31st July, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That thet the proposals for works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th July, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to

the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 7th August, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

No tenders were received for any of the works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, and

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works passed by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meetings, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

POUND FOR DROGHEDA.

The consideration of the question of erecting a pound at the Cornmarket, Drogheda, was the next item on the agenda. The Secretary read the requisition of the Drogheda Magistrates on the subject, which had already been before the Council, and also a letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, to the Clerk of Petty Sessions, stating that subject to the precise position and the space required being agreed upon, the Finance Committee of the Drogheda Urban Council would recommend to his Council the allocation to the County Council for the establishment of a Public Pound of portion of the Corn Market, for the rent of 40s per annum. The Secretary also read the Section of the Act which empowers the County Council to present such sum, not exceeding £10, as they shall think fit, for the erection, part erection, or repair of any pound, on the requisition of three or more Justices of any Petty Sessions District.

After discussion, in which Mr Peter B Moore, J P, urged on

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the Council the necessity for a pound in Drogheda, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to erect a Pound at the Corn Market, Fair Street, Drogheda, and direct our Co. Surveyor to bring forward a proposal at the next meeting of the Proposal Committee for the sum of £10 for this purpose.

ARBITRATOR ARDEE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The question of the appointment of an arbitrator in the matter of the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts, which had been adjourned from last meeting of the Council, was further adjourned to next meeting.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S SALARY.

The following application was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
7th August, 1916.

The Chairman and Gentlemen, Louth County Council.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to make application to you at your Quarterly Meeting on 17th inst, for an increase in my salary, which at present stands at £300.

As you are aware, I devote my whole time to my duties as County Surveyor. In the other Counties of Ireland, with only one or two exceptions, I believe the salaries paid to the Surveyors run from £400 to £950.

Since taking up office in County Louth, the present Road

Board Scheme now in progress was put through, and the carrying out of the work initiated. There is no need to recall the lengthy negotiations with the Road Board before a satisfactory arrangement was come to, and our continued insistence to be treated on the same terms in the matter of a grant as other Irish counties, was acceded to, nor need I remark upon the difficulties, in difficult times, of organising and starting the work in quarries, etc, including the purchase of machinery—all a new departure in this county, and therefore the more troublesome. This work, needless to say, has entailed and does entail much running about, and not a little wory and anxious thought.

I think it will be admitted that the work of the County Surveyor at the present time is much more strenuous than in past days when you paid a larger salary.

The Council allow me £100 per annum for travelling. I have, out of my own pocket, provided and maintain a motor for use in my work. Allowing for depreciation I am expending more than the allowance made me, as practically ever since I took up duty here the cost of everything has been daily increasing, so that at the present time my salary with allowance is not worth within £100 of what it was when I entered into office.

I have not canvassed any of the Councillors in regard to this application, as I have every confidence in the sense of justice of the Council, and in its desire to act fairly by its officials.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH,
County Surveyor.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to increase the salary of Mr

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Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor of the County of Louth, from £300 to the sum of £400 per annum.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

The Secretary read a letter from the County Inspector, R I C, suggesting the appointment for each Petty Sessions District in the county of an Inspector under the Food and Drugs Act, and recommending Police Sergeants for each district. The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following to act as Inspectors under the Food and Drugs Acts in the County of Louth for the Petty Sessions Districts opposite their names:—

	Petty Sessions District of
Sergeant William Delaney	Carlingford.
Sergeant Michael Grace	Castlebellingham.
Ating-Sergeant Michael Connolly	Louth.
Sergeant Joseph Bustard	Ravensdale.
Sergeant John Kenny	Ardee.
Sergeant Maurice Quirk	Collon.
Sergeant Owen Callan	Dunleer.
Sergeant Patrick Lally	Termonfeckin.
Sergeant Matthew Sharpe	Mell.

RATE COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

The following letter was read:—

No. 37197-16.
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Local Government Board,
Dublin, 7th August, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 31st ultimo, relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to pay

certain Collectors in the county poundage fees instead of salary as heretofore, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that they may be informed of the reasons for the proposed change, which would result in considerable increase in the annual amounts payable to these Collectors.

The Board would also be glad to be informed whether the County Council propose to make any alteration in the remuneration of Collectors M'Cullough and Kelly.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to inform the L. G. B. that the reasons for the change from salary to poundage fees, which results in increases to the Collectors, are, that owing to the breaking up of land there is a considerably increased number of holdings on which rates are collectable, and consequently increased work, and increased travelling expenses, besides the high cost of living. He was also directed to inform the Board that no change in the remuneration to Collectors M'Cullough and Kelly was contemplated, as they had not applied for revision of their salaries.

The following letter was also read:—

Carterstown, Drogheda,
14th August, 1916.

The Chairman,
Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

I beg to bring under the notice of the members of the Council that the rate of poundage (6½d in the £) proposed to be paid me as a reduction on the poundage rate which I was receiving after being transferred under the Local Government Act of 1898.

I was then paid a poundage rate of 7d in the £, and my pre-

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sent fixed salary is based upon that poundage rate.

I respectfully ask the Council to fix the poundage rate at 7d in the £ ,same as I had heretofore, or failing this to leave my salary as it was.

Your obedient Servant,

PATRICK M'DONNELL,
Poor Rate Collector.

The Secretary informed the Council that no alteration could be made in Mr M'Donnell's remuneration now as the resolution fixing his fees at 6½d could not be rescinded for six months. The payment of fees on his present warrant would result in an increase of over £8 on his former salary.

After discussioon it was decided to re-consider the question of Mr M'Donnell's fees before the beginning of the next financial year, and the Sec. was directed to bring the matter forward at the proper time.

TUBERCULOUSIS COMMITTEE MEETINGS.

The following letter was read:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of
Management,
90, Clanbrassil Street,
Dundalk, 8th June, 1916.

Charles M'Alester,
Secretary, Louth County Council.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management to inform the Louth County Council that the members of the Committee whose names are set out below have failed to attend a meeting of the General Committee during the past 12 months.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN,
Secretary.

SCHEDULE.

Mr. Thomas Murphy, Park Street, Dundalk; Mr Patrick Donegan, Monasterboice, Drogheda; Mr L J Elcock, Drogheda; Mr J M Johnson, Mr James M'Carthy, Newfoundwell, Drogheda; Mr Denis J Rath, Clogherhead, Drogheda; Mr W T Skeffington, West Street, Drogheda.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Laurence Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt the following members of the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management:—Peter B Moore, J P; Patrick L M'Keon, J P; Denis J Rath, Michael Meade, W T Skeffington, J P; James T M'Gee, J P, and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

THANKS FOR SYMPATHY.

The following letter was read and ordered to be inserted on minutes:—

Ravensdale, 5th August, 1916.

Charles M'Alester, Esq.

Dear Sir,

Allow me to return my very sincere thanks to the members of the County Council for their kind vote of sympathy in my great bereavement. My late husband often said he had no better friend than yourself.

Yours very Sincerely,

ISABELLA CONNOLLY.

Letter was also read from Mrs and Miss Norton, thanking the Council for their sympathy on the death of the late Mr. James Norton, J P.

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HAY RESTRICTIONS.

At last meeting of the Finance Committee the Secretary had been directed to forward resolution requesting the withdrawal of restrictions on 1915 crop hay, and the limitation of restrictions on 1916 hay. To this resolution a reply dated 8th August, had been received, in which the Administrative Area Officer stated while desiring to cause the minimum of inconvenience, there could not be any alteration in the terms of the Order. The A. A. O. did not think the Department would require any old meadow hay, and he had given instructions to the Purchasing Officer to release old meadow hay on sight. There is no restriction whatever on 1915 crop hay. With regard to the new crop, it was necessary, he said, that the War Department should have first choice. The quantity required for shipment overseas to the forces is a fractional amount of the available supply. Everything else will be released under license, and provided War Department maximum prices are not exceeded there is at the present moment an absolutely free market between buyers and sellers for the hay not required for War Department purposes.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

PASS TO TULLYALLEN QUARRY.

Letter was read from the County Surveyor stating that as directed by the County Council the Acting Chairman, Mr C A Duffy, J P ;Mr N T Murphy, J P, and himself had interviewed Mr B R T Balfour with reference to above. Since then he had received the following letter from Mr Balfour's agent, and he recommended the acceptance of the terms offered therein:—

36, South Frederick Street,
Dublin, 10th August, 1916.

B. R. T. Balfour's Estate.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of 3rd inst. to Mr Balfour, and to our interview yesterday, I have to say that Mr Balfour is prepared to grant a temporary permission for a pass to Mr.

Roche's quarry in King William's Glen on the following terms:—

(1) That you erect a strong wire fence from a point on the road bank immediately north of the proposed entrance from the road running S.E. to the ash tree pointed out on the boundary between Mr Balfour's and Mr Roche's land.

(2) That a proper gate be erected on the road entrance and kept closed when the passage is not actually in use.

(3) That the Council pay a sum of ten shillings for the permission to make the temporary passage to the quarry, and for the loss to Mr Balfour of the small portion of grazing running south from the quarry to the old Mill of Alt, for the year ending 1st August, 1917.

(4) No trees, shrubs or bushes to be cut or damaged on the above-mentioned lands, and no tenancy is created in them temporally or otherwise, and the Council are not to permit any trespass or grazing on them.

(5) When any blasting is being done the Glen road to be properly flagged both above and below the quarry.

Subject to these Conditions Mr Balfour is prepared to grant a temporary use of the passage for the purpose of your experimentally working the quarry for a year, but at the end of that period he reserves to himself the right to withdraw the permission, or to alter the terms in any way he thinks fit.

Mr Balfour's chief wish is to preserve the scenery of the Glen road, and he trusts your Council will assist him in this respect in every way they can.

Yours truly,

R. E. MAUNSELL.

Thomas Walsh, Esq,

County Surveyor, Dundalk.

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The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to accept the following conditions for a pass over Mr B R T Balfour's lands to Mr Roche's quarry at Drybridge, viz:—

1. To erect a strong wire fence from a point immediately north of the proposed entrance to the quarry to the boundary between Mr Balfour's and Mr Roche's land.

2. To erect a proper gate on the road entrance, which is to be kept closed when the passage is not actually in use.

3. To pay Mr Balfour a sum of 10s for the permission to make the temporary pass to the quarry, and for loss of a small portion of grazing.

4. No trees, shrubs or bushes to be cut or damaged on the above-mentioned lands, and no tenancy is created in them temporarily or otherwise, nor will the Council permit any trespass or grazing on them.

5. When any blasting is being done that the Glen road be properly flagged both above and below the quarry.

NORTH KING ST. SHOOTINGS.

The following resolution, submitted by the Ardee Board of Guardians, was

On the motion of Michael Meade, Esq,
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,

unanimously adopted:—

That we respectfully request the Government to hold a public inquiry into the death of the three County Louth men, Finegan, Lawless and Hoey, who were shot by the military in the

house known as the Louth Dairy, North King Street, Dublin, during the recent rebellion.

COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from Clerk of Petty Sessions, Drogheda, stating that an application would be made at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction, sitting at Drogheda on the 28th Aug. to commit the following children to Industrial Schools:—Kate and Alice Craven, Edward, John and Mary Devine, all of George's Street, Drogheda. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board as follows:—

8th August, No. 37879-16, enclosing audited accounts of Ardee No. 1 R D C for half year to 31st March, 1916.

8th August, No. 37881-16, enclosing audited accounts of Ardee Union for half year to 31st March, 1916.

27th July, No. 34515-16, enclosing audited accounts of Richmond Asylum for half year ended 30th September, 1915, and 31st March, 1916.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

CONTRACTS FOR LOCAL AUTHORITIES.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 10th August, No. 37008-16, informing the Council that the notice required to be given by an employer under Section 7 of the Trade Boards Act, 1909, in the case of contracts with Local Authorities, will no longer be necessary, as it is obligatory on the contractor to pay the minimum rates of wages as varied by the Tailoring Trade Board (Ireland). The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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FOOD AND DRUGS.

Letter was read from the Department dated 11th August, stating that sample of butter taken at Dundalk Market on the 10th July, and analysed, proved to be pure.

SECRETARY'S HOLIDAYS.

The Council unanimously granted the Secretary his annual leave of absence.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 21st August, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Michael Meade, Esq.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, Laurence Goodman, and Bernard Finegan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	£190	10 0
Subsidiary Account—do. do.	211	11 7
do. Secretary's Office	112	15 0
Total	£514	16 7

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

ACCIDENTS AT QUARRIES.

Letter was read from the Ocean Guarantee Corporation dated 15th August, enclosing £1 9s 8d in settlement of the claim of

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Bernard Courtney, injured at the Council's quarry at Cocklehill, who has now recovered. Letter was also read from the Corporation acknowledging claim in the case of Stephen Watters injured at Faughart quarry,and noting that it was unlikely that compensation would be demanded in this case. The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

INJURY TO TYPEWRITER.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had forwarded the carriage of the office typewriter to the Barlock Office in Dublin to have a small spring attached. On arrival in Dublin it was found that the carriage casting had been broken in the post, and the part had to be forwarded to London for a new carriage casting which would cost 30s. A claim had been made on the Post Office for the amount, but they refused to entetain it on the grounds that the part was not packed in accordance with Post Office requirements. On reference to the circular containing these, the Secretary found that the parcel was properly packed, and in a letter the Barlock Typewriter people remarked on the apparent security of the parcel when it arrived at Dublin. In the circumstances he asked the permission of the Committee to pursue the claim. The Committee unanimously approved of what had been done, and directed the Secretary to insist on payment of compensation.

NAVAL AND MILITARY WAR PENSIONS ACT.

Leter was read from the Statutory Committee of above, No. 116-Co-1-3, approving of the scheme submitted by the Co. Council for the formation of a Local Committee under the Naval and Military War Pensions Etc, Act, 1915, and requesting the date when the first meeting of the Committee would be called.

The Committee unanimously decided that the first meeting be called on the Secretary's return from holidays, preferably on a Thursday.

REFUND OF RATES.

Letter was read from Mr Chas O'Connor, Solicitor, Drogheda

requesting refund of rates paid by Mr John Leland on a holding at Mell, which, he stated, has not been in Mr Leland's possession since 1901. According to Mr O'Connor's letter, Mr Leland was formerly a tenant from year to year of the holding in question, on the Singleton Estate. He set the lands for grazing to three others, and subsequently by Mr Leland's acquiescence in permitting the grazing tenant to turn the lands into tillage, they acquired the status of yearly tenant, and when the estate came to be sold these tenants obtained the fee simple under the Land Purchase Acts.

After discussion, the Secretary was directed to inform Mr. O'Connor that the claim for a refund of rates paid on the holding in question could not be entertained.

STEAM ROLLING.

The Secretary informed the Committee that with the permission of the Council, the County Surveyor had done some steam rolling for Mrs Thos Murphy, Johnstown, Carlingford; Mr Thomas O'Rourke, Castle Hill Quarries, Carlingford, and Mr Samuel Bothwell, and had furnished accounts for the work as follows:—£1 11s 11d, £1 14s 6d, and £2 4s 8d respectively.

Mr Murphy and Mr O'Rourke had settled their accounts, but Mr Bothwell had not yet paid, and the Secretary was directed to write him again on the matter asking payment.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

The Secretary was directed to have the County Scholarship Scheme for the year 1916-17 inserted in the "Democrat" and "Argus" on the 26th inst. He was also directed to submit at next meeting of the Committee for payment to the Students, the balances remaining out of Scholarships awarded for the year 1915-16.

VETERINARY INSPECTOR'S RESIDENCE.

With reference to a question raised at the last meeting of

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the County Council as to the residence of Mr W E Maxwell, V S, the Secretary stated he had written Mr Maxwell on the subject, and had received from him a reply to the effect that his residence was in Ardee, his address being c/o J. Kavanagh, William Street, Ardee. This was considered satisfactory by the Committee.

ROAD CONTRACT.

The following letter from the County Surveyor was read:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
21st August, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee Meeting.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to report neglect on Road Contract Index No. 42, Drogheda Rural District—Contractor, Patrick Clarke, of Mell, Drogheda.

Twelve months ago, or thereabouts, I refused to accept soft limestone proposed to be supplied on this main road by Clarke, as a better stone could be got within four miles of the road as provided in specification. I searched up a nearer quarry and decided on Mr Roche's of Tullyallen, to which permission for a pass has now been arranged with Mr. Balfour for one year from 1st August last. When I approached the contractor on 14th instant, on hearing from Mr Balfour's agent, the contractor said he could not get men now to go into a quarry.

I ask authority to serve ten days' notice and take over contract if contractor persiss in refusing to go on with the work.

Your obedient Servant,
THOMAS WALSH.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Laurence Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That we direct the Co. Surveyor to serve ten days' notice on Patrick Clarke, Contractor, Mell, to proceed with the work on Road Index No. 42, Drogheda Rural District, and to take over the contract if the contractor does not do so.

HOLIDAYS.

The Committee unanimously granted the County Surveyor his annual holidays, Mr Walsh to arrange for his work being done during his absence.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 4th September, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, J P Kearney, W Woods, J P, and B L Coleman, J P, Esquires.

Mr John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor		£281	10	4
Subsidiary	do.	131	3	2
do	do Secretary's Office	24	10	5
	Total	£437	3	11

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary sumitted return of rate collection for the period ended 31st August, showing that of the first moiety of the

Warrant, amounting to £17,773 18s 5d, a sum of £4,587 15s 8d had been collected.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

The District-Inspector R I C, Dundalk, wrote requesting that authorities to carry out the duties under the Food and Drugs Acts be handed to those Inspectors appointed by the Council at their meeting held on the 17th August. The Secretary was directed to have these prepared in accordance with the usual form, and Sealed with the Seal of the County Council.

COUNTY ANALYST'S REPORT.

The following report from Sir C A Cameron for quarter ended 30th June, 1916, was read and initialled, and the Secretary informed the Committee that he had as usual forwarded copy of same to the L G B:—

64 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows:—Butter 33 samples, milk 17, whiskey 5, cheese 5, margarine 3, mustard 1; total, 64. They were all pure. There were four specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, which were taken up in the Co. Louth, and were pure. For the Richmond Asylum three specimens of margarine were analysed. One specimen of water analysed for the Ardee Rural District Council, had the following compositions:—One imperial gallon contained in grains: total solid matter, 13,300, including almenoid ammonia 0,015, saline amonia 0.004, nitric acid, trace, chlorine 1.090, colour very light yellow. A tolerably good water. In the original report on the above water referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing oonly the more important points are given. Total analyses, 72.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

ARCHITECT'S FEES.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 29th August, No.

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40883-1916, stating that an instalment from the Sanatorium Grant, in respect of the fees, approved by the Council, of Mr Vincent O'Connell for work in connection with the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary at Dundalk, would be issued on receipt of the Architect's formal acknowledgment of the amount, £9 5s 4d. The Secretary was directed to procure same and forward it to the Board.

INCREASES.

The following letters were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 29th August, 1916.

No. 40297-16.
Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the salary of Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor for the County of Louth, and the Board direct me to state that they have approved of the proposal of the Council to increase the slary of this officer from £300 to £400 a year.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 29th August, 1916.

No. 40295-16.
Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 18th instant, relative to the salaries of Messrs J M O Lyons and James Dromgoole, Assistant

Surveyors in Louth County, and the Board direct me to state that they have approved of the proposal of the Council to increase the salaries of these officers from £130 to £150 a year each.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

Department of Agriculture,
Veterinary Branch,
Dublin, 23rd August, 1916.

Sir,

With reference to your reply of 22nd instant to this Department's communication No. 2449-16, of the previous day, I have to state that in the circumstances mentioned in your letter, the Department hereby approve of the proposal of your Local Authority to increase the wages of Messrs Thomas

M'Ardle and William Leonard, tank superintendents in charge of the Knockbridge and Ardee sheep dipping tanks respectively, to 25s per week during the Autumn dipping period this year. This amount is exclusive of 2s per week payable to each of these superintendents as Inspectors of Sheep Dipping.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

ARBITRATOR—ARDEE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The Secretary read letter dated 24th August, from the Great Northern Railway Company, in re above, stating that as the County Council did not appear to have dealt with the mat-

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ter, the Company proposed to make application to the Board of Trade for the appointment of an Arbitrator. To this letter the Secretary, by direction of the Chairman, had replied that the matter had been adjourned to next meeting of the County Council, but that the Railway Company's letter would be submitted to the Finance Meeting of the Council on 4th September, after which they would be written further in the matter. No reply was received to this, but on the 1st September letter was received from the Board of Trade enclosing copy of letter from the G N R Co., and stating that in the circumstances mentioned by the Company the Board proposed to make the appointment. The following is the letter referred to:—

G. N. R. Co. (Ireland),

Dublin, 29th Aug, 1916.

Sir,

As this Company have failed to agree with the Louth County Council on the matter of the appointment of an Arbitrator, in succession to Sir John G Barton, resigned, in respect of the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts, under Section 18, Sub-Section 5 of the Great Northern Railway (Ireland) Act, 1892, I beg herewith to make application to the Board of Trade on behalf of my Company of an Arbitrator under the said Sub-Section.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. MORRISON, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Board of Trade, London, S W.

In reply to this the Secretary, by direction of the Chairman, had written the Board of Trade informing them that the Co. Council had adjourned the coonsideration of this appointment until their next meeting; that the Council had not failed to agree with the Great Northern Railway Company in the matter, and that under the circumstances it was presumed that the Board of Trade would not make the appointment until the Co. Council had a further opportunity of considering the question.

The Commitee approved of what had been done in the matter, and agreed that the question of the appointment should be considered at the Special Meeting of the Council, which would be held to consider the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee, the Secretary to inform the G. N. Railway Company and the Board of Trade accordingly, and to put the question of the appointment on the agenda for the Special Meeting.

EDUCATION ACT COSTS.

Letter was read from the C. P. S., Carlingford, dated 22nd August, enclosing 7s 4d, being Council's portion of costs in prosecutions under above Act. The money has been lodged to credit of the Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TRANSFER.

Letter was read from Industrial School, Drogheda, informing the Council that one of their pupils, John Bellew, was now of an age for transfer, and that it was proposed to send him to Artane School, Co. Dublin. The Committee unanimously approved of the transfer.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE.

Application from Owen Keenan, Aghameen Dipping Superintendent for increase of wages, was referred to the Executive Committee.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTIES.

Circular was read from the L G B dated 25th August, 1916, No. 34222-16, setting out that under the Finance Act of 1916, a motor car used as a hackney carriage is not exempt from the payment of duty, if the car is at any time used as a carriage within the meaning of the Act. The L G B wil make an order that every motor car exempted from payment of duty shall have exhibited, in conjunction with the number, a distinctive

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mark indicating that the car is so exempted. The Finance Act also provides that registered Veterinary Surgeons shall in certain cases be entitled to repayment of half the duty on motor car licenses in the same way as medical practitioners. The owner of a motor car used exclusively for not less than two months in any year for ambulance or hospital work, or work under the Government in connection with naval or military service, shall be entitled to repayment of a proportionate amount of duty paid on such car.

The circular was initialled by the Chairman.

VALUATION REVISION.

Leter dated 17th August, was read from Valuation Office, stating that Mr J. Carbury would commence the annual Revision of the Valuation of the Rural Districts in the county on 21st August.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th September, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P, and James M'Gee, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of County Surveyor	...	£138 14 11
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	...	101 17 9
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	...	27 10 0
Total		£268 2 8

The Bank Books for the General, Subisidary, and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

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REFUND EDUCATION ACT COSTS.

Leter was read from Mr T Martin, C P S, Carlingford, stating that in error he had lodged 3s 4d too much to the credit the Council in respect of Education Act Costs, and requesting a refund.

The Committee unanimously ordered that the refund be made.

ACCIDENT AT QUARRY.

Letter was read from the overseer, Jonesborough Quarry, stating that a man named Patrick Mullen had met with an accident on the 7th September, 1916. The Secretary informed the Committee that the matter had been reported to the Insurance Company, and that the papers in connection with claim for compensation had been forwarded to them.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter was read:—

No. 42551-16.
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Local Government Board
Dublin, 11th Sept., 1916.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the return showing the condition on the 31st ultimo of the collection of the poor rate for the current half-year in Louth County, from which they observe that out of a total of £17,772, the sum of £13,186 remains to be collected in the last month of the half-year.

They further observe that Collectors M'Cullough, Kelly, Johnston and Woods attended only once during the month of August for the checking of their Accounts, while Collector

Peter M'Donnell did not attend at all. During the month of July these five Collectors also only once attended for checking. The Board cannot overlook this serious infringement of the governing regulations, and they request that these Collectors may clearly be informed that, if at any time in future any of them is again found guilty of this offence, the Board will be obliged to consider his removal from office.

It should also be made clear to the Collectors that they are bound to attend for checking at the appointed times and places, even though they may allege that they have no rates collected.

The Deputy Checkers should also be warned of this decision, and they should be instructed to notify immediately any failure on the part of a Collector to attend for checking.

A return showing the condition of this collection at the middle of the current month, should be forwarded to this Department in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

The Secretary informed the Commitee that a copy of this letter had been sent to each of the rate collectors, and a letter in reply from John Woods was read, in which he stated that he had no objection to lodging each fortnight, and checking his books each month, but that it would be a hardship if he had to attend at the office each fortnight.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the terms of appointment and of the Public Bodies Order each collector was bound to check his books at least once in each fortnight.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

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COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from the C P S, Drogheda, stating that a Monday, 25th inst, application would be made at the Court of Summary Jurisdiction sitting at Drogheda for committal to Industrial Schools of John and Anne Bird, children under 14 years.

Letter was initialled by the Chairman.

GRANTS.

Letters were read from L G B, dated 7th September, enclosing the following grants, which have been lodged to the credit of the Council:—

Estate Duty Grant (Guardians)	£443	17	1
Estate Duty Grant (Roads)	£402	1	4

INCREASES TO RATE COLLECTORS.

The following application was read:—

Drogheda, 16th Sept., 1916.

Sir,

We beg to make application for an increase in our salaries. Our case is somewhat different to the other collectors. Our rates did not increase, but the cost of collection owing to the number of labourers' cottages, and division of land, such as Rokeby Hall and other places, railway fares, postage, and other expenses are almost double what they were when the present arrangement was made thirteen years ago.

Hoping you will consider our application favourably,

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

PATRICK M'CULLOUGH.
JOHN KELLY.

The Chairman, Finance Committee.

P. S.—Our fares are now 7s 4d monthly.

The Commitee considered this application at length. The Secretary stated that the amounts of each collector's warrant for current year and his salary were as follows:—

Collector M'Cullough—Warrant, £4,329 11s 4d; Presnt Salary, £110 15s, or approximately 6 1-7d in the £.
Collector Kelly—Warrant, £1,863 14; Present Salary, £46 1s 6d or approximately 6d in the £.

Collector M'Cullough appeared before the Committee, and, in reply to the Chairman, stated he would be satisfied to be paid at the poundage rate instead of salary, if the rate per pound was increased. At present his salary represented a poundage rate of about 6 1-7d.

Messrs O'Rourke and M'Gee suggested that a bonus to each of these collectors would meet the circumstances, but after discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend, subject to the approval of the L G B that the remuneration of Collector Patk M'Cullough and Collector John Kelly be at the rate of Sevenpence in the Pound or the amount of each collecor's warrants, instead of salary as heretofore.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 18th September, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, Wm Woods, J P; Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; and James T M'Gee, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following was read:—

MR. CLINTON'S REPORT—AUGUST, 1916.

During the month of August an outbreak of scab occurred in a flock of 113 sheep consigned to England by Mr J Woods, of Carrickmacross. The affected animals were slaughtered and the remainder dipped on two occasions. A further outbreak occurred at Dundalk Port on August 14th, in 35 sheep consigned to England by J Woods, Carrickmacross. The animals affected (9) were slaughtered and the remaining 26 dipped on two occasions. The Department have ordered a prosecution in this case. The necessary regulations having been complied with I have withdrawn the Detention Order served on Mr T Thornton, Newtowndarver.

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

During the month of August no outbreak of contagious disease in animals occurred in my district. I made inspections in a few suspected cases, but found the animals were not suffering from any of the notifiable diseases.

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

I beg to report that I examined the usual fairs, markets, etc, held in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of August. During that month no cases of contagious or infectious disease have been reported to me.

W. E. MAXWELL.

In reply to Mr James T M'Gee, the Chairman stated that Mr Maxwell's report was dated from Ardee. Mr M'Gee said he was not satisfied that Mr Maxwell was resident in Ardee. The Secretary stated that as directed by the County Council he had written Mr Maxwell asking whether he resided within the district of Ardee in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and had received a reply from him (which had already been before the Finance Committee) stating that his address was c/o J. Kavanagh, William Street, Ardee. This had been considered satisfactory by the Committee.

The reports were initialled by the Chairman.

SHEEP DIPPING DEFAULTERS.

The Secretary submitted list of persons who had failed to comply with the Sheep Dipping Order during the Summer Period, and the Committee unanimously directed that the names should be sent to the District Inspectors of the R I C, to deal with the defaulters.

COST OF SHEEP DIPPING.

The following statement, showing the receipts and expendi-

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ture at the various dipping tanks worked by the Co. Council, during the Summer Period, 1916, together with the number of sheep dipped at each, was submitted. The Secretary stated that for the Ravensdale, Carlingford and Omeath tanks sums of £12 12s 5d, £10 1s 7d and £12 12s 4d respectively were included for hurdles, etc. Although these amounts were paid during the Summer Period of this year, the hurdles, etc, would of course form plant for these tanks, and be used in future years. These expenditures were extraordinary and could not be properly charged against the working of the tanks for the Summer Period only. The return was initialled by the Chairman.

SUMMER PERIOD, 1916.

W. Leonard, Ardee Tank Receipts, ... £27 10 4

Wages,	£8 13 4	
Sheep Dip,	13 19 11	
Rent,	1 0 0	
Water,	2 2 6	
Sundries,	0 5 0	
		26 0 9
Profit, ...		£1 9 7

Dipped at Council Tank, Sheep and Lambs, 6,146.
Inspected 14 Private Tanks.

Thomas M'Ardle, Knockbridge Tank Receipts, ... £13 0 7

Wages,	£8 12 4	
Sheep Dip,	5 8 0	
Rent,	2 0 0	
		15 0 4
Loss, ...		£1 19 9

Dipped in Council Tank, Sheep and Lambs, 2,763.
Inspected 34 Private Tanks.

J. J. Kerr, Ballymakenny Tank Receipts, ... £1 18 11

Wages,	£7 14 11	
Sheep Dip,	3 6 0	
Rent.	1 0 0	
		12 0 11
Loss, ...		£10 2 0

Dipped in Council Tank, 761.
Inspected 82 Private Tanks.

Owen Keenan, Aghameen Tank Receipts, ... £2 17 4

Fees,	£2 7 2	
Wages for Inspection,	0 16 0	
Sheep Dip,	2 14 0	
Rent,	1 0 0	
Sundries,	0 5 0	
		7 2 2
Loss, ...		£4 4 10

Dipped in Council Tank, 688.
Inspected 71 Private Tanks.

Thomas M'Dermott, Ravensdale Tank Receipts, £1 4 4

Fees,	£2 14 0	
Wages for Inspection,	0 6 0	
Rent and Cartage, ...	1 16 0	
Sheep Dip,	2 14 0	
Hurdles,	3 18 0	
		11 8 0
Loss, ...		£10 3 8

Dipped in Council Tank, 292 Sheep and Lambs.
Inspected 46 Private Tanks.

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Hugh M'Kevitt, Carlingford Tank Receipts,				...	£8 7 1
Fees,	...	£6	17 10		
Wages for Inspection,		0	16 0		
Rent,	...	1	0 0		
Sheep Dip,	...	2	14 0		
Hurdles,	...	10	1 7		
Sundries,	...	1	6 0		
					22 15 5
				Loss, ...	£14 8 4

Dipped in Council Tank, 1,980.
Inspected 15 Private Tanks.

Owen Traynor, Omeath Tank Receipts,				... ...	£5 9 0
Fees,	...	£4	11 10		
Wages Inspection,	...	0	8 0		
Sheep Dip,	...	2	14 0		
Sundries and Rent,	...	4	3 6		
Timber: Hurdles,	...	9	8 11		
					21 6 3
				Loss, ...	£15 17 3

Dipped in Council Tank, 1,308.
Inspected 13 Private Tanks.

SUMMARY.

Loss on Knockbridge Tank,		£1	19	9
,, Ballymakenny	,,	10	2	0
,, Aghameen	,,	4	4	10
,, Ravensdale	,,	10	3	8
,, Carlingford	,,	14	8	4
,, Omeath	,,	15	17	3
		£56	15	10

Less Profit on Ardee Tank,		1	9 7		
		£55	6 3		
Printing and Posting,	...	11	19 6		
Total,	...	£67	5 9	Gross Loss,	£67 5 9
				£ s d	
Less Extra Expenditure—Ravensdale New Tank,	...	...	...	12 12 5	
Less Extra Expenditure—Carlingford Tank,	...	...	...	10 1 7	
Less Extra Expenditure—Omeath Tank,				12 12 4	
					35 6 4
Net Loss—Summer Period,...					... £31 19 5

CLAIMS FOR COMPENSATION.

Letters were read from John Donnelly and Peter Boyle, both of South Commons, Carlingford, claiming compensation for two sheep each, alleged to have died as a result of dipping at the Council's tank at Carlingford. Letter from the Superndt of the tank, Hugh M'Kevitt, was submitted, in which he stated that these sheep were dipped as usual in a dip of 1 packet of Sheep Dip to 20 gallons of water.

The Secretary was directed to inform the applicants that thier claims could not be entertained, as the County Council accepted no responsibility for the loss of the sheep.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE.

Letter was read from Owen Keenan, Dipping Superintendent at Aghameen tank, stating that he had inspected between 50 and 55 dippings at private tanks in the district of Jenkinstown, Rathcor, and Ballymascanlon, during the Summer period and had to travel long journeys to them in some cases. He

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had received only 2s per week for this work, and hoped the Committee would allow him something more.

After discussion,

On the motion of Peter Woods, Esq, J P,

Seconded by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P,

It was unanimously recommended that the remuneration to Owen Keenan for inspection of private dippings during the Autumn period, be at the rate of 5s per week.

EXPORTATION OF ANIMALS ORDER AMENDMENT.

The above Order of the Department was submitted by the Secretary and initialled by the Chairman. The Order provides that after 31st August, 1916, at each approved place of inspection, a sufficient amount of suitable food and water shall be provided by the owner or occupier of the place of inspection for the use of animals detained in such places.

NOTICES.

Various notices served by the Veterinary Inspectors in case of Swine Fever and Sheep Scab, were submitted and initialled by the Chairman

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Friday, 22nd September, 1916, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Peter B Moore, J P; Peter Woods, J P; Patk M'Gee, J P; D J Rath, M Meade, B L Coleman, J P; L Goodman, P Donegan, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; T O'Rourke, T B M'Court, John Dolan, N T Murphy, J P; P Callan, J P; J Wynne, J P; B Hamill, J P; T V M'Quillan, J F Murphy, J P; J Morgan, and B Finnegan, Esquires.

The Meeting was summoned to consider the following report of the Scholarship Committee:—

Report of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Friday, 15th September, 1916, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair:—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—W T Skeffington, J P; J T Dolan, M A; and Patk O'Connell, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee first had under consideration the question of the renewals of existing Scholarships, and letter dated 7th

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September from the University College reporting on the Louth County Council Scholars for the Session 1915-16 was laid before the Committee. The reports on the various scholars were as follows:—

Margaret V. Lyons—Passed First Arts Examination with Second Class Honours in French.

Joseph M'Parland—Passed Second Engineering Examination with Second Class Honours.

John V A Magrath—Passed First Commerce Examination.
Eileen Teevan—Passed First Medical Examination.

The report further added that the students were very good, and that their attendance and conduct had been most satisfactory.

Letter was read from Joseph M'Parland requesting that his scholarship might be renewed for a fourth year to enable him to complete his course in Engineering.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Patrick O'Connell, Esq, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to grant the following renewals of scholarships:—

Joseph M'Parland—A scholarship for fourth year.
Margaret V Lyons—A scholarship for third year.
John V A Magrath—A scholarship for second year.
Eileen Teevan—A scholarship for second year.

It is further recommended that a student to whom a new scholarship is awarded must immediately decide what course of education is to be taken, and that no change be permitted during the term of the scholarship.

The Committee then considered the applications for the two new scholarships to be awarded by the Council for the present year.

The following were the applicants who each furnished testimonials which were considered satisfactory:—

Gerald F Carroll, Haggardstown, Dundalk.
Leo M'Golrick, Shop Street, Drogheda.
Neal J Treanor, Dublin Street, Dundalk.
Peter Conlon, Channonrock, Dundalk.
Mary Gertrude M'Neill, Linenhall Street, Dundalk.

The Intermediate Pass Lists were examined by the Committee, and the verification of the examination numbers of those students who had presented themselves for examination were certified by the Intermediate Education Commissioners.

Miss M'Neill was the only student who had not presented herself for the Intermediate Examination, but her certificate of pass for the Matriculation Examination for the N U I in June, 1916, was before the Committee. The subjects of examination were Latin, Irish, French, English, and Mathematics.

The following were the Honours Marks obtained by the other students:—

G F Carroll (H), 729; L M'Golrick (H), 636; N J Treanor (H), 414; P Conlon (P), 305.

A long discussion took place as to the merits of the various students, and as the Scholarship Scheme specifically stated that the order of merit would be determined by the printed marks obtained by the applicants in Senior Grade Honours as published in the official results list, it was unanimously decided to recommend that new scholarships be granted to the two students highest on the list, and the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by J T Dolan, Esq, M A, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to grant scholarships of £50 each to Messrs Gerald F Carroll, Haggardstown, and Leo M'Golrick, Drogheda, as being the best qualified under the conditions of the Scholarship Scheme.

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The Committee further recommended that compulsory residence in a hostel be insisted on, unless a good and sufficient reason to satisfy the Council to permit students to reside in an approved residence be given.

The Chairman, after consultation with the Committee, directed the Secretary to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the recommendations for Friday, 22nd September, at one o'clock p.m.

Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, said that this report should have been in the hands of each Member of the Council before being submitted for confirmation. The Chairman informed the Council that this had never been done before, but that in future the Secretary would send a copy to each Member before the Special Meeting was held.

After discussion. the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the recommendations made by the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Friday, the 15th September, 1916, and award new Scholarships of £50 each to Gerald F Carroll, Haggardstown, Dundalk, and Leo M'Golrick, Shop Street, Drogheda.

And, further, that we grant renewals of existing scholarships as follows:—

For the fourth year a Scholarship of £50 to Joseph M'Parland.
For the third year a Scholarship of £50 to Margaret V Lyons.
For the second year a Scholarship of £50 to Eileen M Teevan.
For the second year a Scholarship of £50 to John V A Magrath.

ARBITRATOR ARDEE RAILWAY ACCOUNTS.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the appointment of an Arbitrator in the matter of the Ardee Branch Line Accounts. The late Arbitrator, Sir John G Barton, having resigned, the Great Northern Railway Company had submitted the name of Mr James Carroll, Acting Commissioner of Valuation, for the position, for the approval of the Council. The matter had been twice adjourned for the opinion of the Ardee Rural District Council on the appointment, but no decision had been arrived at.

Telegram had been received this day from Sir A V Foster, the Chairman of the District Council, regretting inability to attend Co. Council meeting, but suggesting that the Railway Company's nominee should be appointed.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Denis J Rath, Esq, and

Resolved:—That we hereby approve of the appointment of James Carroll, Esq, Acting Commissioner of Valuation, as Arbitrator in connection with the accounts of the Ardee Branch Railway Line.

REGISTRATION FEES.

Resolution submitted by the Dublin County Council suggesting that the remuneration for this year to the officers concerned should be on the basis of the average for the past three years for the work under the Parliamentary and Registration Act, was, after discussion, referred to the next Meeting of the Finance Committee for consideration and report.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Commitee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 2nd October, 1916, at 1 o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members:—James Wynne, J P; B Finnegan, T V MacQuillan, John Dolan, P Woods, J P; Michael Meade, Wm Woods, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and Bernard Hamill, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of County Surveyor	...	£183	7 10
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	...	157	14 5
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	...	410	8 11
Total		£751	11 2

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined, and initialled by the Chairman.

FRANCHISE FEES.

The following resolution submitted by the Dublin County Council, and which had been referred by the Co. Council to the Finance Committee for consideration, was laid before the meeting:-

Resolved—That we approve of the suggestion that the remuneration to the Secretaries, Clerks of Urban Districts, Unions and Rate Collectors, payable under the provisions of the Parliamentary and Registration Act, 1916, should be on the basis of the average of the fees received by all these officers for the three years previous to the suspension of the work in connection with the Parliamentary and Local Government Registers.—Carried.

(Signed), P. J. O'NEILL, Chairman County Dublin County Council.

The Secretary explained that the L G B had written to the Secretaries of the Co Councils, requiring them to lay before their Council a statement showing the average of the amounts paid each officer concerned, under the Franchise Act, during the past three years. The statement, with the views of the Council on the subject should then be transmitted to the L G B, who would consider the question of remuneration to these officers, who, in consequence of no registration work being necessary this year, would not otherwise receive the fees which in accordance with the terms of their appointments they were entitled to expect.

The following statement showing the average amount paid to each officer during the past three years was submitted:—

		£	s	d
Cnas M'Alester, Secretary County Council	...	19	4	8
J B Connolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda	...	25	18	7
P R Finigan, Clerk, Dundalk Union		82	11	5
T B Dromgoole, Clerk, Ardee Union	...	31	13	10
J M'Quillan, Rate Collector, Drogheda Urban	...	20	6	10
P S Donegan, Rate Collector, Ardee Rural	...	11	19	3
Pat M'Donnell, Rate Collector, Ardee Rural	...	13	3	5
Patk M'Cullough, Rate Collector, Drogheda Rural	...	12	2	6

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John Kelly, Rate Collector, Drogheda Rural ...	3	16	10
Patk Hughes, Rate Collector, Dundalk Urban ...	25	2	10
Patk Cluskey, Rate Collector, Dundalk Rural ...	9	2	5
Peter M'Donnell, Rate Collector, Dundalk Rural ...	11	0	4
John Woods, Rate Collector, Dundalk Rural ...	18	2	8
J V Johnston, Rate Collector, Dundalk Rural ...	6	8	8

The Chairman explained that owing to the war there was no Franchise work done this year, and consequently no fees under the Act were payable to the officers who usually did this work. In view, however, of the fact that all the officers were appointed in accordance with the terms of Advertisements which set out that they were entitled to fees under the Franchise and Jurors Acts, it would be a considerable hardship on them if through no fault of their own these fees were withheld. The L G B would make no order on the point until the views of the various County Councils on the question were submitted to them, when they had promised to consider the matter.

After considerable discussion, the following resolution was passed, Mr James Wynne, J P, dissenting:—

Proposed my William Woods, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Thos O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That we approve of the terms of the resolution submitted by the County Dublin Co. Council, and recommend to the County Council that in consequence of the usual fees under the Franchise Act not being payable this year, an allowance equivalent to the average amount paid each of the above named officers during the past three years for this be granted this year to them.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 28th September, enclosing paying order for the sum of £6,391 15s, being the amount of Agricultural Grant for half year ending 30th September, 1916.

ACCOUNTS.

Letters were read from the L G B dated 18th September

and 21st September, respectively, enclosing audited abstracts of the accounts of the Drogheda Rural District and Drogheda Union for half year ended 31st March, 1916.

CHECKING OF RATE COLLECTION BOOKS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 20th September, 1916, No. 45047-1916, stating that the checking, at least once in each fortnight, of the Collectors' books, could not be dispensed with. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SCHOLARSHIPS.

Letters thanking the Council for granting them renewals of their Scholarships for the year 1916-17, were read from Miss Lyons Drogheda, and Miss Teevan, Barronstown.

Letters were read from Messrs G Carroll and L. Golrick, the students to whom new scholarships had been awarded this year, thanking the Council for same, and requesting permission to live in approved boarding houses in Dublin, instead of in a hostel. Each student stated he intended to reside with a near relative, under whose supervision he would be.

After discussion,

On the motion of Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Finegan, Esq,

It was unanimously agreed to grant Messrs M'Gilrick and Carroll permission to reside in residences approved by the College Authorities, instead of in a hostel.

ARDEE RAILWAY ARBITRATOR.

Letter was read from Mr James Carroll, Acting Commissioner of Valuation, thanking the Council for his appointment as Arbitrator of the accounts of the Ardee Branch Railway Line in room of Sir J G Barton.

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FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 21st September, 1916, No. 45415/16, forwarding copy of the Act confirming the Provisional Orders granted by the Board in this matter.

The Secretary stated it would be necessary for the Council to appoint a Drainage Board for each District, and he was directed to place the question on the agenda for next meeting of the Council for consideration.

ACCIDENT AT QUARRY.

The Secretary stated that a man named Halpin had met with an accident at Braganstown quarry on 23rd September. The Insurance Company had been notified as usual.

CIVIL BILL FOR RECOVERY OF RATES.

With reference to the claim made by Mr John Leland, of Beltichburne, and refused by the Council for a refund of rates collected from him, which, he alleges, should have been collected from the tenants to whom he had set the lands, the Secretary stated that a civil bill for the amount of £36 had been served on him by Mr Leland's solicitor. He had transmitted same to Mr O'Connell, and in acknowledging receipt of same on 2nd instant, Mr O'Connell said his opinion was that the Council have a good defence to the claim, and he had entered defence.

The Committee unanimously approved of the action taken by the Secretary to have the Council's solicitor defend the civil bill.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The Secretary stated that notice of application for compensation for malicious injury to cattle, the property of Mary

Conophy, Channonrock, had been served n him. He had forwarded same to the Council's solicitor, who was dealing with the matter.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary informed the Committee that all the Rate Collectors except Mr James Johnston had lodged the first moieties of their warrants on or before 30th September. Mr Johnston, who did not receive the books for the district formerly covered by Mr Patk Hughes until late in the year, and whose collection was backward in consequence, believed that he would be able to close on this day, Monday, 2nd October.

This was considered satisfactory by the Committee, and the remuneration of those collectors who had closed on 30th September was ordered for payment.

The Secretary was directed to write the L G B requesting sanction to pay those collectors who had not closed in September, 1915, the balances of remuneration withheld from them.

DUNDALK U.D.C. DEMAND.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Dundalk, stating that he had lodged to the credit of the Council the first moiety of the demand for the year 1916-17, amounting to the sum of £2,450 1s 9d.

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary informed the Committee that the instalment of the Drogheda demand had not yet been paid.

LAMP FOR GILES' QUAY PIER.

The County Surveyor stated that the Pier Lamp at Giles' Quay was worn out, and a new one would be required which he believed would cost £11 or £12.

After discussion, he said he would endeavour to procure a

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second-hand one which would be suitable, and the matter was left in his hands.

TIME OF FINANCE MEETINGS.

The Chairman requested an expression of opinion from the members present as to whether they would think it desirable to hold the Finance Meetings of the Council at 10.30 o'clock instead of one o'clock. This arrangement, he said, would facilitate the Dundalk Members, Monday being market day here, and the South Louth Members would be able to return home by the noon train.

The Members unanimously expressed themselves in favour of the proposal, and the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by T V MacQuillan, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to fix the time of meeting of the Finance Committee for 10.30 o'clock instead of one o'clock as at present.

The Secretary was directed to place this on the agenda for next County Council Meeting.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 16th day of October, 1916, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James Wynne, J P; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following proposals were considered by the Committee, and each was unanimously approved:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 32—To provide a Pound in Drogheda. Cost not to exceed £10. County-at-large charge.

No. 33—To provide a sum not exceeding £40 for the repair and maintenance for one year from 1st December, 1916, of the Ancient Monuments in Drogheda recently taken in charge by the County Council. County-at-large charge.

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No. 34—To instal two Electric Radiators in Ardee Court. Cost not to exceed £6. County-at-large charge.

The Secretary submitted County-at-large payments for quarter ended 30th September, 1916, and same were examined and recommended for payment by the County Council.

The Committee adjourned till Monday, 13th November.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 16th October, 1916, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Thomas O'Rourke, James Wynne, J P; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J P; and Joseph H M'Ardle, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in charge of Co. Surveyor ...	£221 5 1
Subsidiary Account—Works in charge of Co. Surveyor	126 19 5
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office ...	67 5 0
Total	£415 9 6

The Banks Books for General, Subsidiary, and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTOR'S REMUNERATION.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 6th October, 1916, No.

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47476/16, with reference to the poundage fees of Mr James V Johnston, who did not close his collection of the first moiety of Poor Rate till 2nd October, 1916, stating that in the circumstances mentioned in the Secretary's letter on the subject, they would approve of the payment of his poundage fees for this collection.

The following letter from the L G B was also read:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
10th October, 1916.

No. 47475/16.
Louth County.

Sir,—

With reference to your further letter of the 3rd instant, relative to the payment by the Louth County Council of the balance of poundage fees to Collectors Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and John Woods, in respect of the half-year ended the 30th September, 1915, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they observe that Collector Cluskey, though his progress was not entirely satisfactory, had, out of a warrant of £2,666, lodged £482 at the end of July, and £641 at the end of August, and that he attended regularly for the checking of his accounts. They, accordingly, will not in his case object to the payment to him of the balance of these poundage fees.

As regards Collectors Peter M'Donnell and John Woods, the Local Government Board would direct attention to the last paragraph of their letter of the 18th May last (No. 19334/1916), in which they stated that the payment of these fees would be dependent on these Collectors "showing good progress with their collections during the current half-year." On an examination of the rate collection returns for the past half-year the Board note that out of a warrant of £2,257 Collector M'Donnell had lodged only £55 at the end of July, and £154 at the end of August; while Collector Woods had at the same dates out of a warrant of £1,930 lodged only £165 and £391 respectively. In addition Collector M'Donnell attended for the checking of his

accounts only once during July, not at all during August, and once in the month of September, while Collector Woods attended only once during each of the same months.

Having regard to the highly unsatisfactory conduct of these Collectors, the Board do not feel that they would be in any way justified in granting them the proposed concession

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

After considerable discussion on this letter, the Secretary was directed to inform the L G B that as the Collectors referred to had closed their collections of the first moiety of the Poor Rate on 30th September of this year, it was the unanimous wish and opinion of the Committee that the balances due them should be paid, and that the Committee would undertake that the checking of the books would be done regularly in future.

The Chairman stated that when he interviewed the L G B some time ago he understood from the official he met that the payment of these balances would be sanctioned provided the Collectors closed in September of this year, and the Secretary was directed to further inform the Board accordingly. He was also directed to say that the rate collectors were unable to collect a substantial portion of the rates during the early portion of the half-year without destraining for same, and it was not the wish of the Committee that this should be done.

The Secretary was directed to write the various County Councils of Ireland requesting whether any of their Poor Rate Collectors ever fail to close their half-yearly collections.

RATE COLLECTORS' INCREASES.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed

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to inform the L G B that if the Rate Collectors close their collection at the proper time, the Committee will adhere to their decision to grant them increases in accordance with the poundage scale as submitted to the Board, and requesting the Local Government Board to sanction the increases granted by the Council:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
10th October, 1916.

No. 47476/16.
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Sir,—

With further refence to your letters of the 18th August and 31st July last, relative to the remuneration of certain Poor Rate Collectors in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they are not prepared to approve of the scheme submitted.

If, however, a further scheme is submitted allowing extra remuneration to those Collectors who lodge a fixed proportion (not less than one-third) of their warrant before the 31st July and 31st December in each half-year, the Board will be prepared to give it their favourable consideration. The rate of remuneration in respect of sums lodged after the dates mentioned is not to be disturbed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth County Council.

HARBOUR RETURNS.

Returns were submitted and initialled by the Chairman from the Harbour Constables showing that the following amounts were received during the quarter ended 30th September, 1916:—Clogherhead, £2 18s 3d; Carlingford, £5 2s 6d; Giles' Quay, nil.

COURT-KEEPER'S APPLICATION.

Letter was read from Mr Timothy Murray, Court-keeper, Dundalk, requesting the Council to grant him the usual allowance of £10 for attending to the heating apparatus, preparing Courts for Petty Sessions, keeping Courts clean, and various other matters in connection with the Courthouse.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the usual allowance of £10 be made to Mr Murray for this work.

ADMISSIONS TO RICHMOND.

Return of admissions to Richmond Asylum from Louth County during quarter ended 30th September was laid before the Committee and initialled by the Chairman.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

Letter was read from the County Solicitor stating that after the hearing of the case Samuel D Babbington v. Monaghan, Louth and Meath County Councils for the alleged wanton driving off the lands of Coolderry and maltreatment of cattle and goats, the County Court Judge gave a decree for the £20 claimed, but refused the application of the Monaghan Council's Solicitor to levy the amount, or a part thereof, off the County of Louth.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ARDEE DRAINAGE BOARD DECREE.

Letter was read from Mr P J Kerley, solicitor, requesting payment of the sum of £15 14s, being the amount of the decree awarded the Trustees of the Ardee Drainage Board in an application for compensation for malicious injury to weir gates, their property. Mr Kerley stated that the weir gates had been re-erected at a considerably greater expense than was allowed for in the decree, and as the resources of the Drainage Board were limited it would be a convenience if the amount was paid now.

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The Secretary was directed to inform Mr Kerley that the amount of the decree could not be paid until it was levied and collected.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTALS.

Letter was read from District Inspector Norris notifying the Council that at the Juvenile Court he would apply for committal to Artane Industrial School of James Crosby, Blackrock, aged 11 years.

Letter was also read from Rev C Hurson, C C, notifying that he would apply for the committal to an Industrial School of Thos Reilly, St. Brigid's Terrace, Dundalk, aged under 14 years. The letter were initialled by the Chairman.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Letter was read from the Manager St. Patrick's Industrial School, Milltown, Belfast, requesting that the Council would increase the sum paid for maintenance per week of each child, namely, 2s 6d, by 11d per week, as had been granted by other Councils owing to the increased cost of living.

After discussion, the consideration of the matter was adjourned.

RESIDENCES OF SCHOLARS.

Letters were read from Messrs G Carroll and L M'Golrick, who had been granted permission to reside in approved residences, stating that these residences were, respectively, 28 Lower Mount Street, Dublin, and 23 Leeson Park Avenue, Ranelagh.

Letter was read from the Registrar of University College, Dublin, approving of these residences.

Letter was read from Mr Joseph M'Parland, another of the County Scholarship holders, requesting permission to continue to reside at 9 Grantham Street, Dublin, instead of in a hostel. He had been in this house three years and it was approved by the Authorities.

The permission was unanimously granted.

ARDEE BRANCH LINE ACCOUNTS.

Letter was read from the Accountant, G N R, enclosing statement of Ardee Branch Line accounts for half year ended 30th June, 1916, as submitted to the Arbitrator.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

The following letter was read, and the recommendations therein were unanimously approved:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Dundalk,
16th October, 1916.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee Meeting, 16/10/16.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,—

I beg to report that the following contracts are neglected:—

DROGHEDA RURAL DISTRICT. Index No. 45. 460 perches from Drogheda to Collon by Hill of Rath. Contractor, John Drew, Waterunder.

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT. Index No. 70. 653 perches. Castleblayney to Castlebellingham by Tullygee. Contractor, Peter Halfpenny, Drumcah.

Index No. 88. 824 perches. Old Dundalk to Newry road. Contractor, Patk Mathews, Mountpleasant, Dundalk.

These roads have been absolutely neglected as regards labour, and no material has been supplied this year. I have had ten day notices served and recommend that the contracts be terminated if the notices are not complied with.

I beg also to report neglect on:—

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Index No. 14. ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT. 411 perches. Dunleer to Louth by Mansfieldstown. Contractor, Mathew Flynn, deceased.

Index No. 24. DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT. 259 perches. Castlebellingham to Tallanstown by Drumleck. Contractor, Patrick M'Fadden. Contractor has gone to England. Ten day notices are being served, and I recommend the termination of the contracts as in the other cases.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 30th day of October, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and William Woods, J P, Esquires.

The County Surveyor was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

	£	s	d
Loans Account—Works in charge of Co Surveyor ...	186	17	7
oSubsidiary Account— do. do, ...	52	4	8
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office ...	42	1	10
Total	£281	4	1

AUDIT.

Notice was read from R J Newell, Esq, Local Government Auditor, informing the Council that he would commence the audit of the Council's Accounts for half year ended 31st March, 1916, on Tuesday, 31st October, at ten o'clock, a m.The Notice had been advertised in accordance with the Public Bodies Order, and was initialled by the Chairman.

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COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Notices were read informing the Council that applications would be made at Petty Sessions for the Committals to Industrial Schools of Jas and Anne Bird, of Patrick St, Drogheda, and Mary M'Guinness, Ladywell Terrace, Dundalk, all children under the age of fourteen years.

LAW CASES.

Letters were read from the County Solicitor as follows:—

Letter dated 16th October, stating that the case of John Leland v. the Council, for the recovery of rates alleged to have been paid in error, had been withdrawn by Mr Leland's solicitor, and the County Court Judge gave a dismiss with expenses to Rate Collector Kelly, who attended on behalf of the Council.

Letter dated 17th October, stating (1) that in the three cases of application for compensation for alleged malicious injury arsiing out of the rebellion, the claims were adjourned pending arrangements being made by the Government for settlement of the amounts. (2) an application for £125 compensation for the burning of a cottage the property of Patrick Hoey, Lower Marshes, resulted in a decree for £18 for the applicant, to be levied off the D. E. D. of Dundalk Rural. (3) a decree for £5 5s , and £1 1s witnesses expenses, to be levied of the D. E. D. of Castlering, was awarded in the clafm by Mary Conaphy, of Channonrock, for £35 for injury to two head of cattle.

Leter dated 17th October, re Samuel D Babington v. the Co. Councils of Monaghan, Louth and Meath, stated that the R. D. C. of Carrickmacross was appealing against the decision of the Judge in awarding o decree leviable off the D. E. D. of Drumboory.

Leter dated 23rd October, stating the application of Earl and Countess of Kilmorey, for compensation for the alleged malicious burning of heather was dismissed at Ballybot Quarter Sessions.

Letter dated 20th October, acknowledging receipt of Preliminary Notice of Application for £32 compensation in a claim by Edward Martin, of Reaghstown, and stating that he was giving the case his attention.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

In accordance with instructions of the Finance Committee at last meeting, the Secretary had written each County Council in Ireland asking them to kindly answer certain queries with regard to the collection of poor rate in each county. The individual replies were placed before the Committee, and the Secretary submitted the following summary of the answers, which were ordered to be inserted on the minutes:—

Query (1)—What poundage rates are paid the Rate Collectors, and if any special conditions are attached to the collection?

Reply (1)—Poundage fees vary from 2½d to 1s in the £. The average is generally 6d and 7d in the £. In some counties a condition operates that if a certain proportion of the rate is not lodged by the 31st July and 31st December in each year, there is a reduction of the amount of poundage fees from ½d to 1½d in the £ on the amounts lodged after these periods.

Query 2--Do you Collectors close their collections promptly by the 31st March and 30th September each year?

Reply 2—In 25 counties all the Collectors close promptly on the 31st March and 30th September.

In Down and Derry all the Collectors close for the second moiety on the last day of February.

In the remaining six counties all the Collectors close on the prescribed dates with a few exceptions—the causes of failure being given as illness, or exceptional circumstances, or a few out of a large number of Collectors were a few days late.

Query 3—Do your Collectors attend regularly each fortnght to check their books?

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Reply 3—In every county, with four exceptions, all the Collectors check regularly every fortnight. In these latter counties some of the Collectors do not check regularly in the first two months of the half-years. One of the Collectors in County Mayo who resides on Clare Island in Clew Bay, only attends every six weeks, but he sends his books to be checked every fortnight.

Query 4—Do you experience any difficulty in obtaining sanction of the Local Government Board for payments of Collectors' fees where the full amount is not lodged within the statutory period?

Reply 4—Great difficulty is experienced in obtaining sanction for payments of fees in any county where the Collectors do not lodge in the prescribed period. Galway County Council do not pay any poundage fees on sums lodged outside the half-year.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL APPLICATION.

Application was read from the Manager, St. Joseph's Industrial School, Dundalk, stating that the present grant by the Council, namely, 2s 6d per head per week, for the maintenance of children from the Co. Louth in their School was small owing to the advance in prices of food, clothing, and fuel, and requesting the Council to favourably consider the granting of a reasonable increase.

After discussion, the Committee decided that the Secretary be instructed to write the proper Department stating that the application was considered reasonable and fair, and that provided the grant made by the Government was increased, the Committee would recommend a proportionate increase in the County Council grant to the School.

STEAM BOILERS.

The reports by the Insurance Company's Inspector on the boilers of 5 engines, the property of the Council, were submitted. All the boilers are in order.

INCOME TAX.

The Secretary submitted assessment under Schedule D of the Income Tax Acts of Income Tax on Bank Interest credited to the Council during four years ending 5th April, 1916, as follows:—

Year 1912-13—Bank Interest, £80. Tax assessed, £4 13s 4d.
Year 1913-14—Bank Interest, £235. Tax assessed, £13 14s 2d.
Year 1914-15—Bank Interest, £96. Tax assessed, £8.
Year 1915-16—Bank Interest, £248. Tax assessed, £37 4s.

It was pointed out by Mr N T Murphy that in his opinion the interest we pay the Bank on foot of Loans, etc, should be set off against this, and the Secretary was directed to appeal against the assessments.

CENTRAL DISPENSARY.

Letter was read from the L G B, and initialled by the Chairman, enclosing Paying Order £9 5s 4d for balance of architect's fees in respect of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

OMEATH DISPENSARY.

Letter was read from Mr V Warren, Clerk Tuberculosis Committee of Management, stating that the Tuberculosis Committee of Management had instructed the County Solicitor to prepare a tenancy agreement in respect of Rose Cottage, Omeath, which had been acquired from Miss Alice Connolly, Lislea, Omeath, for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Dispensary at a rent of £8 per annum. The letter was initialled by the Chairman, and approved by the Committee.

DROGHEDA DEMAND.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, stating that owing to exceptional circumstances the first instalment of the Council's demand on the Corporation of Drogheda was not paid within half-year ended 30th September. Both moieties would, however, be paid during the current half-year.

This was considered satisfactory.

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RATE COLLECTORS' INCREASES.

With reference to the letter of the L G B read at last meeting of the Committee, refusing to sanction the scheme of increases to Rate Collectors submitted by the Council, and the decision of the Committee to adhere to the Council's Scheme, and further request for sanction of same, the following letter was read:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
27th October, 1916.

No. 51392/16.
Louth County.

Sir.

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your further letter of the 24th instant, relative to the remuneration of certain Poor Rate Collectors in Louth County; and, in reply, I am to state that the Board see no reason to depart from the ruling already conveyed.

I am to add that the suggestion made in the Board's letter of the 10th instant (No. 47476/1916) was based on the system in force in similarly circumstanced counties which has been found to work most satisfactorily.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

* Secretary, Louth County Council.

The Board's letter of 10th October stated that if a scheme allowing extra remuneration to those Collectors who lodge not less than one-third of their warrant before the 31st July and 31st December, the Board would give it their favourable consideration, but that the remuneration for amounts lodged after those dates was not to be distributed.

After discussion, on the suggestion of Mr N T Murphy, the

Committee unanimously agreed to request the sanction of the Board to a scheme by which the new rates of poundage would be paid on the full amount of their warrant to those Collectors who lodged a reasonable proportion of their warrant by 31st July and 31st December in each year, and who subsequently close their collections at the proper time.

CINEMA CENSORSHIP.

Circular letter was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, Dublin Castle, with reference to the Censorship of Cinematograph films, and suggesting that each Licensing Authority should forward their views on the matter. It was unanimously agreed that a Censor for Ireland should be appointed, and the Secretary was directed to convey this opinion to the proper quarter.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

The Co. Surveyor reported neglect on the following roads, and requested a direction from the Committee:—

Road No. 103, Dundalk—Bernard Byrne, Dawestown, Contractor.

Road No. 97, Dundalk—P V Carroll, Benagh, Contractor.
Road No. 2, Dundalk—John Watters, Newrath, Contractor.
Road No. 16, Dundalk—John Watters, Newrath, Contractor.
Road No. 45, Dundalk—Thos Conroy, Tullagee, Contractor.
Road No. 65, Dundalk—Patk Mulholland, Carrickrobin, Contractor.

The County Surveyor stated that he had tried to meet these contractors in every way, but without result.

After considerable discussion, the County Surveyor was directed to take over the roads in the usual way till they were reset up in January next, and then proceed against the various contractors for any increased cost caused the ratepayers by the contractors' neglect to work the roads.

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INSURANCE REFUND.

Letter was read from the Ocean Accident and Guarantee Corporation enclosing cheque value £9 12s 9d, being rebate due the Council under Employers' Liability Policy No. 1101285.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RATES.

The Secretary stated that Collector Woods had asked him to write for the rates due on a holding of Captain Claude Wilson, who was at the front. The Committee decided that this was the work of the rate collector, and the Secretary was directed to so inform Mr Woods.

FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS' REQUISITES.

Letter was read from the County Inspector, R I C, requesting supplies for the various Food and Drugs Inspectors throughout the county necessary for the performance of their duties, and the Secretary was directed to procure same. These requisites are report and record books, seals, boxes, and small hand-bag.

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Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 13th day of November, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—Bernard Finegan, P Woods, J P; W Woods, J P; J Wynne, J P, and Thos O'Rourke, Esquires.

The meeting was called to consider tenders for thefollowing works:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 32—To provide a Pound in Drogheda. Cost not to exceed £10. County-at-Large Charge.

No. 33—To provide a sum not exceeding £40 for the repair and maintenance for one year, from 1st December, 1916, of the Ancient Monuments in Drogheda, recently taken in charge by the County Council. County-at-Large Charge.

No. 34—To instal two Electric Radiators in Ardee Court. Cost not to exceed £6. County-at-Large Charge.

As no tenders for any of the Works were received, the works were placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 13th November, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Bernard Finegan, P Woods, J P; Wm Woods, J P; J Wynne, J P; T O'Rourke, and J F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co Surveyor	£225	0	10
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	75	8	3
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	26	4	0
	£326	13	1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

PAYMENTS ON FOOT OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

The Secretary submitted Form 22 for the Rural Districts showing payments on foot of road contracts for quarter ended 30th September, 1916, as follows:—Ardee No. 1, £562 5s 5d; Drogheda (Louth) £406 3s 11d; Dundalk, £1,025 6s 3d.

Same were recommended for payment.

AGREEMENTS.

The Secretary submitted agreement between the Council and Mr Thomas Byrne, of Clonturkmason, for hire of Road Roller. Scarafier, etc. The hiring to be for a period of three months.

The Committee unanimously recommended the agreement for Sealing by the County Council.

Agreement was also submitted between the Council and Mr James Johnston, of Carrickmbreda, for the raising of 410 cubic yards of stone from Mr Johnston's quarry at Carrickbroad, for the sum of £5 2s 3d.

The agreement was also unanimously recommended for Sealing by the Council.

EDUCATION ACT COSTS.

Letter was read from C. P. S., Castlebellingham, enclosing 9s, being costs in cases under Education Act heard at Castlebellingham. The Secretary stated he had lodged the amount to the credit of the Council, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

COUNCIL'S GRANT FOR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Letter was read from Mr Easthope, Principal and Secretary

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of the Co Louth Technical Instruction Committee, stating that the work of the Committee was seriously impeded by he delay in the receipt of the grants from the Urban and Co. Councils: that no salaries could be paid to the staff for three months, which need not have been the case if the local authorities paid over their contributions for the half year ending 30th September in May or June previous, so that application could be made to the Department for further funds. Similarly it was desirable that the second moiety of the contribution to 31st March should be paid in November previous.

The Secretary informed the Committee that formerly these grants were paid at the meetings held in April and November for the period ended 31st March and 30th September respectively, but that on a former application by Mr Easthope the Council decided to pay the grant on 1st April and 1st October and this had been done since.

The Committee unanimously recommended that the moities of the grant be paid over in advance as requested by the Technical Committee.

EMPLOYEES' ACCIDENTS.

Letter was read from Ocean Insurance Company enclosing cheque £1 10s 3d in settlement of claim in respect of accident to Patk Mullen at Killen.

The Secretary reported accidents to the following:—Joseph Kelly, at Jonesborough Quarry; Patrick Hanlon, Faughart Quarry, and Richard Watters, Jonesborough Quarry. He stated that the various papers in connection with these cases had been sent to the Insurance Company, and all preliminaries perfected in case any claims were made. The letter and reports were initialled by the Chairman.

INCOME TAX.

The Secretary stated that as directed by the Finance Committee at last meeting, he had appealed against the assessment of Income Tax on the Bank Interest allowed the Council on their credit balances, and had received from the Surveyor of Taxes letter requesting on what grounds the appeal was made The Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to the Council's liability, and if necessary to draft the grounds of the appeal.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TRANSFER.

Letter was read from Industrial School, Drogheda, that Jas. M'Cabe, being now of an age for transfer, would, with permission of the Council, be transferred to Artane Industrial School. The Committee approved, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

RECOUPMENT.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, dated 10th November, 1916, stating they had lodged to the credit of the Council the sum of £116 7s 2d, being half the expenditure of the Council in respect of work under the Diseases of Animals Acts for the nine months ended 30th September, 1916. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

FRANCHISE FEES.

Circular letter from the L G B dated 7th November, 1916, No. 117-m 1916, was read with reference to the claims of certain officers for compensation for loss of fees due to the fact that no register was prepared this year. The circular stated

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the Board would consider the claims of these officers when a return was submitted showing the following particulars:—(1) The average amount received by each officer over the years 1912, 1913 and 1914, or 1913, 1914 and 1915, out of the funds of the Council. (2) The average out of pocket expenses incurred by each officer during either of these periods selected. (3) The net amount received by each officer after deducting out of pocket expenses, and (4) The heads under which out of pocket expenses were incurred. The circular, in order to avoid hardship to individual officers, authorised the payment on account to any officer so desiring of a sum up to 50 per cent of the average amount shown under heading (1) above.

The Secretary was directed to make the return.

ANNUAL REPORT OF T. M. O.

The following report was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes:—

October 31st, 1916.

Gentlemen,

I beg to submit the following report:—During the past year 200 patients were treated at the Tuberculosis Dispensaries in the county, viz—Ardee 25, Carlingford and Omeath 31, Drogheda 18, and Dundalk 126. 12 patients refused treatment against medical advice, 3 left the county, 12 died, and 44 were discharged as cured or much improved; 122 are still under treatment at the dispensaries. 33 patients were treated at Peamount Sanatorium; 17 of whom were discharged as much improved, 3 slightly improved, 4 condition stationary, and 3 worse; 6 still under treatment. The Louth County Infirmary provided treatment for 15 of our surgical cases with very satisfactory results, i.e., 5 were discharged cured, 8 very much improved, and 2 as stationary. The Branch Dispensary

at Omeath was opened on the 30th June, 1916, and Drogheda Dispensary on the 12th August, 1916. Our shelters were in fairly constant use during the year. Accommodation for storing shelters when not in use is needed in Dundalk. A hospital for the treatment of advanced cases is required. When a suitable time presents itself this work should be pressed on, as advanced cases are a great source of infection, and no scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis can be complete until adequate provision is made for these cases.

J. A. M'QUILLAN.

General Summary—Year Ended 30th September, 1916.

Number of patients treated at the Dispensaries, 200. Number of attendances by patients at Dispensaries, 3,992. Number of deaths, 12. Number that refused treatment against medical advice, 12. Number that left county, 3. Number of patients discharged cured or much improved, 44. Number still under treatment at Dispensaries, 122. Number treated at Peamount Sanatorium, 33. Number treated at the Louth Infirmary, 15. Visits to patients' homes by whole-time nurse, 1,424. Visits to patients' homes by part-time nurse at Ardee, 96. Number of specimens of sputum examined and reported on, 143.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor reported neglect on the following roads. He stated that he had served ten days' notices in each case, and would take up the roads if the notices were not complied with:—

Dundalk R. D.—Index No. 10—553 perches Dundalk to Castlebellingham—Contractor, John M'Geough.

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Index No. 18—445 perches Dundalk to Dunleer—Contractor—Patrick M'Elroy.

Drogheda R. D.—Index No. 56—384 perches Turnpike Road Tullyescar to Balgatheran—Contractor, Patk Halligan.

On the motion of Mr James Wynne, J P;
Seconded by Mr William Woods, J P,

It was unanimously decided to direct the County Surveyor to have the work on these roads taken up if the notices were not complied with.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 16th day of November, 1916.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—Michael Meade, Patrick L M'Keon, J P; Thomas B M'Court, B L Coleman, J P; B Hamill, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; Bernard Finegan, Peter Woods, J P; Thomas O'Rourke, and John F Murphy, J P, Esquires.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor; James Dromgoole and John M C Lyons, Assistant Surveyors, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Finegan, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 17th August, 1916, and their Special Meeting held on the 22nd September, 1916, a copy of each having been

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sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council), with all payments and recommendations contained therein be and are hereby confirmed:—

Monday, 21st August, 1916.
Monday, 4th September, 1916.
Monday, 18th September, 1916.
Monday, 2nd October, 1916.
Monday, 16th October, 1916.
Monday, 30th October, 1916.
Monday, 13th November, 1916.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 18th September, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by B Finegan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th October, 1916, and their Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th November, 1916, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

ARDEE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on the 7th November, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £562 5s 5d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick L M'Keon, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th November, 1916, and set out

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on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £406 3s 11d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on the 6th November, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1,025 6s 9d.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;

Seconded by Bernard L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 16th October, 1916, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £5,192 4s 11d, be and are hereby approved of.

DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas B M'Court, Esq;

Seconded by Patrick L M'Keon, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the Fourth Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:—

ARDEE—Tuesday, 2nd January, 1917.
DROGHEDA—Tuesday, 9th January, 1917.
DUNDALK—Monday, 8th January, 1917,

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 8th January, 1917.

FANE AND WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE DISTRICTS.

The next item on the agenda was the question of the arrangements to be made for the management of the above Drainage Districts. The Secretary read the letter from the L G B which appeared on the printed minutes, stating that by Provisional Orders, confirmed by Act of Parliament, the management of these districts had been transferred to the County Council.

After discussion the following were appointed a committee to consider the arrangements for the future management of the drainage districts, and to report to the Co. Council on same:—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; Bernard L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, John Morgan, Patrick M'Gee, J P, and James T. M'Gee, J P.

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TIME OF FINANCE MEETINGS.

The Council next considered the recommendation of the Finance Committee made at their meeting held on 2nd October, that the hour of meeting of that committee be 10.30 o'clock, instead of 1 o'clock as at present.

The following resolution was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
And seconded by Thomas B M'Court, Esq:

"That in future the hour of the meetings of the Finance Committee be 10.30 o'clock.

To this the following amendment was

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P, and
Seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P:

"That no change be made in the time of meetings of the Finance Committee."

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment—Messrs J H M'Ardle and J F Murphy—2.

Against the Amendment—Messrs B L Coleman, B Finegan, B Hamill, T B M'Court, P L M'Keon, M Meade, T O'Rourke, and P Woods—8.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to convene future meetings of the Finance Committee in accordance with the terms of same

RATE COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

The question of the proposed increased fees to rate collectors and the correspondence from the L G B with reference thereto, was next considered. The County Council had adopted a scheme allowing increased poundage fees to Collectors Patrick M'Donnell, M'Cullough, Kelly, Cluskey, Peter M'Donnell and John Woods, but the L G B had refused to sanction the increases except on the condition that the Collectors would lodge not less than one-third of their warrants on 31st July and 31st December each year. The Board would on this condition approve of the increased rates of poundage being paid on the amounts lodged to these dates, but for all amounts lodged after these dates the rates of remuneration already in existence were not to be disturbed.

The Secretary stated that the Finance Committee had asked the L G B to reconsider this decision, but they had refused to do so. The committee had then asked the Board whether they would approve of a scheme by which the Collectors were to lodge one-fourth of their warrants by 31st July, and 31st December each year, and to receive the increased rates of the poundage on the full amount of their warrants, provided they closed their collections on 31st March and 30th September in each year. To this no reply has yet been received.

The Council went fully into the question, and after discussion, in the course of which it was unanimously agreed that the rate of poundage paid Collectors Donegan and Johnston, namely, 6d and 5½d in the £, should be increased to 6½d and 6d in the £ respectively, and that Collector Patk M'Donnell's fees be increased from 6½d to 7d in the £, the following resolution was

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passed unanimously:—

Proposed by John F Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby fix the rates of poundage fees to be paid to the Rate Collectors on the full amount of their warrants, as follows:—

P S Donegan—6½d in the £.
Patrick M'Donnell—7d in the £.
Patrick M'Cullough—7d in the £
John J Kelly—7d in the £.
James V Johnston—6d in the £.
Patrick Cluskey—6d in the £.
Peter M'Donnell—7d in the £.
John Woods—7d in the £.

on the following conditions, viz—That one-fourth of their warrants be lodged on or before the 31st July and 31st December in each year, and that the full amounts be lodged within the prescribed periods. Failure to fulfil these conditions shall entail a reduction of one halfpenny in the £ of their fees on the full amount of their warrants.

DUNANY HARBOUR.

Letter was read from Mr Michael Meade, enclosing petition from the fishermen at Dunany, asking that something should be done to improve the condition of Jones' Quay.

The County Surveyor said some work had been done to the Harbour by the Department some few years ago, but that it was filled up again now.

After discussion, on the motion of Michael Meade, Esq, seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, it was unanimously

Resolved—That the Department of Agriculture be asked to do the work of improvement at Dunany Harbour, and the Secretary be directed to write them in the matter.

BILL OF COSTS.

The Secretary was directed to affix the Seal of the Council to the requisition for taxation of the County Solicitor's Bill of Costs, and Mr P L Macardle, Solicitor, was appointed to represent the Council at taxation.

THANKS FOR RE-ELECTION.

The following letter was read:—

"Dear Mr M'Alester—I see from copy of "Democrat" to hand that I have been elected again to the Chair of Louth Co. Council. While this is not official, I may presume the information is correct, so I write to thank the Council for the honour they have done me. Though nearly two years have elapsed since I have been of any assistance to our Council, yet I have to some extent kept in touch with its affairs. I have seen it go on its way ever surer of itself—resolute, successful. The honour done me is the greater in that our Council is now recognised as having few equals and no superiors in the management of affairs. Under the guidance of my friend, Mr Duffy, the Council has gone on from strength to strength. A fact will ever preach down a theory. Our success in management of local public business, in face of all the gloomy forecasts made by

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interested parties of the old regime, is worth more to Ireland than floods of oratory, in proving (not our right, that needs no proof) our power of self-government. My only regret is that Mr Duffy has not the name as well as being ipso facto chairman. He is only barred by the kindly instinct, inherent in Irishmen, not to sever old relations. He knows what I thought in the matter. As Mr M'Carthy remarked, no doubt the chair will be offered Mr Duffy when the suitable occasion arises. This is somewhat cryptic! I trust Mr M'Carthy has not the Scottish gift of second sight, and sees a lonely grave on a battlefield in France. I know he does not pray it may be so, otherwise I would pass sleepless nights in my dug-out, for the prayers of the righteous availeth much. You will understand there is little leisure to write, for the reaping is here. The harvest is hot and hard, and many a worker will be down to sleep before the 'Callogue' is tied in the last sheaf, and the reapers return at set of sun.—Yours very sincerely, W. A. Doran, 9 R. D. F., 48th Bgd., 16th Division."

RESOLUTIONS.

The following resolutions were unanimously adopted:—

From Co. Dublin Farmers' Association disapproving of the double dipping of sheep in the Autumn period.

From Irish Trades Union Congress with regard to printing for Irish Government Departments being executed in offices where low-wage conditions prevail.

From Same asking that Irish Boards, etc, should give an opportunity to Irish houses for the making of electroliers and other brass work.

From Same, asking that, when possible public work should be executed in winter time.

From Dublin City Council, calling for the release of those arrested in connection with the Rising of Easter week.

From Down County Council, asking for the revision of the law with regard to malicious injury in Ireland.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 27th November, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members—James Wynne, J P; Michael Meade, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Loans account Works in charge of Co Surveyor	...	£190	13 0
Subsidiary Account, do. do.	...	164	11 0
Do. Secretary's Office	...	435	17 0
		£791	1 0

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

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ARREARS LISTS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 23rd November, No. 56171/1916, sanctioning payment of irrecoverable arrears of rates to the various collectors. The Board excepted certain items on Mr Johnston's sheets pending further information re same.

The Secretary said he had given the Board the particulars asked for, and the payments to the Collectors were included on to-day's pay sheets.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SOLICITOR'S CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter was read from the Co. Solicitor dated 13th November, stating that he had lodged the sum of £1 15s 3d to the credit of the Council, the amount being cost of dismiss awarded in the case of Leland v. the Council.

Letter dated 13th November enclosing certificate of Taxation of his Bill of Costs to 31st March last for the sum of £118 2s 11d. An item of £10 12s 6d paid Messrs O'Hare and O'Hagan, solicitors, Newry, for making title for the landlord in connection with the Ardaghy road had been deleted by the Taxing Master, who stated the amount should be taxed separately. To avoid expense Mr O'Connell suggested having this item taxed by the Clerk of Crown and Peace, and this was unanimously agreed to by the Committee.

Letter dated 22nd November with reference to the Income Tax Assessment made against the Council on Bank Interest on County Account. Mr O'Connell wrote that he had gone into the matter carefully and was unable to find anything to indicate that an appeal against the assessment would be successful. As, however, the payment of this first claim would establish a precedent, he advised that the opinion of counsel should be taken in the matter.

The Committee unanimously decided to have the opinion of counsel as to the Council's liability.

DUNANY PIER.

With reference to the letter which the Council had directed the Secretary to write the Department asking them to have the necessary work done at the above Pier, letter was submitted from the Department dated 20th November, No. 3037/16, F. B., stating that owing to financial conditions, they were not in a position to undertake further expenditure in connection with this Harbour.

ROAD ROLLING.

Letter dated 18th November from Sir Henry Bellingham was read stating that he had laid stone on a small portion of road beside the Protestant Church in Castlebellingham, which was in his keeping, and requesting the Council to kindly grant the use of a roller to roll in the stone properly.

The County Surveyor stated the roller was now in that district, and Sir Henry had agreed to pay for its use at the rate of 23s per day, he supplying coal.

The Committee unanimously granted the use of the roller on these terms.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL COMMITTAL.

Letter dated 17th November was read from the Sergeant in

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charge of R I C, Ardee, informing the Council that at Ardee Petty Sessions on 22nd inst, a child named Christina M'Keever would be prosecuted for larceny, and may consequently be committed to an Industrial School.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

DIPPING INSPECTOR'S INCREASE.

Letter was read from the Department dated 23rd November, No. 3436-16, sanctioning the increase from 2s to 5s for inspections during the Autumn period granted by the Council to Inspector Owen Keenan.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The Secretary stated that a malicious injury claim had been lodged on behalf of Mr Edward M'Keown, Blackrock, for the sum of £20 for the alleged malicious destruction of a fence, his property. He had forwarded the papers to Mr O'Connell, who wrote stating the case was having his attention. The Secretary stated that he understood from Mr M'Keown's solicitor that this claim was being withdrawn, but no notice to that effect has yet been served.

AUDIT.

Letter dated 11th November, No. 54926/16, was read from the L G B enclosing audited abstract of the Council's accounts to 31st March, 1916, together with auditor's report thereon.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

INSURANCE CLAIM.

The Secretary stated that the claim of Patrick Hanlon, who met with a slight accident at Faughart quarry, had now been discharged by the Insurance Company and the various papers perfected.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

25th November, 1916.

The Co. Surveyor reported neglect on the following Road Contracts:—

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

Index No. 84—801 perches Dundalk to Newtownhamilton. Contractor, John Hollywood.

Index No. 98—1400 perches Dundalk to Omeath by Big Woman's Grave. Contractor, Thos M'Cann.

Index No. 34—443 perches Knockbridge to Tallanstown. Contractor, Patrick M'Gee.

ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT.

Index No. 51—878 perches Ardee to Dunany. Contractor, John Toris.

Ten days' notices are served and the contracts will be taken taken over if notices are not complied with.

The Committee unanimously approved of the action taken by the Co. Surveyor in these matters.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 27th November, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, J P; Michael Meade, P Woods, J P; B Hamill, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

REPORTS.

The following reports were read:—

Mr. Donnelly's Report.

During the month of October I had two outbreaks of sheep scab to deal with. The animals came from Co. Louth for shipment at Drogheda Port. The diseased animals were slaughtered and the in-contacts moved under supervision of the police to the farms from whence the animals came. I made a few inspections in cases where animals were suspected of having contagious disease, but found the animals were not suffering

from any of the notifiable diseases. Your Secretary has been furnished with full reports on the prescribed forms relative to disease in animals.

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

Mr. Maxwell's Reports—September.

I beg to report that I examined the usual fairs and markets of Ardee No. 1 District for the month of September. No cases of infectious or contagious disease has been reported to me during that period.

W. E. MAXWELL.

October.

I beg to report that no reported cases of disease has occurred in the Ardee No. 1 District for the month of October. I visited the usual fairs, markets, etc, and found everything healthy.

W. E. MAXWELLL.

No report had yet been received from Mr Clinton, but the various papers in connection with the cases dealt with by him during the period since last meeting, together with those of the cases dealt with by Messrs Donnelly and Maxwell, were submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

The cases reported were as follows:—

AT DUNDALK PORT—John Cunningham, J Woods, Thos Malone, Patk M'Morrow, F and B M'Keown, Thos Malone (2nd case), Henry Walker (Cootehill).

AT DROGHEDA PORT—Stephen Henly, Cornelius Lynch,

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Eagle Lodge, Drogheda (Co. Meath); Thos Mullen, Rathmullen; James Nulty, Thos Dwyer.

GREENORE PORT—Bernard Quinn, Camlough (3 cases).

CLOGHERHEAD PORT—John Brown, Parsonstown.

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Miuutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 30th November, 1916, at one o'clock, p m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James Wynne, J P; L Goodman, T B M'Court, P Donegan, J P; P Callan, J P; P Woods, J P; M. Meade, B Finnegan, J M'Carthy, J P; B Hamill, J P; Thos. O'Rourke, J H M'Ardle, J P; and J Morgan, Esquires.

Messrs Thos Walsh, County Surveyor; J M C Lyons and Jas. Dromgoole, Assistant Surveyors, and Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Patrick Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Louth Co. Council at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting held on 16th November, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

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CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by L Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by T B M'Court, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 27th November, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE MINUTES

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee, at their meeting held on the 27th November, 1916, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

DEATH OF MR. RICHARD JONES.

The following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we beg to express our sincere regret at the lamented death of Mr Richard Jones, late Chairman of the Richmond District Asylum Committee. The late gentleman occupied that position for a great number of years, and his businesslike qualities in the management of the Asylum and

his solicitude for the finances and representatives of the Contributary Bodies has merited our entire approbation. We direct our Secretary to convey to his wife and family the sincere sympathy of the Council in their sad bereavement.

James Wynne, Esq, J P, desired to be specially associated with the resolution.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 30th November, 1916, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby adopted by this Council.

With reference to the proposal to widen the East side of the Windmill Road (Dundalk to Blackrock) for which work the Surveyor in his report stated eight statute perches of land would be required, the owner of the ground had informed a deputation of the Dundalk R. D. C. that he would give the necessary land for the sum of £20. The County Surveyor suggested that a deputation of the County Council should meet the owner and endeavour to arrange better terms; and

On the motion of Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P,

It was unanimously resolved that a deputation consisting of the representatives of the Dundalk Urban and Dundalk Rural

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Electoral Divisions, together with the Chairman of the Dundalk R. D. C. should meet the owner for the purpose referred to.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 2nd October, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 6th November, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by T B M'Court, Esq;
Seconded by J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on 16th October, 1916, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 13th November, 1916, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

WORKS PLACED IN CHARGE OF COUNTY SURVEYOR.

As no tenders were received for the works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, at their last Quarterly Meetings, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

NOTICES OF MOTION.

Telegram was read from Mr William Woods, J P, regretting his inability to attend to-day's meeting, and requesting that the notice of motion standing in his name with reference to the letting of Carlingford Store, should be proposed by some member present. The Chairman stated that in accordance with the Standing Orders this could not be done except by a member holding Mr Woods' written authority, and as he had not sent such an authority Mr Woods' motion would accordingly fall through.

The following notice of motion, standing in the name of Mr James T M'Gee, J P, was next considered. Mr M'Gee was not in attendance, but Mr Michael Meade presented written authority to move in the matter, and accordingly the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq;
Seconded by Patrick Callan, Esq, J P, and

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Resolved—That Mr Thomas M'Nello, of Ardee, be co-opted a member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

Mr James M'Carthy, J P, having obtained permission of the Council, explained that the remarks made by him re the Chairmanship of the Council at the Annual Meeting, would appear to have been misunderstood by Captain Doran, judging from his letter which appeared on the printed minutes. Mr M'Carthy explained that the suitable time for a change of Chairman referred to by him would have arrived, not when, as Captain Doran would appear to have understood it, he was shot down in action, but when, having returned safely after the war, the people of County Louth could offer him an even higher position than that of Chairman to this Council. Then, without discourtesy, the Chair might be offered to Mr Duffy, who so capably filled it in Captain Doran's absence.

RESOLUTIONS.

Resolution submitted by Killarney R. D. C. with reference to the output of coal from Wolfhill Collieries, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution submitted by the County Dublin County Council calling on the Government to establish an Hospital for Irish soldiers and sailers suffering from incurable diseases, was unanimously adopted.

Resolution submitted by the A. O. H. Division 566, Dundalk, with reference to the cultivation of waste land in the hands of the Council, was marked "read," as the Council had no land which might be so used.

Resolution was submitted by the Irish Cattle Traders Association requesting the Board of Trade to revoke the Cattle

Detention Regulations, which tend to increase the price of food, cause loss to the owner and do not improve the condition of the animals.

On the motion of Laurence Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq,

the resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies of same to the Members of Parliament for the County.

RATE COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 27th November, 1916, No. 56225-'16, refusing sanction to the scheme passed by the Council granting increased poundage fees to the rate collectors, on the grounds that the scheme conflicts with the conditions which govern the collection of rates, inasmuch as the proposed arrangement would permit of a collector being paid poundage fees even though he did not lodge the full amount of his warrant within each half year. Further, that the penalty of ½d for failure to comply with the conditions of the scheme was not sufficient, and should be at least 1d, and that the scheme granted substantial increases to collectors who had not hitherto satisfactorily discharged their duties.

The Secretary submitted copy of the letter written by him to the Board on the subject of the increases, from which it was apparent that the Board's statement that the conditions which govern the collection of rates was interfered with by the Council's scheme was without foundation, as the Secretary's letter distinctly stated that the lodgment of the full warrants within the half year was one of the conditions of the scheme.

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On the motion of James M'Carthy, Esq, J P,
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P,

the Secretary was unanimously directed to point this out to the L G B, and to say that as the Council had given very full and careful consideration to the scheme, they proposed to adhere to their decision; and to request the Board to sanction the increases.

COURT-KEEPER'S BONUS.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 27th November, No. 56264-'16, approving of the proposal of the Council to grant a bonus of £10 to Mr Timothy Murray, County Court-keeper, for extra work during the past year.

BEE DISEASE.

Letter was read from the County Committee of Agriculture requesting the Council to authorise the payment of compensation in respect of bees and appliances affected with Isle of Wight Disease.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, hereby consent to the payment of compensation in accordance with the Regulations of the Department of Agriculture, in respect of bees and appliances affected or suspected to be affected with Isle of Wight Disease.

MOTORS FOR HIRE PURPOSES.

Letter was read from the L G B, enclosing Regulations under which it is ordered that from the 1st December Motor Cars which are at any time used for hire purposes, must have a plate affixed over the number and identification plate, bearing the words, "Hackney Carriage."

The Secretary was directed to transmit copy of the Regulations to owners of motors used for hire purposes, directing them to have the plate referred to affixed to their cars.

FRANCHISE FEES.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 28th November, No. 56777-'16, stating that they had considered the claims of the local officers in the county for compensation for temporary loss of emoluments under the Parliament and Registration Act, 1916, and have directed that the officers concerned shall be paid by the County Council the sums set out on the list as follows:—T B Dromgoole, £31 13s 6d; P S Donegan, £12 9s 6d; Patrick M'Donnell, £13 7s 2d; J B Connolly, £26 8s 7d; J M'Quillan, £20 14s 3d; Charles M'Alester, £19 9s; Patrick M'Cullough, £12 8s 1d; John J Kelly, £3 19s 3d; P R Finigan, £84 15s 1d; Patrick Cluskey, £9 17s 6d; Peter M'Donnell, £11 19s 1d; John Woods, £18 11s 2d; James V Johnston, £12 4s 3d; John Murphy, £20 17s 5d.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SUMMER TIME BILL.

The Council considered a series of questions from the L G B with regard to the working and effect of the Summer Time Bill in the county, and the Secretary was directed to reply to

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same, and to state that the opinion of the Council was that the general effect of the Bill was injurious to the farming industry, and not at all suitable for this country, and disapproving of its renewal.

OLD ROAD AT CARLINGFORD.

Letter was read from Dr O'Connell, North Louth Coroner, with reference to an inquest held by him touching the death of a woman who died as the result of injuries received by falling down a quarry from an old road adjoining.

The jury added a rider to their verdict in this case drawing the attention of the County Council and Rural District Council to the very dangerous state of the road on which the accident occurred, and on which three lives have been lost already. The jury requested the Councils concerned to remove this danger.

In reply to queries by Councillors, the County Surveyor said the road in question was not maintained by the County. An effort had been made some time ago to acquire land for widening the road, but some of the owners refused to give the land, and the work fell through. He understood, however, that the matter would be brought forward again at the Rural District Council.

The Secretary was directed to inform Dr O'Connell accordingly.

XMAS BONUS.

It was unanimously agreed that as the ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee would fall this year on Christmas Day, a meeting should be held on a suitable day in the previous

week, in order that the workmen should receive their money in time.

Mr Bernard Finnegan proposed, and Mr J H M'Ardle seconded, that a bonus of 5s be granted to each workman as a Christmas gift. After discussion the matter was referred to the Finance Committee with the direction that the bonus be given.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 11th December, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, Peter Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; B L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P, and John Morgan, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	£139	16	11
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor ...	105	2	6
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office ...	185	0	7
Total	£430	0	0

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted return showing the condition of the Collection to 30th November. Of the Second Moiety of the rate amounting to the sum of £17,747 10s 7d, £2,209 8s 10d had been collected and lodged. All the Collectors with the exception of Mr Kelly, who checked once, had checked their books twice during the month. Mr Kelly had been ill, and submitted medical certificate to that effect. The return was initialled by the Chairman.

NEXT FINANCE MEETING.

As the County Council at last meeting had directed that the Finance Committee should hold their meeting—which would in the ordinary course fall on 25th December this year, a few days before then, in order that the workmen might receive their wage before Xmas, it was unanimously decided to hold the next meeting of the Committee on Friday, 22nd December.

The County Surveyor was directed to include the war bonus of 5s which had been approved by the County Council at last meeting, on his pay sheets for that day.

GYLES' QUAY.

A memorial was submitted signed by the boat owners and fishermen of Gyles' Quay, drawing the Council's attention to the necessity for a windlass and wire rope attachment to facilitate the launching of boats during the present fishing season. The memorial stated that it was almost impossible to launch the bigger and heavier boats rendered necessary by the late Autumn and Winter fishing and the large catches of herrings,

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by the old method of hand-haulage, and in stormy weather such as has been experienced during the past few months, to get the boats and gear to a place of safety. The appliance asked for would reduce this labour to a minimum, and be of considerable advantage to the fishermen.

The Secretary stated that he understood from the Harbour Constable that increased berthage was also needed at the Quay. At present boats were beached on the County Road ,to the danger of traffic.

Messrs Kearney and Woods agreed.

After discussion it was unanimously decided that the following committee should meet at the Quay on Friday next, the 15th instant, at 11 o'clock, a m, to consider the entire question, and report to next Finance Meeting:—Messrs C A Duffy, J P; J P Kearney, P Woods, J P; W Woods, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; B Finnegan ,and Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor.

RATE COLLECTORS' REMUNERATION.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 7th December, 1916, No. 58487-'16, asking the Council to pass a resolution fixing the rates of poundage to be paid the collectors at one halfpenny less in each case than the rate set out in their previous resolution, adding the proviso that if one-fourth of the warrants are lodged by the 31st July and 31st December in each year, these rates are to be increased by one halfpenny.

The Secretary stated that this was ,in effect, the resolution passed by the County Council, and there could be no objection

to varying the wording as suggested by the Board.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Finnegan, Esq;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby fix the rates of poundage to the rate collectors as follows:—P S Donegan, 6d; Patk M'Donnell, 6½d; Patrick M'Cullough, 6½d; John Kelly, 6½d; James V Johnston, 5½d; Patrick Cluskey, 5½d; Peter M'Donnell, 6½d; John Woods, 6½d. The rates of poundage to be increased by one halfpenny in each case where the collector lodges 25 per cent of his half yearly collection by 31st July and 31st December in each half year, and that the rates come into operation in respect of the current half year.

The Secretary was directed to ask the L G B to sanction payment of the balances due Collectors Peter M'Donnell and John Woods in respect of period ended 30th September, 1915.

BLACKROCK ROAD.

The following report was read, and

On the motion of James Wynne, Esq, J P,
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P,

was unanimously adopted:—

Dangerous Turn on Blackrock Road—Report of Committee.

The Committee appointed by the County Council to interview Mr Charles Glendon, the owner of the land required for the widening of the turn on the Blackrock Road, beg to report that the following members of the Committee, Messrs C A

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Duffy,J P; L Goodman T B M'Court, and B Finnegan, met Mr Glendon by appointment on Thursday, the 7th December, in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk.

The County Surveyor, who was also in attendance, informed the Committee that the area of the corner of Mr Glendon's field required for the widening was eight statute perches, and his estimate of the value of the land was eight pounds (£8).

Mr Glendon stated he would not accept less than £20 for the ground.

This offer was considered at length by the Committee, but as the price would mean £400 per acre, and would create a precedent for other land required for similar purposes, it was unanimously decided not to accept same, and the Committee recommend that a list of the various sections of land required be compiled, and that application for compulsory powers to acquire the lands be made.

The interview then terminated.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Leter was read from Rev J M'Keone, Adm, Dundalk, giving notice that at the Children's Court on Friday, 8th inst, he would apply for committal of the following children to Industrial Schools:—Francis, Michael and Margaret M'Ardle, all children under 14.

Leter was read from C. P. S. Drogheda, stating that a similar application in respect of Richard and James Marlow, would be made at Drogheda Sessions on Monday, 18th instant.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS.

The accounts of the County Commitee of Agriculture for periods ended 31st March and 30th September, 1916, together with Auditor's Report thereon, were submitted and initialled.

NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

The County Surveyor reported neglect on Roads Nos. 68 and 73, Ardee District; No. 61, Drogheda, and No. 9, Dundalk. Te days' notices have been served, and contracts will be taken over if not complied with.

The Committee unanimously approved of the County Surveyor's action.

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Executive Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 11th December, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, P Woods, J P; B L Coleman, J P; Michael Meade, B Finnegan, J H M'Ardle, J P, and John Morgan.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

EXPENSES, AUTUMN DIPPING PERIOD.

The Secretary submitted detailed return showing the number of sheep and lambs dipped at the various County Council tanks during the Autumn Period, together with statement of receipts and expenditure thereat. The following summary showing the nett loss on the working of the tanks during the Autumn Period, was also submitted and initialled by the Chairman:—

Summary—Receipts and Expenditure.

	Receipts.	Expendtre.		
Ardee Tank	£44 2 0	£43 15 6	Profit	£0 6 6
Knockbridge	22 11 6	28 16 0	Loss	£6 4 6

Ballymakenny	10 12 0	20 2 0	Loss	9 10 0
Aghameen	10 9 10	20 17 10	Loss	10 8 0
Ravensdale	2 5 10	18 8 0	Loss	16 2 2
Carlingford	12 10 6	18 18 1	Loss	6 7 7
Corrakit	8 10 2	15 17 6	Loss	7 7 4
				8 15 0
	Printing Account			£64 14 7
			Less	6 6
				£64 8 1
	Less Department's Contribution			32 4 0
	Net Loss			£32 4 0

INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

The following reports from the Veterinary Inspectors were read and initialled, and it was unanimously decided that at next meeting of the Committee Local Regulations to meet the circumstances mentioned in Mr Clinton's report be considered:—

Mr. Clinton's Reports—October and November, 1916.

I beg to report that during the months of October and November I dealt with a large number of outbreaks of sheep scab which occurred at the Shipping Ports of Dundalk and Greenore. In all there were over 380 sheep detained, and with the exception of one lot of ten sheep (one of which was affected) all of the animals came from outside the county. The disease did not originate in County Louth, but was detected in the sheep when they were brought into the Ports for shipment. When the disease (sheep scab) is found to exist it is my duty to detain the sheep and to serve notice of detention on the owner. I have then to see the sheep (both affected

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and in-contact ones) dipped on two occasions within ten days, and to make periodic inspections of them in the meantime. This, especially in the case of sheep detained at Greenore, means an enormous amount of work, and is brought about by diseased sheep being taken into Co. Louth, and over which I can have previously no control, and for whose condition I am not responsible. I think it is unfair that I should be compelled to deal with animals which have contracted disease in other counties, and which are allowed to be moved out of the districts where the disease originates. I would respectfully ask your Council to authorise me (if it is within their power to do so) to have diseased sheep sent back from the Ports to the district from which they came. I am one of the very few Veterinary Inspectors in Ireland who have two big shipping Ports in their district.

J. T. CLINTON.

Mr. Maxwell's Report.

I beg to report that I examined the usual fairs and markets held in Ardee No. 1 District for the month of November. Francis Reilly, Bohernamoe, reported a pig suffering from swine fever. I examined the animal, and in my opinion the animal died from another disease.

W. E. MAXWELL.

NOTICES.

Copies of Notices of Withdrawal of Detention Notices served on Bernard Quinn, of Camlough, and P M'Shane, of Greenore, were submitted and initialled.

Police notice of swine fever in a pig, the property of Francis Reilly, Bohernamoe, was submitted and initialled.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Friday, 22nd December, 1916, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—B Hamill, J P; M Meade, B Finnegan, and J Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment.

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	£163 9 0
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of County Surveyor	207 6 6
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	64 10 6
	£435 6 0

The Bank Books for the General Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

Letter dated 13th December, 1916, was read from Mr O'Con-

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nell, stating that he had now received the scheme with reference to Willistown Plantation, certified by the Department of Agriculture, for the user of this parcel of land on the Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly the Lord Rathdonnell Co. Louth Estate, allotted to the Council for Forestry purposes.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary was directed to apply to the Department for a grant for forestry purposes.

COSTS RECEIVED.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, dated 14th December, stating that he had lodged 10s to the credit of the Council, being costs in Sheep Dipping Prosecution, Co. Council v. Jas. O'Hagan.

EXCHEQUER MAINTENANCE GRANT.

Letter was read from the L G B dated 14th December, 1916, No. 53926-1916, stating that overpayment of £3 0s 5d, in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis in the county for year ended 31st March, 1916, would be deducted from the next instalment of the Exchequer Maintenance Grant. The letter further stated that a Paying Order for the sum of £89 6s 2d out of the E. M. Grant would now be issued in respect of the half-year ended 31st March, 1916.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ACCOUNTS.

Letters were read from the L. G. B. enclosing the audited abstracts of and auditor's reports on the following accounts for the half years ended 31st March and 30th September, 1916:—

County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management, County of Louth Joint Committee of Technical Instruction, Dundalk Union and Dundalk Rural District Council.

The letters were initialled by the Chairman.

GILES' QUAY.

The following report was read and adopted:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
20th December, 1916.

Giles' Quay.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen Finance Committee
Meeting, 22nd December, 1916.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

On the 15th instant I met the Local Committee—Messrs Peter Woods, J P; W Woods, J P; Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Joseph Kearney and Bernard Finnegan—at Giles' Quay, as agreed at your last Finance Meeting.

A large number of fishermen were also present.

The memorial before you at your last meeting asked to have a winch erected for hauling up boats along the boatslip, but on Friday last the fishermen submitted that they had no place to beach boats, and they asked if some ground for this purpose could be got.

The Committee therefore asked me to report as soon as possible on a scheme to fill up a vacant space adjacent to the boatslip to form a beaching ground.

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As the winch could not be erected in time for this year's fishing, which closes in about a month, and as the slip is not the property of the Council, the question of the erection of the winch was postponed for consideration in conjunction with the larger project.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH.

POTASH EXPERIMENTS.

The following letter was read, and the County Surveyor was directed to attend to the matter:—

Geological Survey Office,
14, Hume Street, Dublin,
20th December, 1916.

Dear Sir,

The Department of Agriculture is willing to undertake an experiment as to the natural extraction of potash from finely powdered rock, and for this purpose the compact materials of the Louth-Armagh border seem suitable. It is necessary to break the rock into pieces about ½ to ¾-inch diameter, not larger than ¾-inch at any rate, preparatory to the fine grinding that would be done in Dublin. Two tons of each selected material would be required.

One of the suitable materials is the rock of the County Louth County Council Quarry at Flurrybridge. The second proposed is in the quarry near the National School at Forkhill, County Armagh.

(1) Would it be possible, with the kind assistance of your Council and yourself, to obtain two tons from the County quarry, delivered on to the Great Northern Railway for Dublin, and what would in that case be the probable cost, including screening to the desired size? Possibly you may have such material, i.e., material under ½ inch or so in diameter, lying in your quarry.

(2) Then would it be possible to arrange for the cartage of two tons of the Forkhill rock for similar treatment by your crusher and screen? It would be very convenient to have the whole transaction in the care of one person on the spot. I need hardly say that the experiments, whatever way they result, have great national importance in view of potash supplies, and this is my excuse for troubling you.

I am, yours faithfully,

GRENVILLE A. J. COLE.

The County Surveyor,
Louth County.

HOLIDAYS.

The Committee unanimously decided that the County Office should be closed for the Christmas Holidays as usual.

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REPORT

Fane and Wottonstown Drainage District.

To the Louth County Council at their Meeting held 18th January, 1917.

Gentlemen,

We beg to report that we have held several meetings of the Committee to consider the question of the working of the two Drainage Districts of Fane and Wottonstown.

The first meeting was held on the 20th November, 1916, Mr Charles A Duffy, J P, presiding, and Messrs J T M'Gee, J P; P M'Gee, J P; M Meade, and J Morgan, attended.

The County Surveyor informed the Committee that his pre-war estimate of expenditure for putting the drains in working order was about £750, but that the cost would now exceed £1,000.

It was decided to invite some of the principal land owners included in the Districts to a further meeting of the Committee, to elicit their views about the best means of having the work done with the least possible hardship on the occupiers to be assessed.

The adjourned meeting was held on the 27th November, and with Mr Duffy in the chair, the following Councillors were present:—Messrs B L Coleman, J P; M Meade and J Morgan. The following gentlemen representing the occupiers were present:—Messrs R Byrne, R Craig, B Mullen, A Murdock, C P Kearney and B M'Guinness.

The entire matter was discussed at great length, and it was the unanimous opinion of all that the only effective means of proceeding with the clearance of the drainage systems was to do the entire work in the first instance thoroughly, as the Districts had been derelict for about 40 years. As this would entail an expenditure of possibly £1,500, which would be an overwhelming amount for a single assessment, it was considered that the work could only be done by obtaining a loan for an about to be repaid in, say, ten years.

Your Committee accordingly recommend the County Council to endeavour to obtain sanction for a loan of £1,500, to be repaid in ten years, and when the Committees to work the Districts are properly established, that the annual amounts for principal and interest and other necessary expenditure be levied off the owners assessable.

CHARLES A. DUFFY.
B. L. COLEMAN.
MICHAEL MEADE.
JOHN MORGAN.
PATRICK M'GEE.
JAMES T. M'GEE.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 8th January, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: B L Coleman, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James T M'Gee, J P; B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

The County Surveyor was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment.

Loans Account—Works in Charge of Co. Surveyor	£78 6 2
Subsidiary Account—Works in Charge of County Surveyor	123 14 2
Subsidiary Account—Secretary's Office	12 13 1
Total	£214 13 5

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted Rate Return for period ended 31st

Dec., 1916, of the second moiety of the Warrant, amounting to the sum of £17,747 10s 7d, a sum of £4,683 10s 11d had been collected. All the Collectors, with the exception of Mr Kelly, had lodged one-fourth of their Warrants in accordance with arrangement, and were entitled to an extra poundage fee of ½d in consequence, provided they close their collections on 31st March. Mr Kelly, out of his warrant of £931, had only lodged £42. The Secretary stated that he had been ill for some time.

The Committee directed that Collector Kelly be written and urged to press forward his collection.

INSURANCE CLAIM.

The papers in connection with the claim of Joseph Kelly, a workman, for compensation, were submitted by the Secretary, who stated that the matter was now closed. The Insurance Company had paid over the amount of the claim—£2 2s 8d.

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Rev Father Maguire, P P, wrote stating that he would apply to Louth Magistrates on 28th December, for committal of a child named John Lynch, of Carnalohogue, to an Industrial School.

Letter was read from C P S, Drogheda, stating that a similar application would be made at Drogheda on 15th January, in respect of children named Cornelius Kirwan, Pat Flanagan, and Michael Pentony.

Letter was read from Sergeant Kenny, R I C, Ardee, asking whether the Council would approve of James Crawley, aged 8 7-12 years, who would be charged with housebreaking at Ar-

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dee Petty Sessions on the 17th instant, being sent to an Industrial School.

The Committee unanimously approved of all the applications.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL LOAN.

Letter was read from Manageress St Joseph's Industrial School, stating that she had lodged to the credit of the Council the sum of £103 18s 0d, being half yearly payment, including interest and Insurance on foot of Industrial School Loan. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

SALE OF CHIPPINGS.

Letter was read from Co. Surveyor enclosing cheque £1 5s 0d, being cost of 10 loads of chippings at 2s 6d each, sold to M. A. M'Ardle. The Surveyor stated that this material was sold as it was in the way at the quarry. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

AGREEMENT.

Letter was read from the Co. Surveyor enclosing Agreement for lease of quarry at Ballymakellet. The agreement which is between the Council and Mrs Ellen Fegan, was unanimously recommended for Sealing by the County Council.

FOOD AND DRUGS.

Letter dated 4th January, was read from the Department, stating that five samples of butter taken for analysis at Dundalk on 25th November, proved to be pure.

RATE BOOK WORK.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J P,
Seconded by Mr James T M'Gee, J P,

It was unanimously decided that the work of the preparation of the Rate Books for the year 1917-1918, be placed in charge of the Secretary.

COST OF GAS.

Letter was read from the Secretary Ardee Gas Company, stating that the Company found it necessary owing to the cost of materials, to increase the price of gas in Ardee from 7s 6d to 8s 9d per 1,000 cubic feet.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

GRANT FOR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

The following letter was read, and was unanimously referred to the next meeting of the County Council:—

Municipal Technical School,
Fair Street, Drogheda,
6th January, 1917.

C. M'Alester, Esq,
Secretary, Louth. Co. Council.

Sir,

I am directed by the Corporation of Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee to apply to the Louth County Council for a grant towards the provision of Technical Instruction in South County Louth.

My Committee have now been responsible for the administra-

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tion of the scheme of Technical Instruction in the urban district of Drogheda for close on nine years, and during that time have admitted to their classes numerous students from the south county district who have found Drogheda a convenient centre. They are of opinion that they have justified their existence as a separate body, and are convinced that with some help from your Council they could successfully organise classes in the rural district for students unable on account of the distance, to come to their Technical School. For some years past they have found it increasingly difficult to accommodate all the students seeking admission, and this year will have to seek extra room and provide additional teachers to cope with the increased number of students. The services of these teachers will be available in the south county for a portion of the year in proportion to the help given by the Council, and will supply a demand which my Committee know exists.

A reference to the published Reports of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction will show that the School in Drogheda has been uniformly progressive, and my Committee have every confidence that the Council, by voting them a sum equal to that given to Dundalk, will enable them to extend their usefulness into the area for which Drogheda is the natural centre.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD DALY,
Principal and Secretary.

Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 8th January, 1917, at 10.30 a m.

Present:—In the Chair: B L Coleman, Esq, J P.

Other Members—James T M'Gee, J P; B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P; P Woods, J P, and M O'Meara, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The Committee were called to consider the following applications by the County Surveyor and County Secretary, and each was unanimously approved:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE CO. SURVEYOR.

No. 35—To keep in repair Ardee Quarter Sessions Court House with Court Keeper's Residence, for one year from 1st April, 1917. Not to exceed £15. County-at-Large Charge.

No. 36—To provide for the maintenance of Drogheda Court House for one year from 1st April, 1917. Not to exceed £30. County-at-Large Charge.

No. 37—To provide for the maintenance of the County Court House, Dundalk, for one year from 1st April, 1917. Not to exceed £30. County-at-Large Charge.

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No 38—To provide a moveable hut for accommodation of quarry workmen and tools. Not to exceed £20. County-at-Large Charge.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

No 39—To supply Printing and Stationery for County purposes for one year from 1st April, 1917, including the printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors' Acts and under Registration Acts (if required).

No 40—To supply for 1 year from 1st April, 1917, the following Court Houses with best English Coal (screened):—Dundalk, 30 tons; Drogheda, 10 tons; Ardee, 10 tons; delivered at the respective Court Houses as required.

No 41—To prepare the Courts and Court Rooms in County Court House for Assizes, Quarter Sessions, and Revision Sessions for one year from 1st April, 1917. Not to exceed £15.

No. 42—To insert the County Advertisements in one Dundalk and one Drogheda paper, for one year from 1st April, 1917. Not to exceed threepence per line.

The Secretary submitted County-at-Large Payments for quarter ended 31st December, 1916, and payment of same by the County Council was recommended.

The Committee adjourned till 5th February, 1917, when tenders for works will be considered.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 19th February, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members:—M Meade, J T M'Gee, J P; T O'Rourke, W Woods, J P; P Woods, J P; and B Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and, on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	£375 13 11
Works in Charge of Secretary's Office	49 6 2
Total	£425 0 1

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

CARLINGFORD HARBOUR CONSTABLE.

In accordance with the instructions of the Finance Committee at last meeting, the Secretary had advertised for a Harbour

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Constable for Carlingford in room of Mr John Fearon, deceased, at a salary of £20 per annum, and an annual allowance of £5 for lighting the leading and Pier Lights.

For the position only one application was received—that of Daniel M'Kevitt, Newry Street, Carlingford. Father Quin, P P, gave the applicant an excellent character, as did also Mr W Woods, J P, the member for Carlingford District.

It was proposed by Wm Woods, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Daniel M'Kevitt, of Newry Street, Carlingford, Harbour Constable at Carlingford at the salary and on the terms stated in the published advertisement.

The Secretary stated that he understood that at full moon it was the custom at this Pier not to light the leading light. He pointed out that it was absolutely necessary, to conform with the regulations, to have this lighted every night without reference to moonlight, and the Committee, through the Chairman, instructed M'Kevitt accordingly, and he undertook to carry out these instructions, and any other duty imposed by the Co. Council in connection with the position.

INCREASES TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following letter from the L G B was read, and referred to the County Council:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 14th February, 1917.

No. 6667-1917.
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Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had

before them your letters of the 20th ultimo and 3rd instant, relative to applications made to the Louth County Council by road contractors for an increase of 25 per cent on their contract prices, and requesting the Board to give a direction to the Coun cil on the matter.

In reply I am to state that the Local Government Board have no power to authorise the County Council to pay an increased price to contractors. There is no authority vested in the Board which would enable them, by concurring in such payments, to relieve the Council of any liability imposed on them by statute.

The Auditor would be bound at the audit of the accounts, to question any such payment made by the Council, and if he allowed it any ratepayer might lodge an appeal against his decision, or in the alternative, might apply to the Court of King's Bench for a Writ of Certiorari to quash the allowance. As it is evident that it would be to the financial interest of the ratepayers to object to any variations of the terms of a contract which would result in imposing an extra charge upon them, the Council will recognise that they would incur considerable risk in granting an increased price to a contractor, unless they were in a position to clearly justify their action in doing so.

Any existing contract which contains a clause enabling it to be terminated with the sanction of the Local Government Board can, of course, be cancelled with the sanction of this Department, but generally speaking a contract can only be annulled with the consent of the two contracting parties, and then only on grounds which will satisfy the Auditor that any additional charge to the ratepayers by reason of the action of the local authority was not excessive or unreasonable.

It may be that, in the case of particular roads, the work of

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maintenance may be dispensed with in the present crisis, and in such cases the cancellation of the contract might be justified and the contractor paid for the work performed by him up to date. If, however, it is found necessary to proceed with the maintenance of particular roads, the question of cancelling the contracts would depend to some extent on the date on which the contracts were entered into. If entered into before the war, the Council might take that fact into consideration, though it would not, by itself, be a sufficient ground for cancelling a contract.

The view which the Board take in regard to contracts in existing circumstances, is that where a contract entered into since the outbreak of war was for a period of two or more years, it might be reasonable to assume that a contractor could not at the time of taking the contract have foreseen that the war would extend for so long a period, and, accordingly, an application to cancel such a contract at any time after expiration of the first year during which it is running might possibly be justified. In the case of a contract now running for a period of a year or less, the Board think that the contractor should have been in a position to tender at a rate which would secure his own interest during the currency of the contract, and that it should not be cancelled unless, for exceptional reasons, the necessity for taking this course could be shown.

In the case of a contract now running for two or more years where the contractor alleges that owing to war conditions he is unable to complete it at the stipulated price, the Board are of opinion that a safe course for the Council to adopt might be to ascertain from their contractor the minimum price at which he would be willing to carry on the work for the period of the contract, and they should then issue advertisements inviting tenders from outside persons for this work. If they obtain tenders at a price less than that specified by the existing contractor, the Council might then, with his consent, put an end to the contract, and enter into a new one with the accepted tenderer; if, on the other hand, all the tenders received were at a price higher than that specified by the existing contractor, a fresh contract might then be entered into with the contractor at the new price, as agreed to by the Council. By adopting this arrangement the Council would be in a very strong position to justify to the auditor any increased charge thrown on the ratepayers, or to defend their action if any allowance made by that officer should be brought either before the Local Government Board or the High Court.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

LABOUR FOR TILLAGE.

The following letter was read and referred to the County Council:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 7th February, 1917.

No. 29-M: 17.
Miscellaneous.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that, as your County Council are no doubt aware, it is of the utmost importance in the present crisis that every available

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effort should be made to set free the maximum amount of labour for tillage purposes.

This is a matter in which direct assistance can be given by County Councils and County Surveyors, by releasing for agricultural work as many as possible of the labourers now employed on road maintenance, or other road schemes. How far it may be safe to go in this direction in any county is a question which to some extent depends on the existing condition of the county roads. In many counties the bulk of the road material has already been spread, and during the next few months labour can perhaps be confined to surface work on roads which have to bear heavy traffic. Steam rolling operations can in any case usually be held over without disadvantage until the summer months when labour for agricultural work may not be so urgently required.

The Board feel confident that the County Council will recognise the urgency of this matter, and that they will not retain in their employment any labourers who in the present year can be more usefully employed on tillage operations.

Suitable arrangements with this object can no doubt at once be made if a meeting of your County Council is not to be held at an early date.

I am Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To each County Council.

INCREASE TO QUARRY WORKERS.

The Committee had again under consideration the applications on behalf of the workers in Braganstown Quarry for an increase of wages from 18s to 22s weekly.

The County Surveyor asked permission, which was granted, to reply to a statement made at last meeting about the hour of starting work in the quarry, which, it was stated, was nine o'clock, as the whistle was heard going at that hour. He said that the workers began at eight o'clock in winter time. Some of the men, however, did not turn up till nine, but the lost time was of course deducted from their wages. Those who did turn in at eight were set to work moving stone, etc, and when the full gang assembled the whistle blew for them to begin work at the engine and crusher. This explanation was considered quite satisfactory by the Committee.

On the question of the increase the Surveyor stated, in reply to the Chairman, that he expected to be finished at Braganstown quarry in a fortnight, and that it would take over a month to finish the work on the Lurgangreen road. The men began work at eight o'clock in the quarries, as stated, and worked till six o'clock, except on Saturday, when they worked till two o'clock, with twenty minutes off for lunch.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by William Woods, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we recommend to the County Council that the wages of workers engaged in all the quarries managed by the County Council, be increased from 18s to 22s per week, provided that the men agree to work on Saturday as on the other

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week days, that is, from 8 o'clock till 6 o'clock; if this be not agreed to, that the increase be to 20s weekly only, the hours of work to be as at present.

SCREENINGS.

The County Surveyor wrote stating that he had applications for screenings and 1½ stone from Mr E Caraher, Mayne, and Mr C P Kearney, of Wottonstown. If he had any surplus of these materials he would charge 2s 6d and 3s 6d per load respectively, with the Council's permission.

The Committee unanimously agreed that the Co. Surveyor might dispose of surplus material to these gentlemen at the prices named.

CLOGHERHEAD PIER.

The County Surveyor stated that the money in his hands for repairs to Clogherhead Pier was exhausted, and requested that a sum of £25 might be transferred from the money to credit of the Clogherhead Pier Account for necessary work.

The Committee unanimously agreed, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

DRAINAGE DISTRICT LOAN.

In reply to a request made by the Secretary, in accordance with the instructions of the Council, for the sanction of the L. G. B. to the raising of a loan of £1,500 to carry out the necessary work in the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts, the L. G. B. wrote in a letter dated 1st February, No 4353-'17, that they did not possess any functions in the matter, either as regards giving their consent to the proposal, or otherwise.

The Secretary stated that from this it would appear that the County Council, now constituted the Drainage Board for these districts, could raise the necessary loan without reference to the L. G. B..

The leter was initialled by the Chairman.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL INCREASES.

Letter was read from the Meath Protestant Industrial School requesting that the Council would increase their grant from 2s 6d to 3s 6d per week per pupil. Application was also read from St Joseph's Orphanage, Dundalk, for an increase.

The Secretary stated that the Treasury were now prepared to give an increase of 6d per head per week for Industrial and Reformatory School pupils, provided the Local Authority give an equal grant.

It was proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq;
Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Unanimously resolved—That we recommend the Co. Council to increase the grant per head per week paid for pupils from Louth County in Reformatory and Industrial Schools from 2s 6d to 3s per week, on the understanding that the Treasury are granting a similar increase.

MALICIOUS INJURY.

The Secretary reported a malicious injury claim by the Dundalk Linen Company for 2,000 yards of linen alleged to have been maliciously destroyed. He had forwarded the claim to the County Solicitor, who was dealing with it.

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SIR C A. CAMERON'S REPORT.

The following report was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Report of Public Analyst for County Louth.

Quarter Ended 31st December, 1916.

65 articles were received from the Food Inspectors, R I C, as follows:—Butter, 19 samples; milk, 12; whiskey, 10; flour, 4; margarine, 4; cheese, 3; sugar, 2; oatmeal, 2; rum, 2; tea, 2; drugs, 2; cornflour, 1; cocoa, 1; rice, 1. Total,65. One certificate was sent to Sergt. Kenny, Ardee, for specimen of whiskey which was 30 degrees under proof, and was, therefore, adulterated with 6.67 per cent of water. There were five specimens of butter analysed by directions from the Department of Agriculture, Dublin, which were taken up in Co. Louth, and were pure.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

COUNTY INFIRMARY REPORT.

The Secretary submitted the Report of the County Louth Infirmary for the year ended 31st December, 1916, which was examined and initialled by the Chairman.

NOTICE OF AUDIT.

Notice was read from R. J. Newell, Esq, L. G. Auditor, stating that he would commence the audit of the Council's Accounts for period ended 30th September, 1916, on Friday, 23rd February, at 10 o'clock, a m.

The notice was initialled by the Chairman.

LAND FOR WIDENING ROAD.

Letter was read from Mr C P Glendon, acknowledging receipt of and accepting the offer of £15 made on behalf of the Council for the land the County Surveyor stated was necessary to carry out the widening of the dangerous part of the Avenue Road, the trees to remain Mr Glendon's property. The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, the 22nd February, 1917, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock, a m.

In the Chair. Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members present:—P Callan, J P; B L Coleman, J P; Joseph Dolan, P Donegan, J P; B Finnegan, B Hamill, J P; J M'Carthy, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; P M'Gee, J P; P. L. M'Keon, J P; T V M'Quillan, M Meade, J F Murphy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; P B Moore, J P; D J Rath, W T Skeffington, J P; P Woods, J P; Jas Wynne, J P; John Dolan, Esquires, and Sir A V Foster, Bart.

PRESENTATION TO THE CHAIRMAN.

Before the business of the meeting was commenced Mr Jas. M'Carthy, J P, proposed that the warmest congratulations of the Council be accorded to the Acting Chairman, Mr Chas A Duffy, J P, on the occasion of his marriage, which event took place recently. Mr M'Carthy referred to Mr Duffy's long connection with the work of the Council and to his constant attendance at its various meetings, and to his unfailing courtesy in the chair to all the members of the Council. He further stated that the County Council had decided to mark this occasion by presenting a solid silver service of a chaste Celtic pat-

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tern, that known as the "Ardagh" chalice design, as a suitable memento of the event.

Mr J T M'Gee, J P, seconded the vote of congratulation, and Mr W T Skeffington, J P, Mayor of Drogheda, supported the motion, and referred to the consideration which the Chairman always gave to the Southern members of the Council.

The Secretary of the Council, Mr M'Alester, stated he wished on behalf of the officials and staff, which included the medical officers, Doctors P H O'Connell and J A M'Quillan, the county staff and rate collectors, to be associated with the congratulations to the Chairman, who was ever considerate and courteous to all, and begged his acceptance of their gift, a presentation tray of old Irish pattern.

Mr D O'Connell, County Solicitor, also expressed his pleasure in being associated with the presentation.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

The following resolution was

Proposed by N T Murphy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by P B Moore, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 18th January, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B Hamill, Esq, J P, and
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq, J P,

That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Thursday, 18th January, 1917.
Monday, 22nd January, 1917.
Monday, 5th February, 1917.
Monday, 19th February, 1917.

Mr P M'Gee, J P, proposed as an amendment that the following addendum be made to the resolution:—"Save and except that the minute of the decision at meeting on 19th February, with regard to the wages of the quarry men, be altered to read: 'That the wages of workers in all the quarries managed by the Co. Council, be increased from 18s to 20s per week, provided that the men agree to work on Saturday as on other days, that is from 8 o'clock till 6 o'clock.'"

Mr N T Murphy, J P, seconded.

On a division there voted:—

For the Amendment:—Messrs Callan, Coleman, John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, Donegan, Foster, M'Carthy, J T M'Gee, P M'Gee M'Keon, J F Murphy, N T Murphy, and Rath—13.

Against the Amendment:—Messrs Finnegan, Hamill, M'Quillan, Meade, Moore, Skeffington, P Woods, and Wynne—8.

The following resolution was then passed:—

Proposed by P M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Fin-

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ance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed, save and except that the minute of the decision at the meeting held on the 19th February, 1917, with regard to the wages of quarrymen, be altered to read:—"That the wages of workers in all the quarries managed by the County Council, be increased from 18s to 20s per week, provided that the men agree to work on Saturdays as on other days, that is from eight o'clock till six o'clock."

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 5th February, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by W T Skeffington, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the minutes of the proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on the 14th February,

1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and we hereby approve of the conditions of the County Louth Scholarship Scheme for the year 1917-1918, as set out therein.

SYMPATHY.

The following resolution was passed in silence:—

Proposed by Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we tender our esteemed colleague, Mr Laurence Goodman, our sincere sympathy on the lamented death of his sister, Mrs M'Geough, and we direct our Secretary to convey to him our sincere condolence.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

By leave of the Council, the notice of motion standing in the name of Mr N T Murphy, J P, was taken out of order, in order to convenience the members of a deputation from Drogheda Technical Schools, who appeared to lay their case before the Council.

Mr James Wynne , J P, stated that the discussion of this question was out of order, and requested a ruling from the Chairman. The Chairman ruled that the matter was in order, and, in accordance with his notice of motion.

N T Murphy, Esq, J P, proposed, and
D J Rath, Esq, seconded:

That £75 of the present grant of £150 for Technical Instruction be given to the Drogheda Technical Schools in future on the following conditions—That a fair share of Technical Instruc-

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tion be given in the Rural Districts of South Louth; that all pupils from these Rural Districts be admitted to the Drogheda Schools on the same terms as pupils from the Urban area; that the County Council get a fair representation on the Drogheda Technical Committee, that after the end of each year's working a full report of the working of both the Dundalk and Drogheda Technical Schools be submitted to the Co. Council.

After considerable discussion, in which Messrs N T Murphy, Wynne, Hamill, M'Quillan, P M'Gee, Skeffington, and M'Carthy took part, and after the Council had heard Canon Ledoux, representing the Drogheda Technical Committee, on the matter, the following amendment was

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P, and
Seconded by J F Murphy, Esq J P:

That the County Council grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts be increased by £50 per annum to £200, and that the Joint Committee carry out the Technical Instruction Scheme in the Rural Districts thoroughly and equitably for both North and South Louth.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment—Messrs Hamill, Meade, Murphy (J F), P Woods and Wynne—5.

Against the Amendment—Messrs Callan, Coleman, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, M'Carthy, P M'Gee, J T M'Gee, M'Keon, M'Quillan, N T Murphy, Moore, Rath, and Skeffington—15.

Sir A V Foster did not vote.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original resolution was then put, and there voted:

For the Resolution—Messrs Callan, Coleman, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, M'Carthy, P M'Gee, J T M'Gee, M'Keon, M'Quillan, N T Murphy, Moore, Rath, Skeffington, and Sir V Foster—16.

Against—Messrs Hamill, Meade, J F Murphy, P Woods and Wynne—5.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to convey the terms of same to the Department of Agriculture, and request their sanction to the proposal.

CONFIRMATION OF COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by B Hamill, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 22nd day of February, 1917, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

ARDEE WORKS.

Mr Laurence Halpenny, of Stormanstown, Road Contractor, appeared before the Council and stated that in filling up his tender for Road No. 7, Ardee, he put down the price he was willing to do the work for at £55 19s 11d, instead of £65 19s 11d, as he intended. He asked the Council to alter the tender accordingly or break the contract, as he was unable to do the work at the first-mentioned sum. The Secretary stated

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that the contract could not be altered now, but an addendum could be made to the resolution approving of the Ardee Works and refusing this particular contract, accordingly

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P M'Gee, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Sir V Foster, Bart, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, save and except the contract of Laurence Halpenny, Stormanstown, for Road No. 7, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same. the other contract which is rejected

DROGHEDA WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by P S Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by B Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by B L Coleman, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 8th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 29th January, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P Donegan, Esq, J P;
Seconded by T V M'Quillan, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 5th February, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

TENDERS FOR WORKS.

In accordance with advertisement issued by the Secretary,

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the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set at meetings of the Rural District Councils as follows:—

ARDEE DISTRICT.

Nos. 295, 296, 300, 301, 302, 303, 304, 312, 313, 315, 316, 317. 318.

No tenders were received for any of the above works.

DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

Nos. 137 to 165 inclusive.

For Work No. 138 Wm Fitzpatrick tendered for the sum of £34 10s 8d, and James Kirk, Hamlinstown, at £34, and the latter tender was accepted.

The following being the only tenders received were accepted:—

No. 143—Michael Byrne, Clogherhead, £34 8s 0d.
No. 145—James M'Gauley, Termonfeckin, £19 18s 0d.
No. 146—James Finegan, Termonfeckin, £46 10s 0d.
148—Patrick Ussher, Balgatheran, £89 5s 0d.
155—Patrick Ussher, Balgatheran, £28 15s 0d.
158—Wm Fitzpatrick, Foxhall, £69 2s 6d.

No tenders were received for any of the other works not set at Rural District Council meeting.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Only one of the Works not set at the Rural District Council Meeting was tendered for, viz, No. 193. For this John Conroy

tendered at £20 15s, and Patrick M'Cabe, Carrickmullen, at £20 14s, and the last named tender was accepted.

WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by P B Moore, Esq, J P;
Seconded by J T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural District Councils at their last Quarterly Meetings, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

ESTIMATE OF RATES.

The Secretary's Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1917, a copy of which had been sent to each member of the Council, and to the Public Bodies concerned, was next considered, and arising out of same the question of the Council's connection with the Richmond Asylum was discussed, and the Secretary was directed to submit to the Finance Committee counsel's opinion as to the terms on which separation from that institution might be obtained, the Committee to report their deliberations to next meeting of the County Council.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That the General Estimate of Rates, and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges, as set out on Forms 45 and 46, with the various rates in the £, as set out therein and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their

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meeting held on 5th February, 1917, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council.

DEMANDS ON URBAN DISTRICTS.

The following Demands on the Urban Districts were ordered and signed, and the Secretary was directed to transmit same at once to the respective Clerks:—

Drogheda Urban	£3,724 0 0
Dundalk Urban	£5,854 6 10

VETERINARY INSPECTOR'S RESIDENCE.

In reply to letter which the Secretary had addressed to Mr. Maxwell, by direction of the Council, the following letter was read:—

Ardee, 19th February, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request of the Louth County Council re my residence in Ardee, I beg to state that Ardee is my registered residence both to your Council, the Department of Agriculture and to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. To the latter it is compulsory to have a registered residence. It has been stated by the Ardee Board of Guardians that they have, or would have, to send to Dundalk or Drogheda for a Veterinary Surgeon if urgently needed. I wish to state in connection with this that I, in my official capacity, must get three clear days' notice from the police, therefore there can be no urgency in my official duties. Since I have received, as I stated in a previous letter, the appointment of Veterinary Inspector to your Council, I have never allowed private practice or personal considerations to interfere with that duty.

I am, Sir, faithfully yours,

W. E. MAXWELL, M.R.C.V.S.

The following resolution was

Proposed by James T M'Gee, Esq, J P, and
Seconded by Sir A V Foster, Bart,

That our Secretary be instructed to convey the terms of his appointment to Mr Maxwell, and request that he comply with same, and that failing an affirmative reply from him within ten days and his taking up permanent residence in Ardee within two weeks from this date, the position be declared vacant, and appointment be advertised for next meeting.

After discussion Mr J T M'Gee withdrew his motion in favour of an amendment proposed by Mr Joseph Dolan and seconded by Mr P M'Gee, adjourning the consideration of the question till next meeting to see what Mr Maxwell would do in the meantime, and the amendment was unanimously agreed to.

DAYLIGHT SAVING BILL.

The following resolution was passed, Mr T V M'Quillan dissenting, and the following gentlemen were appointed a deputation to wait on the Secretary of the Department to lay their views before him:—Messrs Joseph Dolan, P M'Gee, J P; J. M'Carthy, J P; N T Murphy, J P; W T Skeffington, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; M Meade, B Hamill, J P, and the Chairman and Secretary:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by N T Murphy, Esq, J P, and

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Resolved—That we, the County Council of Louth, emphatically protest against the re-enactment of the Daylight Saving Bill for Ireland, for the following reasons:—In the hay and corn harvests farm work cannot be safely commenced before 9 o'clock a m, dews and night frosts rendering the grass and grain damp and quite unfit for careful harvesting; this fact will apply with increased force this year, when the Military Authorities and other purchasers of farm produce will require it supplied in dry condition. The weeding of farm crops and the singling and hoeing of swedes, mangels and turnips, etc, cannot be done in the early morning hours. Owing to the damp state of the land and leaves of the plants, hands are most reluctant to undertake the work before 9 o'clock, a m. Tillage farmers are painfully aware that the stoppage of farm work at 4.30 p m, Old Style, wastes the two best hours of the summer afternoon for saving both hay and corn, and too often results in incalculable damage to crops. Farm hands will not work, unless most reluctantly, especially in the neighbourhood of towns and villages, after the hour at which tradesmen and other workers engaged in industrial pursuits cease working, and the result is the loss of two most precious hours daily or roughly a day every week, at a cost to the community and farmers which it would be hard to estimate. That the further imposition of Greenwich Time on Ireland is an additional and serious hindrance to the work of tillage farmers and a loss to all dependent on their labours, uncalled for, unnecessary, and opposed to rational laws; that we resent it, and call for its prompt repeal and that a deputation from this Council and the Louth Farming Societies be appointed to wait on the Chief Secretary and Vice-President of the Irish Board of Agriculture, to place their views on the matter before them. That copies of this resolution be sent to every County Council in Ireland, respectfully and cordially inviting their earnest co-operation and united support in having a National grievance and serious loss to the entire people of Ireland promptly remedied. That this resolution be also forwarded to the Prime Minister, Vice-President of the Irish Board of Agriculture, Mr John Redmond, Sir J Lonsdale, and the Members of Parliament for the Counties Louth, Meath, and Dublin County and City.

INCREASES TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The re-consideration of the application by the Ardee and Drogheda Road Contractors for increase in their maintenance contracts, was next on the agenda. The letter from the L G B on the matter, which appeared on the printed minutes, was read, but no order was made.

LIMIT OF EXPENDITURE.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq, J P;
Seconded by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of the resolution of the Dundalk Rural District Council to increase the yearly limit of expenditure from £7,443 15s to £8,000, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to the said increase of expenditure in the Dundalk Rural District.

RELEASE OF LABOUR.

Circular Letter was read from the L G B suggesting that as far as possible labourers employed by the Council be released for Tillage purposes, and the following resolution was passed un-

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animously, and the County Surveyor was granted discretionary powers in the matter:—

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by P S Donegan, Esq, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby direct our County Surveyor to release any of the labourers under his direct employ, so that their services may be availed of under the Food Production Scheme for increased tillage.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The consideration of the correspondence on the agenda was adjourned to next meeting.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 5th March, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members:—J T M'Gee, J P; L Goodman and B Hamill, J P, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination, were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	£370 6 0
Secretary's Office	51 16 5
	422 2 5

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

RATE COLLECTION.

The Secretary submitted Rate Return to 28th February, Of the second moiety of the rate amounting to £17,747 10s 7d, the sum of £7,845 11s 2d had been collected and lodged

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and all the collectors had checked their books twice during the month.

The return was initialled by the Chairman.

CINEMATOGRAPH EXHIBITIONS.

Letter was read from the Chief Secretary's Office enclosing model conditions for insertion in Cinematograph Licences, and requesting the approval of the Council of same. The conditions give power to the licensing authority to object and to cause the withdrawal from exhibitions under their control of objectionable films. The conditions also cover the control of posters of film subjects, and the lighting of the interior of picture houses.

The conditions were unanimously recommended for approval by the County Council.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

Letter was read from Mr J Callan, landlord of the Dundalk Weights and Measures Office, for an increased allowance for heating the office. He stated that water was supplied free to the premises, and he had been put to considerable expense from time to time for repairs to burst pipes, etc; also the cost of coal had increased enormously. The Secretary stated that the rent at present paid Mr Callan was £6 10s per annum with an annual allowance of £1 for heating.

The Committee unanimously recommended an additional allowance of £1 per annum for heating the office of Weights and Measures.

LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTERS.

Letter was read from the L G B, dated 8th March, enclosing list of defaulting Land Purchase Annuitants, and stating that the non-payment of the instalments in these cases involved a charge upon the Guarantee Fund for the county, and thereby upon the co. rates. The amount which will be deducted in respect of these defaulter from the Estate Duty Grant payable to the Council, will be £339 7s 3d. The list of defaulters was submitted, and the Committee decided to consider and disouss the question at next meeting.

MALICIOUS INJURY.

The Secretary reported a claim by John and Bernard Clarke for the alleged malicious burning of hay. He had forwarded the papers to the County Solicitor, who was attending to the matter on behalf of the Council.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from the Chief Secretary's Office, dated 27th February, No. 4758, stating that the Meath Protestant Industrial School had been taken over by the Military Authorities, and that the pupils had been transferred to the Balmoral Industrial School, Belfast. The Manager of the latter school had agreed to receive the pupils only on the condition that the Councils concerned would increase the allowance during the boys' temporary detention in Balmoral to 3s 6d weekly. The Secretary stated that the Council had recently increased their allowance from 2s 6d to 3s per week, and the latter figure was now paid to all the schools.

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The Committee instructed the Secretary to reply that they were at present giving 3s weekly per head to all Industrial Schools, and they could not see their way to increase this allowance.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, County Solicitor, enclosing completed Forestry Scheme in the matter of Willistown Plantation. The Secretary was directed to apply for a grant from the Development Fund for Forestry purposes now that the scheme is complete.

MILITARY RAILWAYS.

Circular Letter fron the War Office with regard to the formation of companies of quarry men for work in France, was read and initialled by the Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCILS GENERAL COUNCIL.

Circular letter was read from the Irish County Councils General Council informing the Council that at their Spring meeting the question of the desirability of the adoption of ballot instead of open voting for the election of paid officers of local authorities would be considered. The circular further stated that any matters which this Council desired brought forward at the spring meeting should be notified to the Secretary by 31st March.

The circular was initialled by the Chairman.

SUMMER TIME BILL.

With reference to the resolution passed at last meeting of the

Council protesting against the reenactment of above Bill, and which had been transmitted to the Department of Agriculture, with information that a deputation from the Council would wait on Mr Russell to discuss the matter, Mr Russell wrote that the Department had been requested by the Government to invite the views of Local Authorities in the matter, and have already communicated the result to the Irish Executive. In the circumstances he hardly thought the reception of a deputation would serve any useful purpose, but although pressed for time at present, he would receive the deputation if the Council still so desired.

The Committee agreed that as the deputation had been appointed by the County Council the Secretary should inform Mr Russell that it was desirable that the deputation should be met, and he was directed accordingly.

PAYING ORDER.

The Secretary stated that a workman named John Connolly, of Belmont, to whom a Paying Order for 8s 9d was due, had died before it was issued. Letter was read from his wife asking that the Paying Order should be paid to her. The Committee unanimously agreed that this should be done, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

THANKS.

Letter was read from Mr Laurence Goodman thanking the Council for vote of sympathy with him on the death of his sister.

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NEGLECTED CONTRACTS.

The Co. Surveyor reported neglect on Roads Nos. 513 and 6, Dundalk. He had served 10 days' notices and would take up the contracts if the work was not done. The Committee approved of the Co. Surveyor's action.

AGREEMENT.

The Committee unanimously recommended the sealing of an agreement with the Drogheda Corporation for hire of a roller.

QUARRY WORKERS.

Letter was read from the Kilsaran and Stabannon Labour Union stating that if their demand for an increase of 4s per week for the workers in Braganstown quarry was not acceded to, these men would cease work on Thursday next.

As the County Council had resolved that the wages be increased to £1 per week provided the men work a full day on Saturday (which terms were not accepted) no action was taken, and no order was made on the letter.

BURIAL OF CARCASES.

The Secretary was directed to apply to the London and North-Western Railway Company for the sum of £5 13s, being the amount which the Council have to pay to the Receiver of Wrecks, Newry, for the burial of carcases which came ashore after the wreck of the s.s. Connemara. The Secretary stated that the Council were liable for these costs, and would in the first instance have to pay them, but under the Diseases of Animals Acts they were entitled to recover from the Company who owned the ship wrecked from which the carcases came.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 19th March, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present: In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other members.—M Meade, P M'Gee, J P; W Woods, J P; B Hamill, J P, and John Morgan, Esquires.

The County Surveyor was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following Accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	£222 7 4
Secretary's Office	69 15 4
	£292 2 8

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled.

Payments of the amounts of Malicious Injury Decrees on the levy for the year ending 31st March, were ordered.

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RICHMOND ASYLUM.

The next item on the agenda was the consideration of the connection of Louth County with the Joint Committee of above Asylum. Letter was read from Mr J M'Carthy, J P, approving of the suggestion to sever the connection, if feasible and economical, and regretting his inability to attend to-day's meeting.

After a short discussion it was agreed that the matter should come up in Committee at next County Council meeting for discussion.

COUNTY COUNCIL WORKMEN.

A deputation from the Kilsaran and Stabannon Labour League, and from the Dromiskin Branch of the same League, was admitted before the Committee. In the letter conveying the request for permission to attend, it was stated that the deputation wished to bring before the Committee the case of the workers at Braganstown quarry and on the Lurgangreen Road, who had ceased work on Thursday last in consequence of their request for an increase of 4s per week being refused by the Co. Council.

The deputation stated that the decision of the County Council granting an increase of 2s per week provided the men worked till six o'clock on Saturdays instead of till 2 o'clock as formerly, was of no advantage to the men, as they would give value for this increase by working the extra hours.

After discussion in which it was pointed out that the Committee could do nothing in view of the decision of the County Council, it was unanimously agreed that a requisition for a special meeting of the County Council to re-consider the wages

question, be handed to the Chairman, and that the meeting be held on Monday, 26th instant, at 1.30 o'clock, p m.

The members of the deputation promised to consult with the League Branches, and, if possible, to arrange for the return to work of such men as were required, either on the old terms of 18s and a half day on Saturday, or on the Council's terms of 20s and a full day on Saturday, pending the re-consideration of the matter at the Special meeting of the Council.

ANNAGASSAN PIER.

Letter was read from Mr M Meade, stating that at a meeting of the Annagassan Pier Commissioners, a letter from the Department was under discussion, and they had decided to ask the Finance Committee to receive a deputation at this meeting to consider and discuss same. The letter from the Department, No. 786-17, dated 7th March, stated that unless, before the first day of next month, the Commissioners shall have appointed a Harbour Master and taken the necessary steps for collecting the dues authorised by the Board of Trade, and for fulfilling their responsibilities in regard to the lighting of the harbour and the requirements of the Home Office, the Department will not proceed with the completion of the works now in hand.

The deputation, consisting of Messrs Clinton and M'Guinness was admitted, and stated they wanted the advice and influence of the Council in the matter of the completion of the Harbour Works. The Department had left the Harbour in a dangerous state, and there were now three or four feet of mud in it, which was a danger to vessels using the port. The Commissioners would be quite prepared to take over their responsibilities if the Department would complete the works and leave the Har-

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Mr P M'Gee, J P, pointed out that the Council had a considerable interest in the Annagassan Harbour, inasmuch as they had advanced a large sum for the work. The Commissioners were axious for getting the Harbour into such a condition that they could take over responsibility and begin to collect dues. It was to the interest of the county that the work should be expedited. He proposed that the County Surveyor inspect the Harbour and report on its condition so that the County Council might be in a position to put the facts before the Department and urge the immediate completion of the works, at the same time the necesity for diverting the river through the basin to clear out the mud, should be pointed out.

Mr Bernard Hamill, J P, seconded, and the resolution was unanimously agreed to.

The Chairman, on behalf of the Committee, informed the deputation that the Council would be pleased to do what lay in their power in any matter in connection with the Harbour. Mr Clinton thanked the Committee and the deputation withdrew.

GREENORE WALL.

Letter was read from Mr P J Whitty, M P, enclosing report of question by him and answer by Mr Duke in the above matter. According to the report Mr Whitty stated in the House that the sea wall at Greenore had been severely damaged by floods caused by the storms last winter, and the Greenore estate was in imminent danger of being flooded, and seeing that this would be the means of driving a number of farmers at present engaged in agriculture from their farms, and as the agent refuses to repair the wall, whether the Government would do anything in the matter. Mr Duke replied that no doubt the crops

on the adjoining land were in danger, but unless Mr Whitty could show reason for believing that the repairs of the wall was a public obligation, he could see no means by which the Government can enforce it.

Mr W Woods, J P, requested permission, which was granted, to introduce a deputation of the land owners concerned, and accordingly these gentlemen were admitted. Mr Woodney stated that the repairs were absolutely necessary to safeguard the lands adjoining. The work had been formerly done by the landlord, who, at present, derived an income of about £100 per annum out of the estate. If the erosion continued the lands would be below sea level. There were about 80 acres of land in the townland of Greenore likely to be affected.

After discussion the County Surveyor was directed to meet Mr W Woods, J P, and the deputation on the spot this week if possible, and report fully to the special meeting to be held on Monday next.

TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

Letter dated 13th March, 1917, No. T. 1995-17, was received from the Department suggesting that in connection with the proposal of the Council to divide the grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts between the Drogheda and Dundalk Schools, it seemed to be desirable that the question at issue should be discussed between representatives of the bodies concerned. Mr Fletcher, of the Department, would attend such a conference if it could be arranged.

The Committee unanimously decided that the conference as suggested be held on Wednesday, 28th instant, and that two representatives of the Drogheda Technical Committee and two

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of the County Louth and Dundalk Joint Technical Committee be invited to attend. On behalf of the County Council the Committee appointed Messrs Wm Woods, J P, and Bernard Hamill, J P, to represent North Louth, and Messrs N T Murphy, J P, and W T Skeffington, J P, to represent South Louth at the conference, Mr C A Duffy, J P, to act as Chairman.

The Secretary was directed to notify the bodies concerned of the arrangements made, and to inform the Department also, so that Mr Fletcher might be in attendance.

BABINGTON v. COUNTY COUNCILS.

Mr D O'Connell wrote in a letter dated 7th March, 1917, that at Monaghan Spring Assizes the Judge confirmed on appeal the decision of the County Court Judge levying a decree in the above case over a particular area in the R. D. of Carrickmacross, and refused to apportion any of the amount against Louth County.

TUBERCULOSIS EXPENDITURE.

Letter from the Town Clerk of Drogheda in connection with expenditure for treatment of Tuberculosis, and the amount of Government grant for same, was referred to next meeting of the Committee for consideration.

LAND PURCHASE DEFAULTERS.

The certified list of Land Purchase Defaulters was, as directed, again submitted, but no discussion took place, and no order was made.

ACCIDENT.

The Secretary reported an accident to James Morgan, a workman at Jonesboro' quarry, and stated that the claim had been made on the Insurance Company in the matter, and all the preliminaries perfected.

DEATH DUTY GRANT.

Letters dated 15th March, 1917, were read from the L. G. B. enclosing the following grants:—

Death Duty Grant on behalf of Guardians of Union, £993 14s 1d.

Death Duty Grant to County Council as a Road Authority, £900 1s 2d.

The amounts have been lodged to the credit of the Council.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 26th March, 1917, C A Duffy, Esq, J P, presiding. The following members were also present:—D J Rath, B Hamill, J P; J F Murphy, J P; W Woods, J P; James Wynne, J P; N T Murphy, J P; P M'Gee, J P; L Goodman, M Meade, J Morgan, J H M'Ardle, J P P L M'Keon, J P; and B L Coleman, J P, Esquires.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was called on a requisition signed by five members of the Council being handed to him on the 19th instant, requesting him to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the question of wages of the workers in the employment of the Council on the Lurgangreen Road, who had struck work in consequence of the County Council, at their last meeting, deciding that the advance in wages from 18s to 20s per week was contingent on the men working until six o'clock, p m, on Saturdays, instead of two o'clock in the afternoon as customary. He further informed the Council that under Standing Order 42 "no resolution can be rescinded until a period of six months has elapsed from its adoption," and the only way that any change could be made was by suspension of the Standing Orders, and that the suspension, according to

Order 81, could only be effected with the consent of the majority of the members present, which must be at least half of the whole Council. This would require an attendance of seventeen members, and as only fourteen were present, a motion to suspend the Standing Orders could not be received.

After a desultory discussion the matter terminated without any order being made.

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Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 2nd April, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock, a m.

Present:—In the Chair: Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—L Goodman, J Wynne, J P; M O'Meara, J P, and W Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor, was in attendance.

The minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee were taken as read, and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted, and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in Charge of County Surveyor	£242 0 0
Secretary's Office	551 9 0
Total	£793 9 0

The Bank Books for the General, Subsidiary, and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

The Committee ordered that a sum of £2,000 be transferred from the General to the Subsidiary Account.

RATE RETURN.

The Secretary submitted Rate Return to 31st March, 1917, showing that all the Rate Collectors had lodged the full amounts of their warrants on or before that date.

The Committee ordered payment of poundage fees to all the Collectors, and the amounts were included in the payments for this day.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES OFFICE.

Mr James Callan, landlord of the Dundalk Weights and Measures Office, served six months' notice to terminate the County Council's tenancy of this office, in accordance with agreement and the Committee unanimously accepted same.

INCOME TAX.

The Secretary submitted Income Tax assessment on Interest allowed by the County Treasurer on credit balances. He stated that the tax had been assessed in the first instance on a sum of £323, but he had seen the Surveyor in the matter and had had the assessable amount reduced to £264. The tax claimed on this amount was £66, and payment of same was recommended to the County Council.

ANNAGASSAN PIER.

In accordance with directions given at last Finance Meeting, the County Surveyor submitted report on the condition of above Pier and Harbour as follows, and the Secretary was directed to send copies of same to the Department and to the Harbour Commissioners, and to urge on the Department the necessity for completing the work at the Harbour:—

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Report on Annagassan Pier and Harbour by the County Surveyor of Louth.

To the Chairman and Gentlemen, Finance Meeting,
2nd April, 1917.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Following on your instructions asking to be informed as to the state of the Works, Annagassan Harbour and Pier, I beg to report:—

STRUCTURAL WORKS—BREAKWATER AND PIER.—These have been constructed fairly conformable to plan. Some paving on part of the quay has not so far been done. In conversation with Mr Griffith, the Department's Engineer (acting for Mr Hassard), last September, I agreed that this could be held over for the present and attention devoted to the channel. It is not a large item.

A sloping retaining wall shown at the western end of the basin and running northwards to the River Dee shown on plan, has not been constructed, and is not necessary—in fact the Department has been requested by the Harbour Commissioners to dredge a cut to the river through where it was at first proposed to erect this wall.

The quay wall is shown on plan extended westwards to the end of the County Road to form a retaining wall. This has not been carried to the full length shown on plan. It was left in its present state in 1915, when work ceased for that year. I believe the Department's then Engineer, Mr Oliver, had under consideration the dredging of the cut above-mentioned to the River Dee. This if carried out, as projected then, would have necessitated modifications in the structure of the wall.

Some additions to the structural works have been made, viz: a short concrete cross wall to act as a breakwater to prevent waves from breaking over the eastern return wall of the quay; portion of the breakwater is in course of being raised higher than at first proposed.

With these structural works the County Council are directly concerned, as an agreement in respect of these exists between the Department and the County Council.

As to the Channel and Basin—I have not as yet made a survey of the works.

No dredging has been done since 1915, as I am given to understand it was impossible to get necessary repairs to the dredger carried out in time for work last year.

As to the work completed—Siltage has taken place in the basin dredged. Since 1915 probably about four feet of mud has been deposited. North of the east end of the breakwater near the entrance to the basin where the River Dee meets the channel, a considerable deposit of gravel and stones has accumulated I am informed that a vessel drawing nine feet of water recently grounded at this point and had to be lightened before she was able to get into the basin alongside the quay. The depth of water provided for in the place is 13 feet at high water O.S.T.

The Department now inform the Commissioners that unless the dues sanctioned by the Board of Trade are collected, no further work will be carried out on the Harbour. The Commissioners in view of the siltage, and more particularly of the deposit above-mentioned at the entrance to the basin, are loth to charge harbour dues, firstly, for fear of actions for damages to vessels entering the harbour as it stands; secondly, lest apart

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from responsibility the harbour may be dammed, and ship owners later on, even when the harbour is in a more finished state, refuse to send their boats there. The Commissioners, therefore, suggest that they charge quay dues only for the present.

Having regard to the very considerable siltage, I suggest that the Department be again asked to consider the dredging of the cut 30 ft. wide from the present basin to the river, as suggested in March, 1916, to their Engineer, Sir John Griffith, reporting on the works in 1915, was not unfavourable to the making of this cut.

Your obedient Servant,

THOMAS WALSH,
County Surveyor.

31st March, 1917.

DEMANDS.

The Secretary submitted Bank Receipt for £3,326, being full amount of the Demand on the Drogheda Corporation for financial year ended 31st March, 1917. He stated that the second instalment of the Dundalk Urban Demand had not yet been lodged to the credit of the Council, and he was directed to write the Town Clerk in the matter.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM.

The County Solicitor wrote on 29th March that the claim by the Dundalk Linen Company for malicious injury to 27 webs of linen, was heard at Dundalk Quarter Sessions on the 28th inst. and that the County Court Judge had awarded the sum of £111 9s 2d as compensation, to be levied off the County-at-Large.

A short discussion took place on the question of the area of charge, but no order was made.

ASYLUM CAPITATION GRANT.

The following letters were read, and the Secretary was directed to write the Treasury and urge the necessity for increasing the Capitation Grantfor lunatics owing to the greatly increased cost of maintenance:—

Richmond District Asylum,
Dublin, 23rd March, 1917.

Dear Sir,

I am instructed by the Joint Committee of this Asylum to transmit you a copy of a letter from the City Treasurer of the Dublin Corporation, with reference to the Capitation Grant to Asylums, and I am to express a hope that you will take action with a view of representing to Government the equity of a re-adjustment to ensure full payment of 4s per head per week. As you are aware the contribution is paid direct to County Councils from the Local Taxation Account, that this Account has for many years shown a shrinking revenue with an expanding liability, and that indications point to further abatements in the payment to Councils.

Yours truly,

W. J. MURPHY,
Chief Clerk.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

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City Treasurer's Office,
Municipal Buildings, Dublin.

Dear Sir,

The Treasury Commissioners, I understand, have recognised the difficulty of maintaining children committed to Industrial Schools by conceding an extra Capitation Grant of 6d per head per week, provided the local authority also agree to increase their capitation grant by 6d.

This is a recognition of the difficulties of the Managers of these Schools, which applies with even greater force to the maintenance of patients in District Asylums.

As you are aware the original capitation grant, through the insufficiency of the Local Taxation Account, has dwindled to about 3s 4d from the 4s fixed so far back, I think, as 1874. I suggest that you bring the matter before your Board at the earliest possible moment as they might be disposed to represent the facts to the Government and seek an increased grant. They might at least make good the deficiency for the current year, and ease the estimates of the Asylum for next year by a similar concession.

Yours faithfully,

EDMUND W. BYRNE,
City Treasurer.

W. J. Murphy, Esq.,
Chief Clerk, Richmond District Asylum.

INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL TRANSFER.

Letter was read from the Manager St Michael's Boys' Industrial School, Lurgan, stating that it was intended, with the Council's approval, to transfer a child named Quinn to Artane Industrial School. The Commitee approved, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Manager accordingly.

IRISH EDUCATION ACT.

The Commissioners of National Education wrote notifying that they had appointed the following members to act with the members appointed by the County Council on the Ardee District School Attendance Committee—Sir H Bellingham, Bart; Rev J B Leslie, M A; Rev Canon R M P Freeman, M A; Rev J M Jennings, B A, and Mr James M'Donnell.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

WASTE PAPER.

Circular letter from the L G B re Waste Paper, was submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

GRANTS.

The following grants were received this day, and the Secretary was directed to lodge same to the credit of the Council:—

In Aid of Maintenance of Lunatics	£1,714 14 10
In Aid of Medical and Educational Expenditure	455 8 6
In Aid of Sanitary Salaries	53 14 4
Agricultural Grant	6,391 15 0

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Proposal Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held in Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 16th April, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J Wynne, J P; L Goodman, B Hamill, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; P Woods, J P; B L Coleman, J P; and T O'Rourke, Esquires.

Mr Thomas Walsh, Co. Surveyor, was in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following proposals were considered, and each was unanimously approved:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

No. 43.—To provide £1,463 for carrying on the work on the Dublin-Belfast Road in the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk, pending receipt

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from the Road Board of £1,463 final instalment of Grant: such final instalment to be placed to credit to refund the amount of this Proposal to County-at-Large (ex-Urban).

No. 44.—To purchase a double set of steels and hose for large rock drill. Not to exceed £25. County-at-Large (ex-Urban) charge.

No. 45.—To provide two Horse Sweeping Machines. Same to be hired to Road Contractors. Not to exceed £70. County-at-Large (ex-Urban) charge.

With reference to proposal No. 43, the Co. Surveyor reported that the Road Board work, owing to increased cost of labour, materials, etc, could not be carried out for the amount originally estimated. Ardee Rural District Council had passed an additional proposal of £150 and Dundalk a proposal of £1,000 for the work. The Road Board should be asked to give a further grant owing to the exceptional circumstances.

After discussion, it was unanimously decided to instruct the Secretary to approach the Road Board in the matter, and to state that it was absolutely necessary that in order to complete the work satisfactorily, in view of the change in conditions since the original estimate for the work was passed, that the Road Board should give a further Grant for the work.

The County-at-Large Accounts for quarter ended 31st March, 1917, were submitted by the Secretary, examined by the Committee, and recommended for payment.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 16th April, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock a.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—Charles A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members—J Wynne, J P; L Goodman, B Hamill, J P; J T M'Gee, J P; P Woods, J P; B L Coleman, J P; and T O'Rourke, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Committee were taken as read and signed by the Chairman.

The following accounts were submitted and on examination were ordered for payment:—

Works in charge of the County Surveyor	£416 8 6
Secretary's Office	19 10 11
	£435 19 5

The Bank Books for the General Subsidiary and Loans Accounts were examined and initialled by the Chairman.

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Accounts for quarter ended 31st March were examined and recommended for payment.

HARBOUR DUES.

The Harbour Returns as follows showing dues collected during quarter ended 31st March, were submitted and initialled:—

Carlingford—Nil.
Giles' Quay—£3 17s 0d.
Clogherhead—£1 12s 6d.

LIMIT OF EXPENDITURE.

Letter dated 12th April, 1917, No. 17214, was read from the L G B stating that in accordance with the Council's resolution, approving of the Dundalk Rural District Council's resolution on the subject, an Order was being prepared authorising the extension of the limit of expenditure in Dundalk Rural District to £8,000 to date from 1st April, 1917.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

TECHNICAL GRANT.

The following letter from the Department was read and ordered to be inserted on the Minutes:—

No. T. 3637/17.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin,
12th April, 1917.

Sir,—

Adverting to your letter of the 27th February last, regarding the suggested revision of the administrative areas

in which the County Louth Joint Technical Instruction Committee and the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee at present conduct schemes of Technical Instruction and to the Conference which the Assistant Secretary in respect of Technical Instruction had with representatives of the bodies concerned on the 28th ultimo, I have to state that the Department have given careful consideration to the proposal that the annual contribution of £150 granted by the County Louth County Council to the Joint Scheme should be divided so that £75 should be made available for the Drogheda Technical Schools, and also to the proposal that another Joint Committee be established to administer a scheme for Drogheda Urban District and the Rural Districts of the South of the County. The Department would be unable to approve of the formation of a second Joint Committee to administer a scheme in the South of the County.

It is understood that the object underlying the proposal is to secure that more instruction should be given in the rural areas, especially in the South of the County. The Department feel that any such change could readily be secured without establishing another Committee, and they are willing to approve of the inclusion in the present Joint Scheme of a clause securing that classes should be given in the southern Rural Districts involving an expenditure of not less than £75 during the academic year. They are, however, of the opinion that such a division of the funds would not entirely meet the

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need. The contribution from your Council to the scheme has, since its initiation, been very small, and this circumstance has necessarily limited the operation of the scheme in the rural areas. They would suggest, therefore, the allocation of at least £250 per annum from the funds of your Council for the purposes of the scheme administered by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee. The Department desire that the Committee should consider whether a portion of the funds which it is hoped may be allocated should not be employed in assisting students from the Rural Districts to attend classes in the Technical Schools at Dundalk and Drogheda. It is understood that, in the case of the former school, there are eighty students attending from the districts outside the Urban area, while there are thirty such students attending the Drogheda Technical School. An increased number of students might be induced to attend the Schools if a small aid were given to them in the form of a scholarship.

I have to state that there is nothing to prevent the services of any teacher engaged by the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee being utilised for the conduct of classes in the rural districts where such an arrangement would be advantageous from the point of view of efficiency and economy. In such a case the County Louth Joint Technical Instruction Committee would arrange with the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee for a payment in respect of the services of the teacher so employed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

COMMITTAL TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOL.

Letter was read from the Rev Father M'Keone, Adm, Dundalk, stating that at the Children's Court, Dundalk, he would make an application for the Committal to Industrial School of a boy named James Clarke, Ladywell Terrace.

The application was approved by the Committee.

RICHMOND PATIENTS.

The Return of Admissions of County Louth patients to Richmond Asylum during quarter ended 31st March was submitted and initialled by the Chairman.

TELEGRAPH POLES.

Notice was read from the Post Office Telegraphs Superintendent stating that it was the intention of the Postmaster General to open the carriageway at Brewery Street, Castlebellingham, for the purpose of erecting two additional poles on existing line.

The matter was referred to County Surveyor.

SEA WALL AT GREENORE.

In accordance with instructions of the Finance Committee, the County Surveyor, in company with Mr William Woods, J P, inspected the damage done by erosion to the sea wall at Greenore, and reported that as the wall did not adjoin the

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County Road, and as it was originally built by the owner of the lands it protected, he could not see how the Council could be legally liable in the matter, nor did he think there was any Governmental Fund out of which a grant could be procured for the purpose of repairing the wall.

The report was initialled by the Chairman.



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