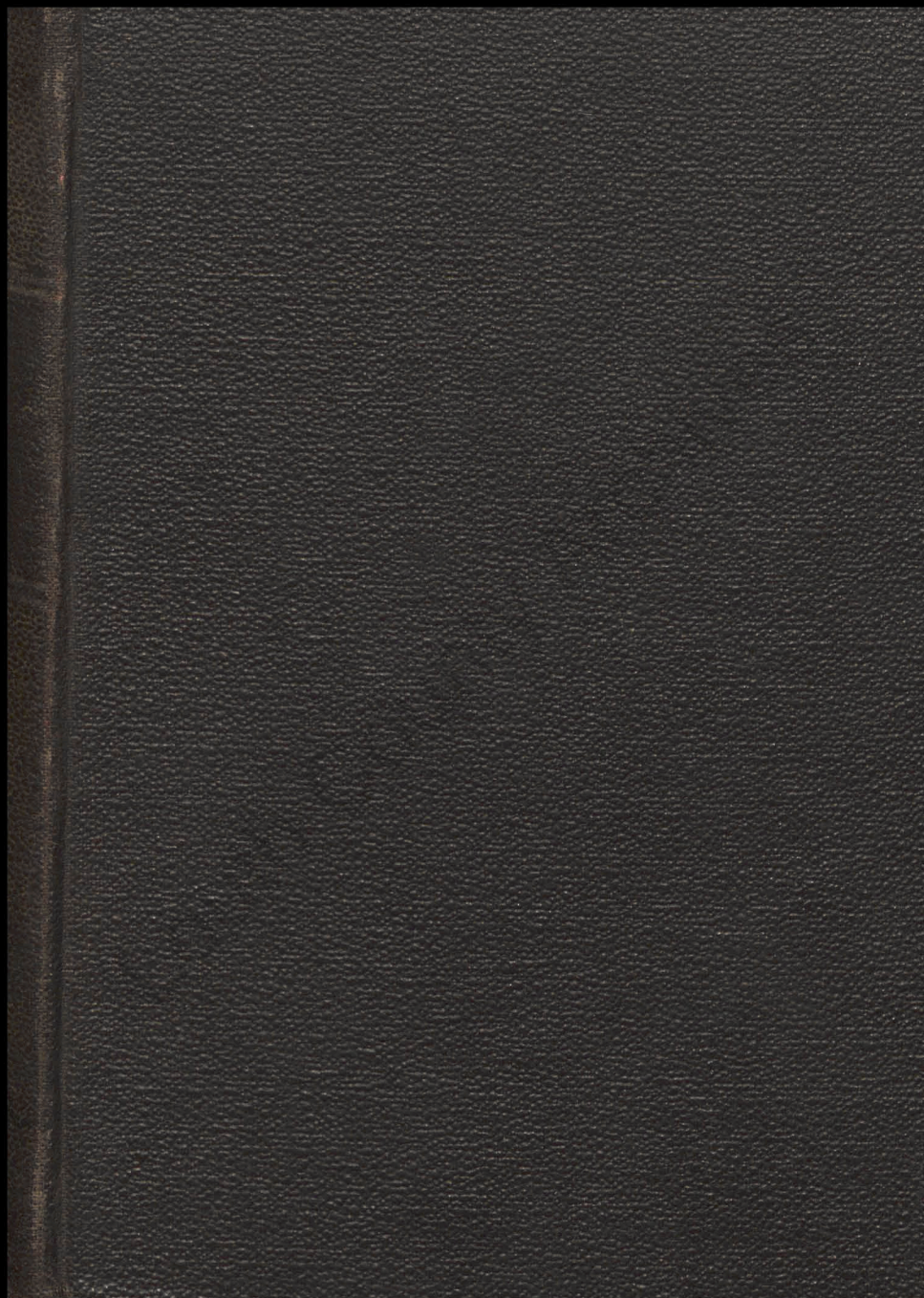


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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their third Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council
Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 14th
November, 1912, at one o'clock.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P. ; John Dolan,
Joseph Dolan, Wm. A. Doran, Chas. A. Duffy, J.P. ;
Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick
Kearney, Joseph H. M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, Richard
Matthews, John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patk. O'Connell,
Michael O'Meara, Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, J.P. ;
Wm. Woods, J.P. ; and James Wynne, Esquires.

AGENDA.

1. Confirmation of Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Piers and Harbours' Minutes.
4. Consider List of Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.

5. Fix dates for Fourth Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
6. The further consideration of the County Council Scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of the County.
7. The further consideration of Mr. Charles E. M'Cann's application for superannuation.
8. The further consideration of Mr. Murray's application of 5th September last.
9. Correspondence.
10. Notice of Motion :—

I hereby give notice that I shall move at next meeting of the County Council—

“That a Bye-Law be passed to extend to the whole County of Louth, that every person who in any public street or road is guilty of any riotous or indecent behaviour, or who uses any blasphemous or indecent expressions, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings, and that any Constable may take into custody, without a warrant, and forthwith convey before a Justice of the Peace, any person who within his view commits such an offence.”—Signed,

14th October, 1912.

DENIS J. RATH.

11. “I hereby give notice that I will move at the next meeting of the County Council to rescind the Scheme arranging for Tuberculous Patients to be treated in Peamount Sanatorium, and that a new Scheme be drafted providing for the erection of a Sanatorium for this County.”—Signed,

8th Nov., 1912.

B. HAMILL.

12. “I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council that we rescind the order requiring the Rate Collectors to lodge full amount of their warrant each half-year, and that we adopt Part One of the Local Government Board Order, requiring them to lodge each half-year 90 per cent. of their warrants.”—Signed,

8th Nov., 1912.

B. HAMILL.

RESOLUTIONS OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, 14th NOVEMBER, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Duffy, J.P.

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Meetings of the Council held on the 15th August, 5th September, 26th September, and the 4th November, 1912, having been printed and a copy sent to each member were taken as read and were confirmed.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Duffy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Finance Committee on the following dates be and are hereby adopted by this Council, viz. :—

8 July—see printed Minutes, page	..	29
22 ” ” ” ” ”	..	29
7 August	..	30
12 ” ” ” ” ”	..	32
19 ” ” ” ” ”	..	34
2nd Sept.	..	37
16 ” ” ” ” ”	..	42
14th Oct.	..	43
11th Nov.	..	55

That the Council refuse to comply with the Local Government Board's letter of 24th October, asking them to call on Mr. Hughes, Rate Collector, to resign, owing to the fact that the Council gave the Collectors one month's extension of time to close their collection and Mr. Hughes closed within that period.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Seconded by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Resolved—That we ratify, approve and adopt the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee held on Monday, 30th September, 1912, with the addition of the following letter from the Department of Agriculture, and the resolution following in connection therewith.

COPY OF LETTER.

26th September, 1912.

DEAR SIR,

I have to state for the information of the Louth County Council that the Department have had a further report made in respect of the quay at Dunany. The general condition of the place do not seem favourable for any large expenditure from the Department funds, but it is now understood that the County Council are prepared to interest themselves in the matter. The Department would be prepared to reconsider the question of making contribution in conjunction with the County Council for the purpose of providing an extension of the quay in question. It is suggested that this should take the form of a concrete groyne, the cost of which is estimated at about £500. The Department are therefore willing to contribute within a limit of £250 one half of the actual cost involved, provided the other half be forthcoming locally.

I am, dear Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL.

Resolved—That we strongly recommend the Louth County Council to consent to the offer of the Department of Agriculture, and agree to bear one half of the cost of repairs to Dunany Pier—cost not to exceed £250. Same to be a County-at-large charge, including Urban Districts.

Proposed by Mr. Rath,

Seconded by Mr. Doran, J.P.

Resolved—That the Minutes of the Piers and Harbours Committee on the 21st October, 1912, be and are hereby confirmed by the Council, as appearing on page 52 of the printed minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. R. Matthews.

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District at their third quarterly meeting, held on Tuesday, the 5th day of November, 1912, amounting to £891 3s. 5d., as set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. (See page 55 printed minutes.)

Proposed by Mr. Rath,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Council at their third quarterly meeting, held on Thursday, the 14th November, 1912, amounting to £606 17s. 11d., as set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. (See page 55 printed minutes.)

Proposed by Mr. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P.

Resolved—That the proposal for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their third quarterly meeting, held on Monday, the 4th Nov., 1912, amounting to £1739 19s. od., as set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. (See page 55 of printed minutes.)

Proposed by Mr. James Wynne,

Seconded by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at the third quarterly meeting, held on Monday, 11th November, 1912, amounting to £5,052 2s. 10d., as set out on Form 22, be and are hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wynne

Resolved—That the County Council hereby determine that the following should be the dates for the holding of the fourth quarterly meetings of the Rural District Council and the Proposal Committee, viz. :—

Ardee No. 1—Tuesday, 7th January, 1913.

Drogheda (Louth)—Thursday, 9th January, 1913.

Dundalk—Monday, 6th January, 1913.

The last day for lodging notices and applications for District Councils will be 17th December, 1912. The Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 6th January, 1913. The last day for lodging applications for the Proposal Committee will be 17th December, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy, J.P.

Resolved—That we approve of the regulations as to admission of patients and the purchase of beds in the Sanatoria provided or managed by the Women's National Health Association of Ireland; that we direct the seal of the Council to be affixed to the agreement with the Women's National Health Association of Ireland, and that we order from the said Women's National Health Association the following benefits forthwith, viz. : Twelve beds, at £70 per bed, as cost of publishment. Six beds for insured members and six beds for uninsured patients. The allocation of the funds at the disposal of the County Council for Tuberculous treatment in County Louth was referred to a Special Finance Committee Meeting, to be held on Monday, the 18th November, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. John Dolan, and

Resolved—That we adopt the recommendation of the Local Government Board, reducing the remuneration from £28 to £25 12s. 5d. to Mr. M'Cann (query No. 10). To be altered by our Secretary.

Proposed by Mr. Rath,

Seconded by Mr. M'Carthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Rath be hereby adopted :

That a Bye-Law be passed to extend to the whole County of Louth, that every person who in any public street or road is guilty of any riotous or indecent behaviour, or who uses any blasphemous or indecent expres-

sions, shall be liable to a penalty not exceeding forty shillings; and that any Constable may take into custody, without a warrant, and forthwith convey before a Justice of the Peace, any person who within his view commits such an offence.

14 Oct., 1912.

Signed,

DENIS J. RATH.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Rath, and

Resolved—That the following notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. Hamill be hereby approved of:—

I hereby give notice that I will move at next meeting of the County Council that we rescind the order requiring the Rate Collectors to lodge full amount of their warrants each half-year, and that we adopt Part One of the Local Government Board Order, requiring them to lodge each half-year 90 per cent. of their warrants.

8th Nov., 1912.

Signed,

BERNARD HAMILL.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. Doran, J.P., and

Resolved—That referring to the letter of the Local Government Board of the 8th November, 1912, as to the ineligibility of J. M. C. Lyons, our acting County Surveyor for the County of Louth, on the score of him

being over age, the Council is strongly of opinion that as Mr. Lyons holds the Degree of Bachelor of Engineering, has been in the service of the County, both under the Grand Jury and the County Council, for 28 years as Assistant County Surveyor and has a complete practical knowledge of the requirements of the County; that he should be allowed to be a candidate for the position and should be approved forthwith as a qualified candidate.

Proposed by Mr. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That Mr. Finigan be paid his salary due on producing an Insurance Card.

Minutes of Proceedings of Louth County Council at their third adjourned quarterly meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 28th day November, 1912, at one o'clock.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patk. Byrne, J.P. ; Jas. Connolly, J.P. Wm. A. Doran, J.P. ; Chas. A. Duffy, J.P. ; B. Hamill, J.P. ; Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Joseph H. M'Ardle, James M'Carthy, J.P. ; Richard Mathews, Patk. O'Connell, Peter Woods, J.P. ; and James Wynne, Esquires. Also present—Drs. Irwin and M'Quillan,

AGENDA.

1. Acting County Surveyor's Reports.
2. To consider Tenders for Works not taken by contract at the Rural District Councils.
3. Consider List of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils.
4. The further consideration of the County Council Scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of the County.
5. The further consideration of Mr. Murray's application of 5th September last.
6. To nominate a person to act on the Louth Insurance Committee *vice* Mr. Patrick McGee, resigned.
7. Correspondence.

Proposed by Mr. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Kelly, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Ardee and Drogheda Rural Districts, as appearing on page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals, furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Kearney, and

Resolved—That the report of the Acting County Surveyor for Dundalk Rural District, as appearing on page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals, furnished to each member of this Council, be and is hereby adopted.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE, DUNDALK,

28th November, 1912.

To the County Council (Supplemental Report).

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—I beg to report that the extension of the Electric Lighting System by the Dundalk Urban Council to St. Patrick's Cemetery, Dowdallshill, necessitating the erection of poles along the footpath may diminish to some extent the advantage to be derived from the widening specified in proposal No. 7 Dundalk Rural District now before you. The poles have been erected in the usual way along the outer edge of the footpath. When the widening specified has been carried out, 2ft. 6 ins. of the footpath will project outside the poles. Poles without lights

so near the middle of the footpath may cause an obstruction. I may add that several lamps attached to poles near the town are a decided boon to persons living in the Rural District. In considering this matter, if proposal No. 7 were rejected, other arrangements might be made.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. M. C. LYONS.

TENDERS FOR WORKS.

No. 8/10 Dundalk. To repair and maintain for seven months, from 1st September, 1912, to the 31st March, 1913, 450 perches of the road from Dundalk to Ardee by Cavan and Stephenstown, between Mrs. Rath's house in Ballybarrack and the first cross-road at Stephenstown leading to Knockbridge. The tender of Mathew Lynch, of Rathmore, was accepted at £45.

Proposed by Mr. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their third quarterly meeting, held on the 5th day of November, 1912, and the contracts taken thereunder, as set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

Proposed by Mr. M'Carthy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Kelly

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their

third quarterly meeting, held on the 14th day of Nov., 1912, and the contracts entered into, as set out on Form 20 supplied to this Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Byrne, J.P.

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their 3rd quarterly meeting, held on the 4th day of November, 1912, and the contracts entered into, as set out on Form 20 furnished to this Council, be and are hereby approved of, except No. 7 on the Schedule of Proposal, which is referred back to the Rural District Council, and the tender of Thomas Toner be rejected. That the Chairman, Messrs. W. A. Doran and J. M'Carthy be appointed to inspect the footpath and confer with a Committee representing the Urban Council and the Rural District Council.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. M'Carthy, J.P.

Resolved—That all works not taken by contract be placed in the hands of the Assisting County Surveyors

Proposed by Mr. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

Resolved—That the Scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of the County as recommended by the Special Finance Committee meeting, held on the 25th inst., be hereby approved of.

THE COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

5th September, 1912.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—May I respectfully request that you will kindly reconsider your decision on my application of 11th March last; you granted me £10 remuneration last year for the same extra work.

Your obedient servant,

T. MURRAY, *Court-keeper.*

Proposed by Mr. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Hamill, J.P.

Resolved—That Mr. Murray's application for £10 be granted by the Council for extra work done during the year 1912.

Proposed by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P.

Resolved—That Mr. Richard Mathews be appointed to act on the Louth Insurance Committee in room of Mr. Patrick McGee, resigned.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P.

Unanimously resolved—(1) That we condemn in the strongest possible manner the tyrannical action of the National Board in summarily dismissing Mr. Mansfield, Vice-President of the Teachers' Organization, for his public condemnation of the system of inspection in the National Schools.

(2) That we call upon the Chief Secretary for Ireland to secure a thorough investigation into the working of the inspection system under the Board of National Education, to include in this investigation the dismissal of Mr. Mansfield, to produce the correspondence between himself and the National Board on said dismissal, and to ensure that the personnel of the Commission shall be one commanding the confidence of the Teachers and the Public. Copies of this resolution to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, The Commissioners of National Education, The M.P.s for North and South Louth, *Daily Independent*, and Mr. E. Mansfield.

DUNDALK GAELIC LEAGUE.

SIR,—I have been asked by above Committee to request Louth County Council to give an expression of opinion on proposed Birrell grant to pupils of primary schools. Will you kindly make reference to this point on agenda, if not too late.

P. M'DONNELL, *Secretary.*

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Kelly.

That this Council endorses the attitude taken by the General Council of County Councils on the scheme for Scholarships for pupils of primary schools by Mr. Augustine Birrell, and that we decline to relinquish our legal rights in the manner suggested by the said scheme, having already declared Irish an essential subject for Scholarships in the National University of Ireland.

Amendment—

Proposed by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. J. H. M'Ardle.

That we proceed to the next business on the agenda.

On a division there voted for the amendment—
Messrs. Wm. A. Doran, Duffy, Wynne, P. Byrne,
P. Kearney and M'Ardle—6.

Against the amendment—Messrs. Connolly, Hamill,
O'Connell, P. Woods, Kelly, M'Carthy—6. The Chair-
man and Mr. Dolan did not vote.

The voting being equal the Chairman put the original
motion to a vote, with same result.

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

25th November, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 15th inst.
enclosing a resolution of the Louth County Council
proposing to rescind the order requiring Rate Collectors
to lodge the full amount of their warrants each half-
year, I am directed by the Local Government Board
for Ireland to draw attention to the terms of the Public
Bodies Order, 1904, the terms of which are mandatory.

If the Collectors in Co. Louth are not prepared to
carry out their duties in accordance with that order,
they should resign their positions, as exemptions cannot
be made in their favour.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

27th November, 1912.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board
for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter
of the 23rd inst. relative to the proposed provisional
scheme for the treatment of persons in Louth County
suffering from Tuberculosis, and, in reference thereto,
I am to state that the Board observe that the cost of
the twelve beds at Peamount Sanatorium, which the
County Council propose to purchase is estimated at £70
per bed. The Board think it well to point out that this
figure is to be regarded at present as an approximate
estimate, and that the ultimate liability of the County
Council cannot be determined until the Institution has
been completed.

As regards the revenue account in connection with
the scheme, I am to point out that it would be well that
the County Council should ascertain from the County
Insurance Committee what proportion of the sum
available for Sanatorium benefit will be placed at the
disposal of the Council for meeting the expenses of the
scheme.

The Board desire to add that they have been advised
that an Insurance Committee are only empowered to
make arrangement with persons or local authorities
having the management of a Sanatorium or other
Institution for the treatment of Tuberculosis, con-
sequently the item relating to the maintenance of
insured persons in Peamount Sanatorium will require
to be modified.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION,

DUBLIN,

27th Nov., 1912.

SIR,—The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) desire to state, for the information of the County of Louth Insurance Committee, that they have had before them a copy of a Scheme for the treatment of cases of Tuberculosis in the County which is to come up for discussion at the meeting of the Committee on the 28th inst., with a view to its being recommended to the County Council for adoption. The Commission observe that, according to the statement in the Scheme setting forth the estimated annual receipts and expenditure, a credit balance of £884 would be available each year, and they would therefore suggest to the Committee that this sum might with advantage be allocated as follows:—

(a) In the provision of a whole time nurse, with an allowance for travelling expenses.

(b) In the appointment of a Clerk in connection with the proposed Central Dispensary, at a wage of say £1 a week, and (c) in supplementing the amount (£100) already set aside for domiciliary treatment, as that amount is totally inadequate for the purpose. The Commission would add that it is not practicable at the present time to frame a reliable estimate of the amount that would be required to meet the annual cost of domiciliary treatment.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN HULIHAN.

SPECIAL MEETING OF THE CO. COUNCIL

To confer with the Louth Insurance Committee relative to the scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of County Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 9th January, 1913, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Chas. A. Duffy, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Joseph H. M'Ardle, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Wm. Woods, J.P.; Dr. Dickson, from Insurance Commission; Dr. Brown, from Local Government Board; Dr. Irwin, from Women's National Health Association; and Dr. M'Quillan, Ardee.

The following attended from the Insurance Committee:—Very Rev. Archdeacon Segrave, P.P.; Rev. Canon Ford, M.A.; Mrs. Duffy, Mrs. M'Kitterick, Miss Patteson, Dr. Flood, James Hughes, and S. Lockington, J.P.

AGENDA:

SIR,—I have been requested by the Chairman to call a Special Meeting of the County Council, to be held on Thursday next, the 9th day of January, 1913, at One o'clock p.m., for the purpose of transacting the under-mentioned business.

1. To confer with the Louth Insurance Committee relative to the scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of County Louth.

2. Correspondence.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. F. FILGATE,
Secretary County Council.

Proposed by Chas. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.,

Seconded by Patrick Byrne, Esq., J.P., and

Resolved—That we beg to tender to our esteemed colleague, Captain Wm. De Salis Filgate, to Mrs. Filgate and the members of their family our deepest sympathy with them in their recent great bereavement, and that our Acting Secretary be directed to forward copies of this resolution to Captain Filgate and Mr. T. F. Filgate.

It was further proposed by Rev. Canon Ford, seconded by Mr. James Hughes, and supported by Mrs. M'Kitterick, That the Louth National Health Insurance Committee desire to associate themselves with the foregoing resolution.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE, COURTHOUSE,

DUNDALK,

16th December, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I am directed by the Louth County Insurance Committee to inform you that they have had under their consideration the Scheme proposed by the County Council for the treatment of Tuberculosis in

the County, and with reference thereto, they beg to submit the following proposals to the Council for their consideration:—

(1) That the sum of one shilling and two pence per insured person be handed to the County Council for the treatment of Tubercular Insured Person and their dependants.

(2) To expunge the words "1 Clerk for Insurance Committee, etc., £75," and to insert "1 Clerk for Central Dispensary, £50."

(3) That two Nurses and one Servant be procured for Central Dispensary—Principal, £80, Assistant, £40, and Servant £10.

(4) That £25 of the £75 originally suggested as salary for Clerk be devoted to Nurses travelling expenses.

(5) That the credit balance of the entire Scheme should be devoted to Domiciliary and other forms of treatment necessary.

I am, Sir,

Yours faithfully,

VAL WARREN, *Secretary.*

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Scheme for the treatment of the Tuberculosis Population of County Louth as provisionally adopted by the County Council be amended by the exclusion therein of the recommendation as set forth in the letter of the County Insurance Committee, dated the 16th day of December, 1912.

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION,

DUBLIN,

7th January, 1913.

County Louth Insurance Committee.

SIR,—Adverting to your letter of the 4th ultimo on the subject, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to state, for the information of the Louth County Council, that Mr. Richard Mathews, Knockdillon, Dunleer, has been notified that he may now act as a member of the County of Louth Insurance Committee.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PIERCE KENT, *Assistant Secretary.*

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

SPECIAL FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 18th day of November, 1912, for the purpose of allocating the Funds at the disposal of the County Council for the treatment of the Tuberculous Population of the County Louth.

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, J. H. M'Ardle, Wm. Woods, J.P. ; J. Wynne, C. A. Duffy, J.P. ; P. Byrne, J.P. Drs. O'Brien and Irwin and Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, were present.

The Committee were unanimous in recommending the following tables for the approval of the County Council :—

ESTIMATED INCOME AND CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.

Minimum Treasury Grant	£1783 0 0	Purchase of 12 beds in Peamount, viz., 6 for Insured persons, and 6 for Uninsured persons	£840 0 0
		Central Dispensary with 6 observation beds	900 0 0
		Drogheda Dispensary	100 0 0
		Ardee & Carlingford, £25 each	50 0 0
		Eight Shelters	110 0 0
	£1783 0 0		£2000 0 0

ESTIMATED ANNUAL INCOME AND EXPENDITURE.

Number of Insured persons at 1/3 per annum	£814 0 0	Rent of Dispensaries	£50 0 0
A 1d rate in £	1000 0 0	Medical Officers Salary and Expenses	500 0 0
Treasury Equivalent Grant	1000 0 0	2 Nurses & 2 Servants in Central Dispens'y	130 0 0
		Part time Nurses	80 0 0
		Maintenance of same	104 0 0
		Maintenance of Patients, including coal and light, &c.	312 0 0
		Maintenance of Patients in Peamount	624 0 0
		Patients Travelling Expenses	30 0 0
		Surgical Treatment and Drugs	100 0 0
		Domiciliary Treatment not defined	

The Committee recommend to advertise for suitable Houses.

FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 25th Nov., 1912, at one o'clock p.m.

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. B. Hamill, J.P. ; J. Connolly, J.P. ; J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; Wm. Woods, J.P. ; and James Wynne, Esquires. Messrs. Lyons and Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also in attendance.

The following were ordered for payment :—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Margt. Murray, per H. Rogan's Lodgings	£6 6 0
E. Madden, per M. K. M'Dermott's Lodgings	1 14 0
Mrs. Shortt, per L. Branigan's Lodgings	1 14 0
M. M'Gahan, 12 days' wages	3 0 0
	<u>£12 14 0</u>

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

J. Durnin, Road Rolling Drogheda District	£1 6 0
P. Murphy, repairs Drogheda Court-house	0 8 3
F. M'Dermott, Road Rolling Dundalk District	1 6 0
P. Curtis, Coal account do.	10 13 2
	<u>£13 13 5</u>
Total,	£26 7 5

The Collectors' Arrear Sheets for half-year ended 30th September, 1912, were examined, and recommended to the County Council for payment.

Mr. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, was instructed to make a supplementary report to the County Council re the footpath from Dundalk Urban Boundary to St. Patrick's Cemetery on the Dowdallshill road.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from the Collectors was read :—

DUNDALK,

25th November, 1912.

GENTLEMEN,—We the undersigned beg to apply for payment of our Salaries in respect of past half-year's Collection, as we completed same within the time allowed by the County Council almost a month since.

We remain, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servants,

J. WOODS, P. HUGHES, PETER M'DONNELL, P. CLUSKEY,
PATRICK M'DONNELL, J. M'CULLOUGH.

The Committee recommended payment of same.

SEATOWN, DUNDALK,

Monday, 25th Nov., 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I am in receipt of your recent letter relative to the payment of my salary and my Insurance Card under the Act.

In reply, I am not in a position at present to produce Card of Insurance, which I would ask the Council to defer until I resume duty, which I hope to be able to do in a short time.

Yours faithfully,

JOSEPH F. FINIGAN,
(per MARY A. FINIGAN).

DOUGLAS PLACE,

DUNDALK.

I hereby certify that Mr. Joseph Finigan, residing at Seatown, Dundalk, is under my care and unable to follow his employment, suffering from debility after pneumonia.

Signed,

JAMES J. CLARKE, L.R.C.S. & P.I.

November 25th, 1912.

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Connolly, J.P.,

And unanimously resolved—That we hereby recommend the County Council to pay Mr. Finigan two months salary that will be due on 30th inst.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

21st November, 1912.

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 15th inst., forwarding a copy of a resolution adopted by the Louth County Council on the 14th inst. respecting Mr. J. M. C. Lyons, one of the applicants for the position of County Surveyor, and in reply the Board direct me to state that under the existing law they have no power to dispense with the requirements as to the age qualification in this case.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 9th day of December, 1912.

In the Chair—Bernard Hamill, J.P.

Other Members—Michael Meade and Ed. Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments, which were considered and ordered for payment.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

J. F. Finigan ..	..	£20	0	0
Mathew M'Gahon ..	..	3	0	0
T. Martin, Education Act ..	..	0	12	0
Mrs. Murray, per Rogan ..	..	1	16	0
Mrs. Short, per Branigan ..	..	1	16	11
Sister Mde. Ricie, per Miss M'Parland		8	6	8
" " " per Miss Callan		10	0	0
J. W. Bacon (Burger)		10	10	0

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

James Durnin ..	..	£1	6	0
J. T. Dolan, Ardee ..	..	20	0	0
F. M'Dermott, Dundalk ..	..	1	6	0
F. Murphy, Dundalk ..	..	7	0	0
J. Rice, Dundalk ..	..	9	0	0
J. Rice, Dundalk ..	..	15	0	0
B. Boyle, Dundalk ..	..	5	0	0
Total,				
		£114	13	7

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

9th December, 1912.

Re ANNAGASSAN NEW ROAD.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. James H. Murphy, Solicitor, has sent me the enclosed Bill of Costs in connection with

the furnishing of Abstracts of Title on behalf of Mr. C. D. King, of Annagassan, to the grounds acquired by the Council, for the purpose of the approach road to the Annagassan Pier. I am of opinion that the Bill as drawn is excessive and should be taxed, and I accordingly send you a copy of same with requisition to tax, and shall thank you to have same signed and sealed and returned to me at your earliest convenience.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Account referred to County Solicitor for Taxation.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 23rd day of December, 1912.

Present :—

In the Chair—Patrick Byrne, J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. Meade and James Wynne.

The Secretary submitted accounts for County Surveyor's Office and that of his own, which were examined and order for payment, viz. :

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Sheep Dipping Account ..	£63 16 8
Scholarships ..	60 8 0
Education Act ..	26 18 9
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	£151 3 5

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

Road Maintenance ..	£46 4 3
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Total, ..	£197 7 8

CORRESPONDENCE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
5th December, 1912.

SIR—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 29th ultimo, respecting Mr. J. M. C. Lyons' candidature for the position of County Surveyor in Louth County, and in reply, I am to state, for the information of the County Council, that the Board have nothing to add to their letter of the 21st ultimo on the subject.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

OFFICE OF PUBLIC WORKS,

9th December, 1912.

SIR,—In reply to your inquiry of the 20th ultimo, on the subject of the Gyles' Quay Coastguard Station, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that this Station was closed and surrendered by the Admiralty to the Landlord in 1905. The boat slip is not included in the premises so surrendered ; it was built at the joint expense of the Crown and the Royal National Lifeboat Institution about 1877.

I am to add that certain pier and harbour works, viz., a pier consisting of a wharf, a storm parapet, and sloping escapement, etc., with excavation of the harbour, were executed by the Board under the Sea Fisheries Act, and transferred to the Grand Jury in 1879. So far as the Board's records shows, the boat slip in question was not included in the transfer, but if the County Council desire it to be transferred to them now, the Board for their part will be glad to facilitate the Council in the matter.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

H. WILLIAMS, *Secretary.*

December 16, 1912.

DEAR MR. FILGATE,—With reference to the resolution of the County Council to refund the amount of Rates paid by the Fund on Dun Dealgan for the year before we could secure its exemption, I understand that the Local Government Board have at present refused to sanction the refund on the grounds that rates once paid cannot be refunded.

I cannot think that this is either right or just. The rates are demanded with strongest penalties for non-

payment. We paid without prejudice, being assured that as soon as we had an opportunity of laying the business, etc., before the valuation authority we could get back what we had been called on to pay for property used for public purposes and benefits.

The Council know the circumstances, and the good object, and also, I hope, the great and to a large extent, I think, successful exertions the Archæological Society have made to repair and restore the old Irish fort and to get together a collection of historical objects of all periods and all interests.

I am aware of my own knowledge that in similar circumstances, where there was a question of a reduction of valuation, other bodies have refunded the amount overpaid. In our case the circumstances are more in our favour, and the amount (£5 odd) although small, is of considerable importance to the fund, which is very small. Will you kindly bring the matter once more before the Council, whose consideration we are grateful for, and trust that they may authorise you to issue the refund.

Yours faithfully,

HARRY TEMPEST,

Hon. Sec. Dun Dealgan Fund.

Referred to the County Council.

DEPARTMENT OF AGRICULTURE AND TECHNICAL
INSTRUCTION FOR IRELAND,

18th December, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to the concluding paragraph of your letter of the 6th inst., I have to state, for the

information of the Louth County Council, that the Department propose to carry out the work of repairing Dunany Pier under their own supervision.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL.

CORPORATION OF DROGHEDA.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, DROGHEDA

18th December, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—On every Saturday and Fair Day Mr. Hughes, the County Secretary for Agriculture, uses a room in this Courthouse, which necessitates a fire being lighted, and on every Thursday and Friday Agricultural Classes are conducted necessitating both lighting and heating; under the existing arrangements the Corporation are asked to contribute one-third of the cost, and as you know they have no power, strictly speaking, to incur any such expenditure. Would it not be well, in order to avoid the possibility of a surcharge, if some contribution were made from the funds of the County Scheme for Agriculture in which the County Council and the Corporation would participate, Although the possibility of a surcharge may seem remote, yet in my experience, one never knows what question will be raised at audit upon the complaint of some individual or another who is always on the look out for something to complain about.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION OF IRELAND.

VICE REGAL LODGE,

DUBLIN,

December 20th, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—At the meeting of the representatives of County Councils sending patients to Peamount, held at Ely House, on Thursday, December 5th, to confer on the basis to be adopted for the formation of Committees of Management for Peamount and Rosslare, several alternatives were discussed and also the question as to whether Counties making provisional use of the accommodation at the Women's National Health Association Sanatoria should be represented on the Permanent Committee. It was finally decided that representation should only be given to Counties contracting for permanent beds, and that the Committee of Management should consist of one representative from each County Council or County Borough contracting for permanent beds, and that there be added from the Women's National Health Association a number equal to one half of such County representation. This was moved by Mr. Walter M'Murrough Kavanagh (Chairman Carlow County Council), and seconded by Mr. David M. Moriarity (Chairman Kerry County Council), and carried unanimously. Certain difficulties arising out of the legal interpretation of Section 16 of the Insurance Act were considered, and a letter from Mr. Glynn, Chairman of the Insurance Commissioners, was read, saying that he was advised that the best way of pro-

ceeding would be "To prepare a perfectly simple and intelligible tripartite agreement between the Committee of Management, the County Council, and the Insurance Committee, whereby the Committee of Management undertook to treat insured persons in the Sanatorium in consideration of the payment of the Sanatorium Fund by the Insurance Committee to the County Council, and, at the same time, the County Council undertook to provide for the treatment of any insured persons not treated in the Sanatorium."

If this agreement be adopted the legal difficulty will be got over, and there will be no splitting up of the 1/3 between the Committee of Management, The Insurance Committee and the County Council.

The meeting also considered two alternatives suggested by Mr. Glynn. (1) That the agreement above referred to should form the basis of the agreements between County Councils which have agreed to take beds in Peamount, and that the Insurance Committees of these Counties should be parties to the agreements, which should be made with the Committee of Management of Peamount; or (2) That a Joint Board should be formed under the Tuberculosis Act of 1908 between the Councils which have taken permanent beds in Peamount and that the Scheme to be drawn up between these Councils should provide that for the first three years the Women's National Health Association, in consideration of the temporary work to be done in Peamount, over and above the permanent work undertaken for the County Councils, should be represented on the Joint Board and on the Committee of Management. The meeting

unanimously decided in favour of the first Scheme, believing that for the present the County Councils did not wish to assume further liability for Peamount, although it was agreed by all present that in the event of any special need, Counties who were represented on the Committee of Management would favourably consider any appeal made to them by the Committee.

The Special Council Meeting held by the Women's National Health Association on the evening of the same day (Dec. 5th) adopted the recommendation above quoted as the basis of the Committee of Management, and nominated as their first six representatives the following :—

The President (The Countess of Aberdeen), The Hon. Treasurer (Sir Wm. T. Thompson, M.D.), The Medical Secretary (Dr. Prudence Gaffikin), Mrs. J. J. Lawlor, Mrs. Michael F. Cox, Miss M'Donald (late Matron of the Richmond Hospital), and that pending the constitution of this Committee, the present Provisional Committee of Supervision be requested to carry on the work entrusted to them. A deputation from the Meeting of Representatives of County Councils and the Women's National Health Association waited on the Local Government Board on December 6th and submitted the decision arrived at to the Vice-President. Sir Henry Robinson explained that whilst there were other modes of forming Conjoint Committees of Management, either under the Tuberculosis Act of 1908, or under the Insurance Act of 1911 which would require the sanction of the Local Government Board, the plan submitted

by the deputation required no such sanction, but left the responsibility of maintenance on the Women's National Health Association and the Committee of Management, whereas the other two plans would carry responsibility for maintenance on the part of the contracting County Councils. The deputation made it clear that the representative meeting the day before had decided against assuming any such responsibility at present, and it was pointed out that the action now adopted would not prevent a Conjoint Board being formed later on. Sir Henry Robinson agreed with this conclusion, and the deputation thanked him and withdrew.

I beg, therefore, to ask you to request your County Council at their next meeting to nominate a representative to act on the Committee of Management of the Sanatorium where your Council has contracted for beds,

I remain,

Yours very faithfully,

COUNTESS OF ABERDEEN.

POST OFFICE TELEGRAPHS.

ALBOROUGH HOUSE, DUBLIN,

20th December, 1912.

SIR,—The Postmaster General, acting under the powers conferred upon him by the Telegraph Acts, 1863 to 1908, is desirous of obtaining the consent of the Louth County Council to the execution of works, particulars

of which are as follows:—Erection of overhead telegraphic lines along the public roads from the Gate Lodge of Ballymascanlan House to the junction with the Dundalk-Newry road, and from the cross-roads at Ravensdale to Ravensdale Lodge. A plan of the route it is proposed to follow is enclosed for your information. The Postmaster General undertakes to make good any damage which may be done in the placing or maintenance of the line, and, in the hope that you will comply with this request, I hand you herewith a form of consent for your signature, and shall be glad if you will return it to me at your earliest convenience.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. TURNER.

Referred to Mr. Lyons, Assistant Co. Surveyor for report.

17 FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

20th December, 1912.

Re ANNAGASSAN PIER ORDER, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—The Bill confirming the above Order received the Royal Assent on the 13th inst. You might kindly let me have paying order for £200 from your Council on account of my costs, as agreed on by resolution on the 28th September, 1911.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. MURPHY.

FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

16 December, 1912.

Re ANNAGASSAN PIER ORDER, 1912.

DEAR SIR,—I write to inform you that the Bill confirming this Order received the Royal Assent on Friday last, the 13th inst.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE

Mr. G. G. G. G.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. T. P. T. P.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. J. M. J. M.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. W. W. W. W.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. R. R. R. R.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. L. L. L. L.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. K. K. K. K.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. H. H. H. H.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. F. F. F. F.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. D. D. D. D.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. C. C. C. C.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. B. B. B. B.	£ 10 0 0
Mr. A. A. A. A.	£ 10 0 0
Total	£ 100 0 0

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th day of January, 1913.

Present :—

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

Other Members—Messrs. Joseph M. Johnson, James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Michael Meade, Jas. M'Carthy, James Kearney, Richard Mathews, John Dolan, Patrick O'Connell, and William T. Skeffington, also J. M. C. Lyons and James B. Dromgoole, Acting Co. Surveyors, Esquires.

The following amounts were examined and ordered for payment :—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

P. Gaffney, Education Act	...	£6	14	6
T. P. Harmon, „ „	...	2	15	1
T. Malone „ „	...	0	2	0
F. Faulkner „ „	...	0	2	0
M. M'Gahan, Clerk in Office	...	3	0	0
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		£12	13	7

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

James Durmin, Road Rolling	...	£1	6	0
Martin Butterly & Co., Road Rolling	...	11	5	0
Francis M'Dermott „ „	...	1	6	0
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		£13	17	0
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Total,		£26	10	7

35, LAURENCE STREET, DROGHEDA,

31st December, 1912.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council, Courthouse, Dundalk

DEAR SIR—Mr. Joseph Mullen, of Mullamore, Tallanstown, Ardee, informs me that he had a contract for the repair of the road from Tallanstown to Duffyscross, which expired on the 31st March, 1911, and that he was paid in full for the Contract, with the exception of £3, which was retained until he removed a bank on the road. He informs me that he removed this bank, and that your Assistant County Surveyor, Mr. Lyons, certified for the payment of the balance £3, which was made, and the paying order was taken up by Mr. Lynam, the Co. Surveyor, in November, 1911, but so far my client has not received this order.

Would you kindly have enquiries made, and have the order referred to, paid to my client, as I presume the matter has got overlooked.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS G. M'KEEVER, L.L.B.,

Solicitor.

The Committee recommended that the above amount be paid.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 6th January, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—Charles A. Duffy, J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. Joseph M. Johnson, James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Michael Meade, Jas. M'Carthy, Patrick Kearney, Richard Mathews, John Dolan, Patrick O'Connell, Wm. T. Skeffington, Esquires. Messrs. J. M. C. Lyons and James B. Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

APPLICATION BY THE COUNTY SURVEYORS.

Contracts for a term of one year, from 1st April, 1913.

- No. 1. To repair Ardee Courthouse, £12—Approved.
 No. 2. To repair Drogheda Courthouse, £40—Approved.

SPECIAL WORK.

- No. 3. To supply and fit 8 gas radiators in Drogheda Courthouse, £45 Approved.

- No. 4. To repair Dunany Pier, etc., cost not to exceed £500. £250 levied off County at Large; £250 contributed by the Dept. of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland ... Approved.

Contracts for a term of one year, from 1st April, 1913.

- No. 5. To repair the County Courthouse, Dundalk, £30 ... Approved.
 No. 5a. To pay half the cost of Steam Road Rolling in the three Rural Districts from which the Urban Councils are exempt ... Approved.
 No. 6. To supply on carts in merchants yards Best Scotch Coal (screened) as required for use of Road Rollers ... Approved.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

- No. 7. To supply Printing and Stationery for County purposes for one year, including the Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors and Registration Acts. (Confined to the County Louth Printers) ... Approved.
 No. 8. To supply for one year, from the 1st of April, 1913, Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk Courthouses with Best Wigan, Whitehaven, Maryport, or Orrel Coal, at £ per ton, delivered. Contractor to supply Coke, Bogwood, Firelighting Materials at market prices, as required Approved.

No. 9. To prepare the Courts and Court-rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions, and Revision Sessions in County Court-house for one year, from 1st April, 1913.
Not to exceed £15 Approved.

No. 10. To insert the County Advertisements, etc., in one Dundalk and Drogheda Paper for one year, from 1st April, 1913.
Not to exceed 3d. per line Approved.



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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.

Other Members—Messrs. Wm. Woods, J.P. ; James Wynne, P. Byrne, J.P. ; J. Connolly, J.P. ; B. Hamill, J.P. J. M. Johnson, P. O'Connell, J. H. M'Ardele. D. O'Connell, Solicitor, was also in attendance.

The following payments in connection with the Secretary's Office were examined and ordered for payment :—

The Receiver of Wrecks, Newry, Burial Carcases ..	£0 2 6
Martha Shortt, Board, &c., L. Branigan ..	3 11 0
Margaret Murray, Board, etc., H. Rogan ..	1 16 0
Mathew McGahan	3 0 0
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	£8 9 6

County Surveyor's Office:—

James M'Adorey ..	£2 10 6
T. Williamson ..	2 2 6
P. Rice ..	3 14 0
P. Curtis ..	17 18 0
Frank M'Dermott ..	1 6 0
P. Kinaghan ..	1 1 8
J. M'Cartney ..	0 19 0
R. Gogarty ..	0 19 0
L. Conlon ..	20 0 0
P. Boyle ..	10 0 0
J. Mullen ..	3 0 0
T. M'Donald ..	2 0 0
J. Carroll ..	14 0 0
James Durnin ..	1 6 0
James Toris ..	2 0 0
	<hr/> £82 16 8

CORRESPONDENCE.

CLERMONT PARK, DUNDALK,

13th January, 1913.

SIR,—A pony belonging to me took ill about 10 days ago, and some of the men about the place told the Sergeant at Blackrock. He came to see it; he spoke to me and told me it was the mange it had, and compelled me to get it shot that evening, Thursday last 9th inst. It was the only little pony I had, and it places me at a great inconvenience to be without one. I hope you may be able to get me the value of it, which was I am sure about £5 or 6*l.*, so that I may be able to get one very soon which I cannot do without.

An answer as soon as is convenient will oblige.

Yours respectfully,

LIZZIE CALLAN.

No order made.

DROGHEDA RURAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CO. LOUTH
LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE,

CLERK'S OFFICE, DROGHEDA UNION,

18th January, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—Mr. Charles Markey, J.P., Glaspistol Clogherhead, having resigned his membership of this Sub-Committee, I am directed to recommend the appointment in his place of Mr. Laurence Murphy, D.C., Painstown, Togher, Dunleer.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BRADY,

Clerk of Sub-Committee.

The matter was referred to County Council.

Re ANNAGASSAN PIER ORDER.

17, FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

10th January, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—Referring to my letter of the 20th ult., I enclose you copy of my Parliamentary Agents account, amounting to £248 6s. 4d., which I have settled by a payment of £228 12s. 6d. In addition to this sum I have already paid out large amounts to over £100 in reference to the above, making the total outlay paid by me to date more than £328 12s. 6d.

You might kindly bring this account before your next Financial Meeting, and give me notice when same will be held, so that I can attend.

Yours truly,

JAMES H. MURPHY.

Recommended that Mr. Murphy be paid a sum of £200, in accordance with former resolution of Council.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,
17th January, 1913.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEMES.
Financial Arrangements.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they learn from their Medical Inspectors who have been in communication with County Councils on the subject of the schemes which are in course of preparation for the establishment of Dispensaries and Sanatoria, that while the Councils are fully alive to their powers under Part II. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, they are reluctant to bind themselves to any final financial undertakings in connection with Sanatorium benefit under the National Insurance Act until they have some more definite idea of the burdens in respect of maintenance and administration expenses for which they may render the ratepayers annually liable if they enter into arrangements with Insurance Committees for institutional or domiciliary treatment of insured persons and their dependants suffering from tuberculosis.

The Board, therefore, deem it well to explain, for the information of the County Councils, the Insurance Committees, and the County Councils in regard to the maintenance charges which may be imposed by the provision of treatment for persons suffering from tuberculosis in each county.

This is clearly set out in a letter from the Chancellor of the Exchequer to Mr. Hobhouse on the 31st July last, in which the following paragraph occurs which covers the case of Ireland :—

“ Under the Insurance Act an annual sum of about one million is provided for the treatment of insured persons. While the Bill was passing through Parliament provisions were inserted for extending sanatorium benefit to dependants of insured, and in view of this the Government consented to bear one-half of any deficit in regard to sanatorium benefit where local authorities undertook the other half. It is now urged that

schemes for the treatment of tuberculosis should relate to the whole community, and that generally they should be organised and carried out by the councils of counties and county boroughs. This extension involves additional outlay, and in view of this the Government have decided to place at the disposal of the Local Government Boards of the three kingdoms annually a sum of money which will represent approximately half the total estimated cost of treating the non-insured persons as well as the dependants of insured persons. This money will be distributed by the Local Government Boards, in pursuance of regulations to be made by those Departments, to local authorities which undertake schemes, to be approved by the Departments, for the general treatment of tuberculosis in their areas; and provision will be made accordingly for these grants in the Estimates of the three departments.

“ As regards the cost of treating insured persons, the sum already provided under the Insurance Act, which, as I have already stated, is about one million pounds, can only pass to local authorities in pursuance of agreements made between them and insurance committees. But I have no doubt that insurance committees generally will be anxious to deal with the local authority of their area, and the Association may rest assured that the Government will do all in their power to secure this.”

The annual sum of one million above referred to as being provided for the treatment of insured persons represents the estimated produce of the contribution of 1s. 3d. from insured persons under Section 16 (2) of the National Insurance Act. Ireland's share of this sum will accordingly depend upon the number of insured persons in each county.

The County Councils will also observe from the foregoing letter that not only does the guarantee of the Treasury extend to payment of one-half of the net cost of the treatment of tuberculosis when undertaken by the County Councils by arrangement with Insurance Committees on behalf of insured persons and their dependants, after deducting the amount contributed by the Insurance Committee, but, furthermore, where Irish County Councils have taken or take measures under the tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act for the treatment of the disease among the inhabitants of the county generally, whether insured persons or otherwise,

the whole of the net expenses chargeable upon the rates under the Act may be pooled and one-half of the total sum incurred with the Board's sanction may be defrayed from the Treasury Maintenance Grant provided the statutory procedure is observed.

The County Councils will see at a glance that this is an enormous concession, and one which they should be quick to take advantage of by pressing forward the completion of their schemes for Dispensaries and Sanatoria which have been before them for the last few months, and also by making arrangements with the Insurance Committees for the treatment of insured persons and their dependants.

The Councils will, of course, understand that this grant-in-aid is an annual subsidy and quite apart from and in addition to the £145,000 provided under the Finance Act, 1911, for the establishment of Sanatoria and Dispensaries now about to be distributed in accordance with the principles laid down in the Board's circular of 27th August last.

At the same time, it will be noted that the two grants though distinct are connecting links in the Government scheme, the £145,000 being applicable to the capital cost, and the annual grant defraying one-half of the net cost in respect of the salaries of officers, establishment expenses and upkeep of the institutions and the treatment of patients therein, for which the County Councils would otherwise be liable.

In preparing their estimate of their probable liabilities the County Council would no doubt be able to obtain from the Annual Reports of the Registrar-General some statistics of the number of cases of tuberculosis in each county which might form a basis for their estimate of the year's expenditure. The Board also understand that at an early date the Insurance Commissioners may be able to give them an estimate of the amount of the Insurance fund which may be available in each county. The National Insurance Act requires that Insurance

Committees should be primarily responsible for seeing that insured persons, and any class of the dependants of insured persons to whom they have extended sanatorium benefit, receive the appropriate treatment, and this responsibility necessarily remains under the system now proposed.

Subject, however, to this responsibility, it is competent for the Insurance Committees, with the consent of the Insurance Commissioners, to enter into arrangements with local authorities for providing treatment and to pay over the sums available under the Act for the purposes of such treatment. The Council will observe that the Chancellor of the Exchequer in his letter to Mr. Hobhouse expressed the opinion that the Insurance Committees would be anxious to deal with the local authority of their areas and he undertook that the Government would do all in their power to secure that this should be done.

Having regard to all the foregoing considerations and to the immeasurable benefits which may accrue to persons suffering from tuberculosis in Ireland by taking the fullest advantage of the Treasury Grant, the County Councils would, in the Board's opinion, be well advised to levy a rate of 1d. in the Pound for the coming year's expenditure under the Tuberculosis Act.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, *Assistant Sec.*

A deputation consisting of Messrs. Hughes and Peter M'Donnell, Rate Collectors, waited on the Committee relative to the following letter from the Local Government Board.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

18th December, 1912.

SIR,—With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Louth for the period ended the 30th of September, 1912, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the list, herewith, and to state that the Rulings of the Board are duly stamped thereon.

In the case of item 2426 on Collector John Kelly's list, the Board assume that the Rate in the case of No. 2427 has been duly collected and lodged.

Item 165 on Collector Patrick M'Cullough's lists has been excepted from the Board's approval, the receipt in this case having been altered. The Board have also disallowed 2s. 6d. the cost of a decree included in the amount of 5s. 7d. appearing in column 12 opposite item 2793 on Collector Patrick M'Donnell's lists. Such charges should not appear on the Schedules of Uncollected Rates.

Item 5381 on Collector John Wood's lists has also been excepted from approval. Fuller information regarding the period of vacancy and the present occupiers, if any, should be given in this case.

With reference to Collector M'Cullough's second list (amount £42 12s. 9d.) the Board desire me to point out that if, as stated in your communication of the 29th ultimo, the Estate has been sold in Court, it would appear that on proper representations being made the Collector would no doubt be paid the amount of rates and arrears due, which, from the information before the Board, appears to be a personal debt due to the Collector and recoverable as such by him.

The Board presume that the original receipts for these rates are still in existence and in your possession

or in that of the Collector. In the former eventuality the receipts might be handed to the Collector to enable him to obtain payment.

The Board have also excepted from their approval, pending further satisfactory explanation, the several items appearing throughout the lists in regard to which no receipts have been furnished. With reference to those cases in which it is stated that the receipts were given when the portion of rates concerning land was paid, I am to state that the Board are unable to approve of these items, as in the absence of the receipts there is no evidence to show that the amounts appearing in column 12 of the lists represent the actual balance remaining over after the land portion of the original rating had been paid.

I am, at the same time, to point out that the Rulings of the Board have been given on the assumption that the information contained in the several lists is in all respects accurate, and must not, therefore, be regarded as interfering with the jurisdiction of the Auditor in case for any cause he should at audit find it necessary to deal otherwise with any item or items.

With reference to certain cases throughout the lists, e.g., items 4809, 4860, &c., on Collector John Wood's lists in which though part payment of the original rating appears to have been made yet the original receipt remains attached to the lists, the Board desire me to request that the procedure outlined in the last three paragraphs of their Letter of the 5th of June last may be followed in future, otherwise the items involved will be liable to disallowance.

The receipts of Collectors Patrick Hughes and Patrick Cluskey have been furnished in disorder, and I am to draw your attention to the last paragraph of the Board's Letter of the 7th December, 1911, No. 140/M/1911, and to request that in future all the receipts may be

furnished filed in the same order as the corresponding items appearing on the lists.

The Board observe that many items throughout the lists are proposed to be struck off as irrecoverable on account of poverty, and I am to point out that a Collector is only entitled at the end of the half-year ended the 30th September to claim a refund in respect of rates which are strictly irrecoverable. The amounts of such items therefore should appear in future in column 14 of the lists, so that they may be recovered during the currency of the second half-year of the yearly rate.

I am also to point out that items respecting vacant houses appearing in the arrear lists for the half-year ended the 30th of September should not be struck off as irrecoverable except where the houses in question were vacant at the time the rate was made and remained unoccupied throughout the whole of the period claimed for.

A Summary of the enclosed lists should be forthwith furnished to this Office. A supply of forms is sent herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to pay to the Collectors the full amount returned on the arrear sheets for half-year ended 30th September last, and that in reference to cases where the Local Government Board refuse to take a split receipt where only part is paid, that the Secretary be directed to provide an interim receipt.

Proposed by Mr. P. Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P.,

Resolved—That we recommend the County Council to pay to the Rate Collectors the full amount of poundage or remuneration due in respect of the first moiety of their collection lodged on 31st October last.

On the application of Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, the Committee recommend that an appeal be lodged in the Criminal Injury Claims at Redbarns.

Mr. Patrick Byrne drew attention to flooding of a cottage at Haynestown Railway Bridge, caused by water flowing from railway line on to the public road. Mr. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, was directed to inspect the place and report to next meeting of County Council.

COUNTY LOUTH SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 20th day of January, 1913:

Present :—

In the Chair—Mr. J. Connolly, J.P.

Other Members—P. O'Connell and Jos. T. Dolan.

It was resolved to submit for approval to the County Council the following Scheme for Scholarships for the ensuing year :—

CONDITIONS OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1913.

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, 1913 to June, 1914, and renewable for the two succeeding years, and for a fourth year if the Student follows a Course of Agriculture, or in Industrial or Commercial Science. The Scholarships will be open for Competition 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, or whose parents or guardians have at any time within the last twenty years been resident in the County for six years.

- (2). Who satisfy the County Council that they are in need of assistance—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 1913—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 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 1913, and attend regularly the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or other residence approved by the County Council and the College authorities.

The College fees and maintenance 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.

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 1913, and the Council shall meet to consider applications and award Scholarships, on

1913.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, 23rd January: Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, 27th February, 1913.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At their Meeting on Monday, 3rd February; Monday, 17th February; Monday, 3rd March; Tuesday, 18th March; Monday, 31st March; Monday, 14th April, 1913.

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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse, at one o'clock, on Thursday, 23rd January, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—William A. Doran, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Edward Goodman, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick Kearney, Charles A. Duffy, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, Joseph H. McArdle, Patrick Donegan, Thos. Maguire, Patrick O'Connell, and James McCarthy, J.P., Esquires.

The Minutes of the last meetings of the Council having been printed, and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P.

Resolved that the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meetings held on the following dates be, and are hereby adopted, viz.:—18th November, 1912; 25th November, 1912; 9th December, 1912; 23rd December, 1912; 6th January, 1913; 20th January, 1913.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee be adopted, with the exception of the following alteration — “Whose parents or guardians have been resident in the County Louth for the past three years.”

On the motion of Mr. Goodman the Council sanctioned a rate of $\frac{1}{4}$ d. in the £, to be levied off the entire county.

ARDEE No. 1 PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. P. Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. J. Dolan,

Resolved that the proposal for payment formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 7th January, 1913, amounting to £836 6s 8d, as set out on Form No. 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Thomas Maguire, and

Resolved—That proposals for payments formulated by the Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Council at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Thursday, the 9th day of January, 1913, amounting to £596 16s. 11d. as set out on Form No. 22, furnished to the County Council be, and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Charles A. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Kearney, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural Council at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 13th day of January, 1913, amounting to £1,185 9s. 6d., as set out on Form No. 22, furnished to the County Council be, and are hereby approved of.

COUNTY AT LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Charles A. Duffy, J.P., and

Resolved—That proposals for payment formulated by the Proposal Committee at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 6th day of January, 1913, amounting to £2,984 4s. 4d., as set out on Form No. 22, furnished to the Council be, and are hereby approved of.

Dates of next QUARTERLY Meetings.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Charles Duffy, 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 and the Proposal Committee—Ardee No. 1, Tuesday, 1st April, 1913; Drogheda (Louth), Thursday, 10th April, 1913; Dundalk, Monday, 7th April, 1913.

The last day for lodging Notices for District Councils will be Friday, 11th March, 1913. The Proposal Committee will meet on Monday, 7th April, 1913. The last day for lodging applications for the Proposal Committee will be Saturday, the 19th March, 1913.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

County Surveyor's Office,

Dundalk,

23rd January, 1913.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

As directed by the Finance Committee on Monday last, I inspected the road at Clermont Bridge, at Heynestown. The road is flooded under the bridge owing to a gullet crossing the County road being broken down and partly choked. The gullet carries the drainage of the railway embankment, and appears to be a work constructed by the Railway Company, and should, I presume, be maintained by them. I have reported the matter to the resident engineer.

(2.) The road-roller was idle two days (13th and 14th instant) owing to the driver being summoned to attend Quarter Sessions as a witness. I asked the solicitor to pay the hire and flagman's wages, 18s. 4d. I have not received a reply.

(3.) I beg to recommend that consent be given by a resolution to the erection of overhead Telegraphic lines along the public road to the gate-lodge of Ballymscanlon House, to the junction with the Dundalk Newry road, and from the crossroads at Ravensdale, to Ravensdale lodge.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

J. M. C. LYONS.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, and

Resolved—That the Report of Mr. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, as now read, be adopted by this Council, and that the matter relating to Heynestown bridge be referred to our solicitor.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Office of Public Works, Dublin,

23rd December, 1912.

SIR,—In reply to your letter of 12th instant on the subject of Gyles' Quay Coastguard Station, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to inform you that the lifeboat-house was built entirely at the expense of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and that the Crown have had no interest in it. It is understood that when the site of the Coastguard Station was surrendered to the landlord by the Admiralty, arrangements were made with the landlord by the Institution, for the future occupation by them of the lifeboat house, which stands on a portion of the Coastguard Station site.

It will be seen that the ownership of the lifeboat house is a matter quite distinct from that of the boat-slip.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

W. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Francis Street, Dundalk,

2nd January, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—With reference to the matter of Gyles' Quay lifeboat house and the boat-slip, which was referred to me on the report of the Harbour Constable, the Council is doubtless aware that the Gyles Quay Coastguard Station was closed, and surrendered by the Admiralty to

the landlord, St. Clair E. M. Stobart, in the year 1905. The boat-slip is not included in the premises so surrendered, it was built at the joint expense of the Crown and Royal National Lifeboat Institution about 1877. Certain pier and harbour works, viz. :—A pier, consisting of a wharf and stone parapet and sloping, escarpment, &c., with excavation of the harbour were executed by the Commissioners of Public Works, under the sea Fisheries' Act, and transferred to the Grand Jury in 1879, it does not appear that the boat-slip in question was included in the transfer, but if the Council desire to have it transferred to them now, I am sure it can be done without any delay. The lifeboat house was built entirely at the expense of the Royal National Lifeboat Institution, and the Crown have no interest in it.

It was understood when the site of the Coastguard Station was surrendered to the landlord by the Admiralty, arrangements were made with the landlord, by the Institution, for the future occupation by them of the lifeboat house, which stands on a portion of the Coastguard Station site.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Sec. Louth Co. Council.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

22nd January, 1913.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 15th instant, enclosing a copy of a scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis provisionally adopted by the Louth County Council. In reply, the Board think it well to advert to their letter of the 27th November last, from which the County Council will see that the cost of the

The Secretary having transmitted to the Local Government Board the following Scheme for the Treatment of the Tuberculous Population of County Louth, provisionally adopted by the Louth Co. Council, 28th November, 1912, and amended at a Special Meeting on 9th January, 1913, under the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act (1908), Finance Act (1911), and the National Insurance Act (1911).

RECEIPTS.		CAPITAL EXPENDITURE.	
Minimum Treasury Grant	.. .. £1783 0 0	Purchase of 12 Beds in Peamount (six for Insured and six for Uninsured persons)	.. .. £840 0 0
		Central Dispensary, Six Observation Beds	.. .. 900 0 0
		Drogheda Dispensary	.. .. 100 0 0
		Ardee do.	.. .. 25 0 0
		Carlingford do.	.. .. 25 0 0
		Eight Shelters	.. .. 110 0 0
			£2000 0 0
ESTIMATED ANNUAL RECEIPTS.		ESTIMATED EXPENDITURE.	
Number of Insured Persons at 1/2 per annum	£750 0 0	Rent of Dispensaries,	.. .. £50 0 0
id. Rate, £1000	2000 0 0	Medical Officers Salary & Travelling Expense	.. .. 500 0 0
Treasury, £1000		Mr. V. Warren, Clerk for Central Dispensary	.. .. 50 0 0
		Salary, 2 Nurses and 1 Servant	.. .. 130 0 0
		Nurses Travelling Expenses	.. .. 25 0 0
		Maintenance of same, including fire and light	.. .. 104 0 0
		Part-time Nurses	.. .. 80 0 0
		Maintenance of Patients	.. .. 312 0 0
		Maintenance of Patients in Peamount	.. .. 624 0 0
		Patients' travelling expenses	.. .. 30 0 0
		Surgical Treatment and Drugs	.. .. 100 0 0
		Balance, to be expended on Domiciliary and other forms of treatment as the Council directs	745 0 0
	£2750 0 0		£2750 0 0

twelve beds to be acquired at Peamount Sanatorium, at £70 a bed, is to be regarded as an approximate estimate, and that the ultimate liability of the County Council cannot be determined until the Institution has been completed.

While the Board generally approve of the scheme, they would point out that no provision appears to have been made for the isolation and treatment of patients in the advanced stages of Tuberculosis.

As the present estimate is the first of its kind prepared by the County Council, the entries can only be regarded as an outline of the probable cost of the scheme, and although the Board could not accept all the items in the Revenue account, still they consider it wiser to defer a detailed examination of the figures, until the scheme has been in operation for some time, and particulars of the actual cost are available.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,
Seconded by Mr. Joseph H. McArdle, and

Resolved—That the sums sanctioned by the Local Government Board, set out as irrecoverable, be paid to our rate collectors, and also the poundage fees, as sanctioned by the Local Government Board.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph H. McArdle,
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the necessary steps be taken by our solicitor to have the Slip at Gyles' Quay vested in the County Council.

Proposed by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and

Resolved—That we appeal against the decision of the County Court Judge in the case of alleged malicious injury of Miss Robson's Red Barn.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Louth County Council, at their meeting held on the 23rd instant.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That we congratulate Mr. John E. Redmond, and his faithful colleagues of the Irish Party, on the splendid result of their strenuous and persevering efforts in the Home Rule cause, and that we rejoice in the hope that at length we are within reach of a settlement of the National demand, that should be satisfactory alike to the Irish and British Democracies. That we express our thanks to Mr. A. Roche, the popular representative of North Louth, for his services to his constituents on all questions local and National.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, beg to place on record our determination not to accept the Birrell grant for Secondary School Scholarships under the conditions sought to be imposed, viz., allowing the students, after their three years' Intermediate course, to pass into the University without further examination, and without satisfying the County Council as to their general attainments, particularly in Irish; also allowing them to choose University.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 27th day of February, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Callan, James Connolly, J.P.; William A. Doran, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, James Halfpenny, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Joseph H. McArdle, Joseph M. Johnson, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting on 27th February, 1913.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

There are 49 Road Maintenance Contracts to be renewed from 1st April next—27 in Ardee District, and 22 in Drogheda District. Forty-six new contracts have been made, subject to your approval; 36 for a term of five years and 10 (where the roads have been partly steam rolled) for a term of three years.

The amount allowed in Ardee District for 27 contracts was £1,543 6s. 8d. per annum, which was reduced to £1,408 4s. 11d. on tendering.

In Drogheda District the amount allowed was £758 4s. 8d. per annum, which was reduced to £647 3s. 2d. on tendering.

A steam roller clause has been inserted in the Specification on all important roads now under consideration,

and contractors should understand that only the soundest stone will be paid for. In some instances inferior stone has been supplied by contractors, and where detected, money has been deferred or struck off. Good road metal is the essential for good roads, and no amount of extra labour will make a good road where soft material has been laid down.

During the year the following contractor failed to carry out his contract, which has been taken up by me in accordance with clause 21 of the Specification. I beg to recommend that this contract be cancelled, and a new contract is now applied for :—

No. 6, Philip Finlay, Dundalk to Drumconrath.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES DROMGOOLE,
Acting County Surveyor.

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DUNDALK DISTRICT
COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.

At the fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting on 27th
February, 1913.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

1. The Dundalk Rural District Council propose to renew thirty-nine Road Maintenance contracts, nearly all of which have been set by contract, subject to your approval. Competition for contracts at the Adjourned Meeting was quite up to the average, the amount at which the roads were taken being eleven per cent. below the amount allowed, and three per cent. less than the amount at which the same roads were set five years ago.

2. Applications for Special Works to the amount of £948 10s. 0d. were also considered, but new works representing only £427 were passed. Of these the most important is a Provisional Proposal for a new line of road through Carrickaleagh, at an estimate cost of £360, which is not to be formally considered now; the other works are necessary road buildings.

3. The supply of road metal (trap rock) from the Ballymakellet district, &c., to roads in the vicinity of Dundalk has been rather protracted during the past season, and as the quantity of this stone required for next October will be greater, facilities for increasing the output from quarries are most necessary. I beg to suggest that a stone-breaker be purchased for this purpose.

4. Recent references in the press to the Road Board funds show that about forty-five per cent. of the total amount allocated to Ireland, up to March 31st last, has been accepted. A re-distribution of the amounts allotted to the several counties, and not claimed, is now proposed.

5. It is to be feared that the two years' allowance marked for Louth, amounting to £2,400, may be diverted and accepted by other counties unless immediate steps are taken to qualify for a grant; and with this object in view, I would suggest that the Roads' Committee be asked to take this matter up and formulate a proposal, to be prosecuted, and I hope, to a successful issue.

6. I would also ask you to authorise the hire of a second road-roller for Dundalk district for a few months. It will entail no additional cost; your solicitor to carry out the legal formalities.

7. During the past year ten road contractors have failed to carry out their contracts, and the roads have been taken up in accordance with clause No. 21 of the specification.

The following are the contracts referred to, and I beg to recommend that the contracts be cancelled. New contracts are now applied for:—

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

- No. 282, John McCann, 824 perches, Dundalk to Newry.
 No. 313, Arthur Hanlon, 1,005 perches, Carlingford to Whitestown.
 No. 350, Bernard McBride, 513 perches, Dundalk to Blackrock.
 No. 356, Patrick Belton, 483 perches, Knockbridge to Corderry.
 No. 381, Owen McCann, 1,070 perches, Ravensdale to Newry.
 No. 389, Michael Reilly, 989 perches, Dundalk to Dunleer.
 No. 419, Bernard Boyle, 993, Grange to Whitestown.
 No. 470, Bernard McKenna, 1,007 perches, Carrickmacross to Blackrock.
 No. 471, Peter Kerr, 833 perches, Dundalk to Carrickmacross.
 No. 474, Michael Reilly, 838 perches, Commons to Wottonstown.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

Acting County Surveyor

The following supplementary Report from the Acting County Surveyor, Mr. John M. C. Lyons, was also submitted to the Council.

On Tuesday last, 25th instant, I found workmen excavating for foundations of a new building, inside Carlingford Harbour.

The building, I understand, is being erected by Carlingford Lough Commissioners. I saw captain Doran, who appears to be superintending the work; and he informs me permission has been obtained from the Board of Trade.

The new building being inside your harbour, and appropriating about 30 feet of a part of the pier, which could be used by fishing boats, I beg to recommend that your solicitor be instructed to take proceedings against the Carlingford Lough Commissioners. Mr. Wilson, of Warrenpoint, is the contractor.

Proceedings have been instituted by order of the Finance Committee, against the reputed owner of a new building, inside 30 feet of the centre of the county road at Blackrock.

The case was entered for Friday last, but adjourned at the request of the defendant's solicitor; an undertaking being given that work would cease pending the trial, but the road contractor has reported that some work has been done since.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

Acting County Surveyor

In deference to the request of Mr. C. MacMahon, solicitor, the Chairman and Council proceeded to consider the matter of the alleged encroachment of the house now being built by Mrs. Walls, at Blackrock, which the Acting

County Surveyor, Mr. J. M. C. Lyons, states is not the statutory 30 feet from the centre of the public road.

After considerable discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the two Rural District Councillors representing the district, and also to Mr. T. J. Byrne, J.P., the County Councillor representing the Haggardstown Electoral Division, for consideration and report.

The following matters arising out of the Acting County Surveyor's Report, Mr. J. M. C. Lyons, were referred to the Finance Committee, and to the Council's solicitor.

SUPPLEMENTARY REPORT.

Paragraph (1).—Referred to the Council's Solicitor to take such action as he may deem necessary.

Paragraphs (3) and (4), as appearing in printed schedule, referred to the Finance Committee, as was also paragraph (5) with reference to the Road Board grant.

Respecting paragraph (6)—*i.e.*, the hire of an additional steam roller—the Council authorised the Acting County Surveyor to do so.

On the motion of Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., the following resolution was agreed to:—

Resolved—That in each of the following cases of expired contracts the Acting County Surveyors be directed to take up the work and that the balances be expended in removing accumulations of mud.—Deferred March, 1912.

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

£5.—345 Owen M'Kenna, jun., 320 perches, Dundalk to Louth.

£3.—346 Patrick Brennan, 372 perches, Dundalk to Louth.

£10.—351 Patrick Mathews, 426 perches, Dundalk to Castleblayney.

£3.—365 Patrick M'Gee, 483 perches, Knockbridge to Corderry.

SPECIAL WORK.

Owen Rice, 264 perches fourth class road by Ballynamaghery—£9 value.

Proposed by Mr. Hamill, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P.

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 and the Proposal Committee.

CONTRACTS.

PARTICULARS—

COUNTY AT LARGE.

No. 1—To make 40 Perches of a New Line of Road between the entrance to Mr. King's Mill Premises and the proposed New Pier at Annagassan.—Not to exceed £80.

No. 1A—To repair Ardee Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1913—Not to exceed £12.

No. 3—To supply and fit 8 Gas Radiators in Drogheda Courthouse.—Not to exceed £45.

ARDEE No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 178—To maintain for Five Years, from 1st April, 1913, 261 Perches of the Road from Drogheda to Dundalk, by Mosstown Graveyard, between the Collon and Dunleer Roads and Rathescar New Line.—Not to exceed £5 8s. 9d. per annum.

- No. 196.—To maintain for Three Years, from 1st April, 1913, 1165 Perches of the Road from Ardee to Drogheda, by Collon, between Whiteriver Bridge and Monasterboice Avenue Gate.—Not to exceed £145 12s. 6d. per annum.
- No. 197.—To maintain for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, 274 Perches of the Road from Miss Bride's house on the road leading from Kearney's Cross to Braganstown and Stabannon Chapel, on the road leading from Kearney's Cross to Ardee.—Not to exceed £6 17s. 0d.

SPECIAL WORK.

- No. 198.—To lay 30 Yards of 6-inch Bore Earthenware Pipe along the footpath between the entrance to the Chapel and the National Schools in Dunleer.—Not to exceed £2 15s. 0d.

DROGHEDA (LOUTH) DISTRICT.

- No 11.—To maintain for Five Years, from 1st April, 1913, 312 Perches of the Road from Togher to Dunany, between Mr. King's Mill and District Boundary at Dunany Glebe.—Not to exceed £5 4s. 0d. per annum.
- No. 25.—To make 576 Perches of New Road, Castlelumney and Rathdaniel, from Mr. Peter Matthews's house on the Drogheda Road to Richard Campbell's house on the Collon Road; to be completed 31st March, 1914.—Not to exceed £150.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

- No. 3.—To repair the Sidewalk at the entrance to Louth Chapel.—Not to exceed £10.
- No. 6.—To re-build the Gullet under the County Road between the lands of Mr. Thomas Kinahan and Mrs. Neary at Whiterath.—Not to exceed £10.
- No. 10.—To maintain for Five Years, from 1st April, 1913, 824 Perches of Road, Dundalk to Newry, between the bounds of the Barony at M'Kinley's Forge and the Mearing of Louth and Armagh, at Claretrock.—Not to exceed £58 7s. 4d. per annum.
- No. 18.—To maintain for Five Years, from 1st April, 1913, 428 Perches, Dundalk to Castlebellingham, between the Road to Haggardstown Graveyard and Lurgangreen Bridge.—Not to exceed £107 per annum.

- No. 44.—To maintain for Three Years, from 1st April, 1913, 510 Perches Laneway, St. James' Well, Greenore, to the County Road at Ballagan Shore.—Not to exceed £19 2s. 6d. per annum.
- No. 51.—To provide and lay a 4-Inch Diameter Pipe on the road from Dundalk to Forkhill, between the turn to Roskeagh and Kilocurry Post Office.—Cost not to exceed £6.

COUNTY AT LARGE CONTRACTS.

With respect to these contracts no Tenders were received, and they were consequently placed in charge of the Acting County Surveyors.

Regarding the remaining contracts, the Council accepted the lowest tender in each case when found in conformity with the Secretary's advertisement.

The following is a list of the tenders accepted:—

No. 196—	John Halpin, Collin	... £140 15 0
No. 3 (Dundalk)—	Michael Byrne, Corcreagh	9 18 0
No. 6 do.	Patrick M'Connon, Newrath	9 9 0
No. 10 do.	C. M'Allister, Dundalk	56 6 10
No. 18 do.	John H. Murphy, Dundalk	92 15 0
No. 51 do.	Terence Muckian, Dundalk	6 0 0

The Council then passed the undermentioned resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. William A. Doran, J.P., and

Resolved—That all works not taken by contract be placed in charge of the Acting County Surveyors excepting Castlelumley new road.

LIST OF WORKS FORMULATED BY RURAL
DISTRICT COUNCILS AND THE PROPOSAL
COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. William A. Doran, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr. William A. Doran, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr. William Woods, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. James Wynne.

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on Monday, 6th January, 1913, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

CONSIDERATION OF ESTIMATE OF RATES IN
RESPECT OF THE ENSUING FINANCIAL
YEAR.

Before proceeding to discuss the annual Estimate of Rates in respect of the ensuing financial year, the Chairman read the following telegram from the Drogheda Councillors:—

Chairman, County Council,

Courthouse, Dundalk.

Unavoidably absent; strongly protest against advance on district rate — Donegan, Rath, Kelly, McCarthy, McKeown—reduce threepence.

There was very considerable discussion over the matter, and finally the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution:

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Callan, and

Resolved—That the Rates, as set out in the Secretary's estimate in Drogheda and Dundalk, be reduced by 2d. in the £, and by 1d. in the £ in Ardee district, and that in all other respects the estimate be adopted by the Council.

The following resolution was then passed by the Council—

On the motion of Mr. James Wynne,

Seconded by Mr. William Woods, J.P., it was

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee on the 17th February last, be, and is hereby adopted by this Council, that is—allowing Mr. Joseph Loudon the sum of £12 10s. 0d. for the services rendered by him.

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CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from Dr. J. A. McQuillan, was read.

February, 20th, 1913

DEAR SIR,—I would be glad if you please let me know when the next meeting of the County Council takes place.

I would also like to remind you that I was provisionally sanctioned by the Local Government Board, early in November last, which sanction placed me under salary, and at that time I had to appoint a substitute to do my work while I was taking out the necessary course.

Dr. O'Connell has been doing the work since then, and of course I will have to pay him for doing so.

I hope to take up duty about the 1st March; hoping I am not giving you too much trouble.

I remain,

Sincerely yours,

J. A. McQUILLAN.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That we pay Dr. McQuillan up to the 31st December, in respect of his salary of £400 a year.

The following letter from Mr. M. Comerford, Town Clerk, Dundalk, was read, and referred to the Finance Committee, Dundalk Urban District Council.

—
20th February, 1913.

DEAR SIR,—At a meeting of the above Council held on the 11th inst., on a discussion on the Road Board Grant to the County Council of Louth, as to the Dundalk Urban Council's share. On the motion of Mr. Deery, seconded by Mr. O'Rourke, the following resolution was unanimously adopted:—

“That we call upon the County Council to apply for their share of the money available for the purposes of road maintenance, and that we call upon our Urban representatives, and the representatives of the adjoining Rural Districts to urge upon the County Council to push forward the claims of Dundalk, for its share already spent and recoverable for the past two years, and for the coming season.”

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Letter from the Secretary, Irish Lights' Office, Dublin, as under:—

22nd February, 1913.

SIR,—With reference to your letter of the 27th ultimo, I am directed by the Commissioners of Irish Lights to

state they do not disapprove of the suggestion to alter the Carlingford (old) Pier-head Light by replacing the existing lantern by a square lamp-head, with a red pane of glass, facing north, so as to give a red light over an arc equal, practically to the arc now opaque, and I hereby convey to the Louth County Council the Statutory sanction of the Commissioners of Irish Lights to the proposal.

I am to request that a draft Notice to Mariners on the subject may be submitted for the Commissioners' approval.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. N. CORLE,

Secretary.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, 3rd February, 1913, at One o'clock.

Present—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—William Woods, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Wynne, and James Connolly, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following payments which were examined and ordered for payment.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Joseph A. Carberry, D.I., R.I.C.	...	£6 12 9
H. E. Henderson, D.I., R.I.C.	...	2 14 9
Miss Margaret Murray per H. Rogan	...	1 16 0
Mrs. E. Madden per Mr. M'Dermott	...	3 8 0
Mathew M'Gahan, clerk	...	3 0 0
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COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

Peter Kinahan	...	£1 6 0
James M'Cartney	...	0 10 0
Richard Gogarty	...	0 10 0
James Durnin	...	1 6 0
Charles Dougherty & Co.	...	0 19 8
Patrick Boyle	...	5 0 0
Patrick Connolly	...	25 0 0
Frank M'Dermott	...	1 6 0
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TOTAL, £53 9 2

The Secretary's assistant, Mr. Finegan, applied for a months salary to end of January. In view of his illness and the fact that he was an insured person under the Insurance Act, payment was not ordered.

A paragraph in the Auditor's Report relating to the apportionments of the Returning Officer's Bill of Costs for last County Council Election was considered. This matter was postponed until next meeting of Committee, Mr. C. J. M'Gahon, the Returning Officer, to be requested to attend.

A deputation consisting of Messrs. T. Soraghan and P. J. Murphy, two members of the Dundalk Rural District Council, waited on the Committee and explained that a building was in course of erection for Mrs. Walls, along the public road and adjacent to the entrance to the beach, at Mr. Hamilton's Baths Blackrock. In view of the fact that this new building was within 30 feet of the centre of the public road, they asked that steps should be taken to have the Law on the subject enforced. The Committee resolved unanimously that the Acting County Surveyor, and the County Solicitor, be directed to take whatever legal proceedings were necessary to compel the party offending to keep the buildings the statutory distance from the centre of the public road.

3, Jocelyn Street, Dundalk,

25th January, 1913.

Arthur Agnew —Applicant.
Louth Co. Council—Respondents.

Dear Sir,

I should feel obliged if you will kindly let me have

cheque for £4 2s. 0d., amount of Decree which I obtained in this case last October, and which I duly notified you at the time.

Yours faithfully,

Maurice Molony.

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Sec. Louth Co. Council.

The above amount was postponed until after 1st April, 1913.

To the Secretary Louth Co. Council.

Derrygalley, Moy, Co. Tyrone,

27th January, 1913.

Re Omeath Park and Mansion.

Dear Sir,

In the event of the Louth County Council deciding to procure a Sanatorium for treatment of Consumptive Patients in their own County. On behalf of the owners of the above-named property, I beg to offer it as a very suitable *pro tem* object. It stands in its own ground, of about 60 Acres, and the House is in a commanding position, half-a-mile from, and overlooking Warrenpoint, and the Mourne mountains are in view. I should say that there is not a healthier spot in the County Louth, or more suited for residence of Consumptive Patients. The House could easily be adapted to the purpose of a Sanatorium.

Yours faithfully,

Lt. Col. G. S. Alexander.

The subject matter of the above letter was postponed.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 17th January, 1913.

Present—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Joseph H. McArdle, C. A. Duffy, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; James Wynne, Michael Meade, Patrick O'Connell, Bernard Hamill, J.P., and Joseph M. Johnson, Esquires.

The Acting Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the Acting County Surveyor's and the Secretary's Offices, which on examination was passed by the Committee. The Treasurer's authority amounted to the sum of £43 7s 0d.

The Annual Estimate of Rates in respect of the Financial year ending 31st March, 1914, was submitted, and after a short discussion it was ordered—"That the Estimate of Rates be printed and circulated among the members of the Council, with an explanatory table showing the Increase of the Rates in each district and the cause of same."

The Committee were unanimous in recommending an increase of £100 per annum, in respect to the County Council contribution to the Louth County Infirmary.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction as under—

15th February, 1913.

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence I have to transmit to you, herewith, for the consideration of the Louth County Council, a plan of the proposed works of improvement at Dunany. The geoyne will, no doubt, collect sand, &c. under its lee, and would do so if it extended out even twice as far as is shown in the plan. The Council should realise this, as the berthage will need clearing from time to time.

In connection with your letter of the 6th December last, would you be good enough to let me know the time, approximately, when the contribution of the Council will be available.

I am, &c.,

T. P. GILL, *Secretary.*

To the Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

The following communication from Messrs. Sheridan & Co., was next read :—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

10th February, 1913.

Dear Sir,

We understand your Council have been in correspondence with the Board of Works and the Life Boat

Institute, about the Life Boat House and slip, at Gyles Quay, acquired by our Mr. Mackay as his personal estate from the owner in Fee, and we have accordingly written to the Board of Works, and also to the Life Boat Institute, requesting them to explain the alleged claim, we are informed that a claim has been set up by one or either of these Corporate Bodies to this property.

We have also been consulted by some of the Fishermen from whom dues are sought to be collected by the authority of the Council for the use of the Quay, and we are to point out to you that if the County Council seek to continue this levy and to make the fishermen pay any dues whatsoever, they will have first to provide a proper and safe anchorage for the Boats sheltering in the Harbour, as we take it, even if the slip belonged to the Council, and that they had the right to allow boats to be hauled up over it to a place of safety, that a device of this kind, would not comply with the requirements of the Statute and the Bye-Laws as providing proper and safe anchorage for the boats, in respect of which toll could be collected.

We apprehend there are other difficulties the Council will also have to face, but it is premature for us now to deal with same.

Yours faithfully,

SHERIDAN & Co.

The Secretary, County Council, Dundalk.

The undermentioned communication from the Clerk, Richmond District Asylum, was read and referred to the County Council—

February 4th, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I am directed to forward you the following copy of

a resolution passed by the Joint Committee :—

That the Joint Committee request the County and Borough Councils of the District to call upon the Members of Parliament representing the District, to claim from the Chancellor of the Exchequer Surplus, such amount as will be sufficient to put the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account in a solvent condition, to enable it to pay arrears of Capitation Grants and other Statutory charges and to pay all future Statutory charges in full.

I inclose a Statement showing the amount of the Capitation Grant Claims as certified for the past three years, and the actual payments made on foot of same.

Yours faithfully,

H. F. MURPHY, *Chief Clerk.*

To The Secretary, Louth Co. Council.

33, Laurence Street, Drogheda.

Dear Sir,

I wish to apply for the salary due up to 21st of December, to my late husband, Doctor J. J. Byrne, coroner. As soon as Administration is taken out I will correspond with you.

Yours truly,

HARRIET BYRNE.

Ordered—That the balance of salary due the late Dr. Byrne, as set out in Mrs. Byrne's letter, be discharged by the County Council.

Letter from Mr. Joseph Loudon, as under :—

Dundalk,

17th February, 1912.

Mr. Chairmen & Gentlemen,

I beg leave to apply to you for some remuneration for extra work done during Mr. Finegan's late illness, for a long time before Mr. Finegan gave up, his health was in such a precarious state that he was unable to perform his portion of the office work, which fell into arrears; to wipe out this accumulation of work, I had to remain in the office every night until ten o'clock.

I might mention for the guidance of the Committee, that on a former occasion when Mr. Finegan was away from the office ill, two clerks were appointed to do his work at 30/- per week each, this time only one clerk was appointed, this item alone saved an expenditure of £27 10s. 0d.

I have every confidence the Committee will recommend to the County Council the amount they consider I am justly entitled to, as they have always done with any claim for extra work done for the Council.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Mr. Chairman & Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

J. LOUDON.

To The Chairman Finance Committee.

On the motion of Mr. B. Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. M. Meade, it was recommended—That Mr. Loudon be allowed a sum of £12 10s 0d.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 3rd day of March, 1913.

Present—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Edward Goodman, James Wynne, Patrick O'Connell, James Connolly, J.P.; and Michael Meade, Esquires. Messrs. Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, and the Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

The Acting County Surveyors submitted accounts for Works in their charge, and the Secretary for those in his office for which the Committee, after examination, ordered payment.

Steam Road Rolling—The following Statement by Mr. James Wynne was referred back from the County Council.

I beg to move that this Council adopt the Scheme of Road Rolling, under the Road Board Grant, and application be made to the Road Board for a *free grant* of one half the cost of purchasing fully equipped plant, and a further advance of the second half for five years free of interest.

The plant to consist of the following :—

2 Traction Engines, 6-horse single cylinder, pressure 180 lbs; delivered free Dundalk, at £403 15s. 0d. each	... £807 10 0
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2 Injector necessary extra at £8 15s. each	17	10	0
2 Steam Road Rollers, 12 tons, with Injectors, at £394 17s. 6d. each	789	15	0
2 Compensating Gear, necessary, delivered Dundalk, at £13 3s. 3d. each	26	6	6
1 Baxter Stone Breaker 14x8 or other approved maker, delivered Dundalk	180	0	0
1 Goodwin, Barsby & Co. Stone Breaker, 12x9, delivered Dundalk	160	0	0
2 Watering Carts, newest make, £34 each	68	0	0
4 Sleeping Vans at £60 each	240	0	0
2 Traction Waggon to carry 8 to 10 tons, at £120 each	240	0	0
2 Best Driving Belts, at £5 each	10	0	0
Sundries	10	0	0
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On the motion of Mr. James Wynne, seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., it was ordered—That the Statement as submitted by Mr. Wynne, with an accompanying letter from Acting County Surveyors, be forwarded to Road Board Authorities, and that the matter be left in the hands of the Acting County Surveyors; and further that the Acting County Surveyors apply on behalf of the Dundalk Urban District Council for their proportionate share of the Road Board Grant, in respect of Steam Rolling and Tarring in Dundalk Urban District—the sum in question being £158.

DROGHEDA CORONERSHIP.

Respecting this matter there was very considerable discussion, with the result that Committee ordered that the undermentioned letter be forthwith addressed to the Town Clerk of Drogheda.

Court House, Drogheda,

March 3rd, 1913.

Dear Sir,

The matter of the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. J. Byrne, late Coroner for Drogheda, was on reference from the County Council, the subject of consideration by the Finance Committee of this Council to-day, and I am directed to inform you that as at present advised, any appointment to this post rests with the Louth County Council.

Yours faithfully,

OSWALD HARDY,

Acting Secretary.

To J. B. Connolly, Esq., Court House, Drogheda.

The foregoing matter arose through the Secretary having received the following wire:—

To Filgate, Secretary County Council, Dundalk.

Corporation have on Agenda for Wednesday's Meeting, motion to arrange Election of Coroner for Drogheda, regret cannot attend your meeting to-day.—*From Elcock.*

The next matter on the Agenda was consideration of plans for

REPAIRS TO DUNANY PIER.

Very considerable discussion ensued respecting this matter, and finally the Committee were unanimous in arriving at the following decision, viz:—

That a Committee consisting of the following gentlemen be appointed a deputation to meet the Department's

Engineer—Mr. Oliver—for the purpose of consultation on the matter. Messrs. Michael Meade, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Denis J. Rath, Joseph M. Johnson; also the following local gentlemen—Rev. Peter Finigan, P.P.; Joseph Harmen, John Harmon, Stephen Segrave, and Mr. M'Dowell; the two Acting County Surveyors; Messrs. Lyons and Dromgoole were also to be present. Mean-time Secretary to ascertain what date will be suitable for the Department's Engineer to attend at Dunany.

The following correspondence was then submitted to the Committee—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

27th February, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to the preparation of your estimate to provide for the expenditure of the County during the next Financial Year, in connection with liability for Land Purchase, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates from the Irish Land Commission, and the Commissioners of National Debt, showing the actual arrears in Purchase Annuities, &c., under the Land Purchase Acts; and the Board are, therefore, in a position to state definitely, for the information of the County Council, that the amount which will be deducted in respect of the above liability, from the Estate or Death Duty Grant, payable in the County in the course of the next month, is a sum of £444 7s. 3d.

I am, sir, your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary of the Louth Co. Council.

Letter from the Council's Solicitor as under:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

3rd March, 1913.

Re CRIMINAL INJURY APPEALS.

Dear Sir,

I beg to report that the Decree of £855, in favour of Miss Selina Robson, and the Decree of £100, of Mr. George Gray, awarded by the County Court Judge in connection with the burning of property at Red Barns, were confirmed by Mr. Justice Boyd, at the Assizes just held. The area of levy to be the County at large.

The Decree of £14 15s. 0d. in favour of Mrs. Mary A. Hughes, for the burning of Stall at Market Square, was reversed by Lord Justice Cherry.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Sec. Louth County Council.

On the application of J. M. C. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, the Committee authorised him to hire a Steam Roller from Mr. H. R. Osborne, Drogheda.

Respecting Mr. D. O'Connell's letter as to the payment of Malicious Injury Decrees, the Committee ordered that the following Minute be made:—

The Decree—Selina Robson, been affirmed by the Judge of Assize, on the 1st March, may not be included in the estimate for the ensuing twelve months, which was considered and confirmed by the County Council, at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 27th February.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Tuesday, the 18th day of March, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and Joseph M. Johnston, Esquires. Also present—Messrs. Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Co. Council, and Dr. J. A. M'Quillan.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works, in charge of his office and those of the Acting County Surveyors, which on examination were passed by the Committee.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of letter from the Women's National Health Association which read as follows—

Peamount, Hazelhatch, Dublin,

11th March, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of Management of Peamount Sanatorium, to inform you that at a meeting held on Friday last, 7th instant, it was unanimously resolved that the following resolution should be sent to the County Councils who have not yet nominated their representatives, and request that such County Councils should do their utmost to appoint a representative, so that they

may be able to attend the next meeting, which was fixed for Wednesday, the 9th April, at Ely House, Dublin, at 3 o'clock p.m.

That Wednesday, the 9th April, be fixed for the transaction of business, including the appointment of the Resident Medical Officer, that notice be sent to those Co. Councils who have not yet nominated their representative, and request they would at once take steps to be represented at that meeting.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON.

On the motion of Mr. J. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Connell, it was unanimously recommended—

That Mr. Charles A. Duffy, J.P., of Seatown Place, Dundalk, be elected a member of the Committee in question, and that the Secretary address the undermentioned letter to the Hon. Sec., Sir William J. Thompson.

Secretary's Office, Dundalk,

18th March, 1913.

Dear Sir,

At a meeting of the Finance Committee of this Council held to-day, they unanimously decided to appoint the under-mentioned gentleman as their representative to attend your meeting to be held on Wednesday, the 9th of April, respecting the appointment of a Resident Medical Officer, by the Committee of Management of Peamount Sanatorium, viz :—Charles A. Duffy, Esq., J.P., Seatown Place, Dundalk.

The favour of an acknowledgment will be much esteemed.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. FILGATE, *Secretary.*

To Sir William J. Thompson, M.D., Dublin.

The following further communication from Sir William J. Thompson, was next read—

21st February, 1913.

Dear Mr. Warren,

I find very often when Patients return home from Peamount, that if they sleep in a shelter, they continue the benefit they have derived from being at the Sanatorium.

It has been reported to us that John Connolly and W. Cormack, are willing to use shelters if they could get them. The W.N.H.A. have shelters ready, and a County Council has the power to purchase them. I would feel greatly obliged if you would be so kind as to find out whether the County Louth County Council would supply the shelves for these men. The Shelters cost £13 each, this includes a bed, mattress, bolster and pillow.

Sorry to give you so much trouble, and thanking you in anticipation.

Yours very truly,

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON.

To Valentine Warren, Esq.

In connection with the foregoing letter, the following was also read—

Jocelyn Place,

March 13th, 1913.

Secretary, Co. Louth Insurance Committee.

Dear Sir,

I should feel obliged if you would kindly let me know whether the County Insurance Committee or the

County Council have power (pending the forming of Sanatorium and Care Committees, which I presume will be formed here, as elsewhere, in connection with the Tuberculosis Dispensary), to extend Home Treatment, viz. —Medicine and nourishment to non-insured persons on their return from Sanatoria. We have one such case at present of a patient who spent 10 weeks at Newcastle, paid for while there, by the local branch of the Women's National Health Association.

Since the patient's return, they have not been able (thro' want of means), to procure the necessary medicine, and nourishment required. Our Committee gave a small sum of money for this purpose, but unfortunately the means at our disposal will not permit us to give any further help at present, but we have another patient, who will also require looking after in this respect.

Apologising for troubling you.

I am, yours faithfully,

N. M'GINITY,

Hon. Sec., W.N.H.S.

Having discussed the subject matter of these letters it was proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnston, seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Connell, and recommended—

That the County Council procure, as a pattern, one shelter at £13, and one to be made by a local tradesman, and further that the shelter be given to the patient Cassidy and meantime Dr. M'Quillan to visit him at his home, and ascertain whether he is a fit person for a shelter.

The Committee on the recommendation of Doctor M'Quillan decided to send the patient, James M'Donald, to a Sanatorium, pending the appointment of a Sanatorium Committee.

On the application of Dr. M'Quillan, the Committee authorised him to procure such Books, Requisites, and Printing, as may be deemed necessary for his use.

In further compliance with Dr. M'Quillan's request as regards sending patients to the Louth County Infirmary, the Committee were unanimous in leaving the matter in the hands of Mr. C. A. Duffy, and that the matter be brought before the next meeting of the County Council.

The following letter and resolution from Mr. Valentine Warren, was also referred to the County Council.

14th March, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Louth County Insurance Committee to forward you a copy (as attached), of a resolution unanimously adopted by them at their meeting held on the 6th instant. It will be esteemed a favour if you have it laid before your Council at the earliest opportunity.

Yours, etc.,

V. WARREN.

Proposed by Mr. James Hughes, J.P.,

Seconded by Mrs. C. A. Duffy, and

Resolved—That we request the County Council to proceed as early as possible with the erection of Central and Branch Dispensaries, as the need for these tends towards the stamping out of Consumption, is pressingly urgent.

(Signed) JAMES WYNNE, Presiding Chairman.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

6th February, 1913.

Respecting the house now being built by Mrs. Walls, Blackrock, the following report was read—

Blackrock, 3/3/13.

The Committee appointed by the County Council, consisting of Messrs. T. J. Byrne, J.P.; P. J. Murphy, D.C. (Mr. Soraghan, R.A.C., being absent owing to illness); Wm. Barber, C.E.; Mr. Cahill, C.E.; J. M. C. Lyons, Acting Co. Surveyor, met at Blackrock to-day, March 3rd, at 4-33 p.m. Having inspected the site of the new building, and had map and measurement of same before them it was arranged to adjourn the further consideration of the matter for three weeks, when your Committee propose to meet again and further report.

T. J. BYRNE.

P. J. MURPHY.

Letter from Mr. P. J. Kelly, Solicitor, as under—

13th March, 1913.

KELLY v. Co. COUNCIL.

Dear Sir,

Kindly let me have cheque for £39 3s. 9d. being the apportioned amount to be paid by your Council herein.

Yours truly,

P. J. KERLEY.

T. F. FILGATE, Esq.

The Committee decided to adhere to their original decision in this matter—*i.e.*—not to pay any Malicious Injury Decrees until levied and collected.

The following letter was read, but the Committee made no order on the subject matter of same.

Drogheda,

March 15th 1913.

The Chairman Finance Committee.

Dear Sir,

I respectfully ask the assistance and advice of the County Council's Solicitor, in proceeding against the Vendors of the Newcomen property at Clogher Head, as they dispute the valuation in two cases; there are four years rent due; the property is now sold.

Hoping for a favourable reply.

I am, Sir, your obedient servant,

P. McCULLAGH.

Letters were read from the Local Government Board as under—

14th March, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to forward, for the information of the Louth County Council the accompanying copy of a letter which the Board have addressed to Dr. J. A. M'Quillan, respecting his appointment as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary, to be established by the Co. Council.

I am, &c.,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

(COPY.)

Local Government Board,

14th March, 1913.

Sir—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland, to return to you, herewith the Certificates lodged by you at this office, and to state that they note that you have completed your six months' course of special instruction in connection with your appointment as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council.

The Board presume that you will now enter upon the discharge of your duties in County Louth.

I am, &c.,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Dr. J. A. M'QUILLAN, Ardee, Co. Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, 31st March, 1913.

Present:—

P. Hughes, Esq., J.P., in the Chair.

Other members present—F. Murphy, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; E. Goodman, M. Meade, P. Byrne, J.P.; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The following accounts were examined and payments ordered—

James Durning, Flagman	...	...	£1	6	0
Frank M'Dermott	...	...	1	6	0
P. Ward, Road Rolling	...	...	1	2	6
Michael Lynch, Road No. 317	...	...	15	0	0
Richard Gogarty, Road No. 317, Dundalk	...	...	1	1	0
Patrick M'Connon, Road No. 474, Dundalk	...	...	5	0	0
T Murray (paid Chimney Sweep)	...	...	0	6	0
			£25	1	6

Secretary's Office.

Mrs. E. Madden M'Dermitts					
Scholarship	£1	14	0		
D. O'Meara, Salary, Education Act	16	0	6		
P. J. Campbell, " " "	1	5	0		
T. Kearney " " "	9	18	6		
P. Garvey " " "	0	7	6		
				27	11 6

Alfred Palmer, Preparing Rate Books	0	13	1		
P. J. Clarke " " "	0	15	3		
E. French " " "	2	7	0		
J. F. O'Mahony " " "	2	5	1		
J. M'Guinness " " "	2	2	7		
F. Moneyppenny " " "	1	2	5		
M. M'Gahon " " "	1	13	10		
J. I. Kindlan " " "	3	9	4		
D. Woods " " "	1	7	10		
J. Carroll " " "	1	16	6		
				17	12 11
Total,	£71	19	11		

CORRESPONDENCE.

Local Government Board,

Dublin,

13th March, 1913

SIR,

With reference to the appointment by the Louth County Council on 5th September last of Mr. Joseph Moonan as temporary Collector of Poor Rate for the district of the late Mr. Patrick Moonan in Louth County, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that you will be so good as to inform them what steps are being taken towards making a permanent appointment for this District.

By Order of the Board,

E. W. LEACH

The Secretary
Louth County Council.

Ordered to be put on Agenda for next Meeting of the Council.

Town Clerk's Office,
Court House, Drogheda,

27th March, 1913.

The Secretary,
County Council of Louth,
Dundalk.

DEAR SIR,

Referring to previous correspondence on the subject, I beg to inform you that the Corporation of Drogheda have appointed Mr. Joseph J. Farrell to the position of Borough Coroner at a salary of £25 per annum. The appointment was made on the 19th instant.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

Francis Street,
Dundalk,

31st March, 1913.

KING TO MURPHY.

DEAR SIR,

I beg to report that I attended on the Taxation of those costs before Master Mathews, and that same were certified to the amount of £18 6s. 7d. The costs were incurred in connection with the acquisition of the land for the Approach Road to the Annagassan Pier, and, of course, are borne by the Council.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Sec. Louth County Council,
Dundalk.
Payment recommended.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 19th March, 1913.

SIR,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to enclose herewith, for the information of the County Council, the accompanying copy of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1913, and to point out that its provisions are intended to obviate certain difficulties which have been experienced in connection with the administration of Part II of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908.

Section 1 and 2 relate to finance and remove the distinction drawn in the earlier Act in regard to the classification of establishment expenses and of patients' expenses. All expenses incurred by a County Council on account of the treatment of tuberculosis over and above the proportion defrayed from Public Funds as set out in the Board's Circular of the 17th January last—8 M. 1913, Miscellaneous—will in future be leviable over the entire County area.

Provision is also made to authorise a County Council to borrow money temporarily for defraying expenses for the current financial year in respect of the treatment of Tuberculosis, which may not have been contemplated at the time when the estimates for the year were prepared.

Section 3 will enable Sanatoria established by a combination of Sanitary Authorities under the Public Health Acts to be acquired by County Councils in pursuance of the Tuberculosis Prevention Act.

Section 4 enables County Councils who have established Sanatoria to receive therein patients from other Counties, and will thus afford an alternative to combination between County Councils through a Common Hospital and Joint Committee of Management. Such cases will be dealt with under agreements made in pursuance of Section 4 (1) (b) of the principal Act.

Section 5 permits the Local Government Board to place any land vested in them at the disposal of a County Council as a site for a Tuberculosis hospital or dispensary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary

of each County Council.

The Town Clerk

of each County Borough Council in Ireland.

Letter from Local Government Board, 9th March, 1913, referred to Dr. M'Quillan for Report.

GENTLEMEN,

I beg to report on the following Tubercular Patient who is not insured—

John Cassidy, aged 36, Quay Labourer, 39, Mary St. N., Dundalk.

This patient was in Newcastle Sanatorium for 15 weeks, is home from same since 8th March. He feels much better than when he left home, and gained one stone in weight.

The house contains two small rooms and kitchen, he lives with wife and child, he has a room to self.

As he is very keen on sleeping out of doors, I would suggest the provision of a shelter for him, which could be placed in his yard. The yard is 10 yards by 4, the only difficulty is a shelter will not go through the door, unless taken to very small portions.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient servant,

J. A. M'QUILLAN.

Dr. M'Quillan was instructed to apply to Dr. O'Connell, Surgeon Co. Infirmary, for the temporary use of the Hospital Dispensary, for the examination and treatment of Tuberculous Patients; also permission to erect a Shelter for the use of John Cassidy, referred to in Dr. M'Quillan's report.

Ordered—That all clothing, etc., required for Shelters be procured in a Dundalk establishment—Messrs. Goodman, Hamill, O'Connell and Wynne being appointed a Sub Committee to select same.

Resolved—That the following members be appointed a Samaritan Committee for the purpose of selecting sites, etc.—

Messrs. The Chairman, B Hamill, J.P.; E. Goodman, J. Wynne, P. O'Connell, P. Byrne, J.P.; three to form a quorum.

A letter was read from Mr. N. Neary, Road Contractor, applying for £6 deferred for mud accumulations. Payment was recommended if Mr. Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, would certify that the work was satisfactorily performed. Mr. Lyons was also instructed to allow Mr. John Watters to continue his Contract, which was taken up for neglect, on condition that he signs an agreement to supply only Ballymakelett Stones in future.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on Monday, 14th April, 1913, at one o'clock.

Present:—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Michael Meade, James Wynne, James Connolly, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The following amounts were examined and ordered for payment:—

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

P. J. Clarke, preparing Rate Books	£3	3	3
J. Kinlon, " "	3	1	11
Dan Woods, " "	2	13	3
John M'Guinness, " "	2	7	2
James Carroll, " "	1	17	8
Matthew M'Gahan, " "	1	17	1
Francis Moneypenny, " "	1	8	1
John F. Somers, " "	1	5	6
Edward French, " "	1	4	0
A. J. Palmer, " "	0	12	6
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Mrs. E. Madden, per Branigan, Board and Lodging, ...	3	8	0
Miss Murray, per Rogan, Board and Lodging, ...	5	8	0
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			8 16 0
Total, ...	£28	6	5

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

T. T. Reilly, repairs to Ardee Court-house	£2	3	10
Peter M'Guinness, car hire Dunany Pier	1	10	0
James Durnin, Flagman, Ardee	1	6	0
James Carroll, roads maintenance	8	16	9
Martin Butterly & Co., coal supplied	13	2	3
Thomas Halligan, road maintenance	6	18	5
Thomas Halligan, " "	5	11	3

Peter M'Enteggart, " ...	10	0	0
Patrick Boyle, " ...	7	0	0
Patrick Hanlon, " ...	4	3	9
Patrick M'Dermott, Flagman ...	1	6	0
Richard Gogarty, road maintenance	1	4	0
Michael Ferguson, Sunday Gilas' Quay	0	17	6
Nicholas Neary, road maintenance	6	0	0
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	£69	19	9
Total, ...	£98	6	2

The Tuberculosis Medical Officer, Dr. M'Quillan, made application for authority to purchase a microscope, urgently needed for bacteriological examination purposes, at a cost of £20, and other requisites at a cost of £2. The Committee authorised the purchase of those articles.

Mr. Edward Goodman brought before the Committee the fact that an office was needed for the Clerk to the Insurance Committee, and Mr. Warren, the Clerk, came before the Finance Committee and stated that the Insurance Commissioners would not allow his committee to treat with any persons other than a public body for this purpose.

It was mentioned that offices could be had from Mr. Bothwell, in Earl Street, at a sum of £12 per annum, and it was unanimously decided that the County Council be recommended to acquire these offices for the purposes of the Insurance Committee.

A letter from the local Manager of the Insurance Company guaranteeing the Rate Collectors, was read. It referred to failure of Mr. Joseph Moonan to close his collection on 31st March, and was referred to the County Solicitor.

A letter from the County Solicitor as to boat slip at Giles' Quay and also to the erection of a hut in Carlingford Harbour by the Carlingford Lough Commissioners, was read. The Solicitor was directed to take counsel's opinion on the matter referred to.

It was also decided that the agreement between the County Council and the Insurance Committee for the

treatment of tubercular insured persons be drafted by the County Solicitor and submitted to the Insurance Committee.

An application from the temporary clerical staff employed at rate books for increased remuneration for certain items of work, was ordered to be brought up again at the completion of the work, when the total cost would be ascertained.

The Secretary's assistant, Mr. J. F. Finegan, produced a certificate as to ill health from Dr. O'Connell, and he was granted a week's leave of absence, Mr. Matt M'Gahon to be employed as a substitute at 5s. per day.

The Chairman drew attention to the fact that the Local Government Board had not as yet taken any steps towards furnishing the County Council with the names of candidates qualified for the vacant post of County Surveyor, although the names of applicants had been forwarded to them so far back as November last, and the Secretary was directed to write to the Local Government Board and ascertain the cause of the delay.

The Secretary submitted Forms 22, for the districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, setting forth all payments to road contractors, as recommended by the three Rural District Councils.—Payment recommended.

Proposed by Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman.

That we recommend the Council that new offices be erected for the County Council as the present accommodation for the growing business of the Council and its committees is quite inadequate, and we request our Secretary to communicate with the Board of Works as to the terms and conditions for a loan for the purpose, and also to ascertain from other County Councils who have built offices for particulars and details regarding the initiation and carrying out of the work.—Unanimously adopted.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 27th day of January, 1913.

Present—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—John F. Murphy, J.P.; James S. Kelly, Joseph H. M'Ardle, and Joseph M. Johnson, Esquires.

The Committee were summoned for the purpose of opening and considering of Tenders for the following Works, &c.

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

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| No. 1—To Repair Ardee Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914. ... | £12 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 2—To Repair Drogheda Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914. ... | 40 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 3—To Supply and Fit 8 Gas Radiators in Drogheda Courthouse ... | 45 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 4—To Repair Dunany Pier, &c., cost not to exceed £500 (250 levied off County at Large, £250 contributed by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland) | | | |
| No. 5—To Repair the County Courthouse, Dundalk, for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914 ... | 30 | 0 | 0 |
| No. 6—To Supply on Carts at Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, Best Scotch Coal (screened) for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, as required for use of Road Rollers. | | | |

No Tenders were received for the above Works.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

No. 7—To Supply Printing and Stationery for County purposes for One Year, from 4th April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914, including the Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors' and Registration Acts.

Messrs Tempest, McDougall, and Mathews' Tenders were accepted.

No. 8—To Supply for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914, Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk Court-houses with best Wigan Coal, at £—per ton, delivered. Contractor to supply Coke, Bogwood, Fire light-Materials, at Market Prices as required.

F. O'Neill's Tender for Ardee and Dundalk Courthouse were accepted.

A. Murdock and Son's Tender for Drogheda Courthouse was accepted.

No. 9—To prepare the Courts and Court Rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions, and Revision Sessions, in County Court-house for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914. Not to exceed 15 0 0

H. & J. O'Hare's Tender was accepted.

No. 10—To insert the County Advertisements, etc., in one Dundalk and Drogheda Paper, for One Year, from 1st April, 1913, to 31st March, 1914.

The Tenders of *Drogheda Argus* and *Dundalk Democrat* were accepted.

In every instance the lowest tender was accepted.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

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Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 21st day of April, 1913.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, the 21st April, 1913, at one o'clock.

Present—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—P. Byrne, J.P. ; B. Hamill, J.P. ; J. F. Murphy, J.P. ; W. Woods, J.P. ; J. Connolly, J.P. ; J. Wynne, M. Meade, P. O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted County-at-large payments which were examined and recommended for payment.

The following application from Mr. V. Warren, Clerk to the Central Dispensary, was read :—

COURT HOUSE,

DUNDALK,

19/4/13.

GENTLEMEN,

I respectfully apply for remuneration for my services rendered in connection with the Council's Scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis, which has for some time necessitating a considerable amount of work.

Thanking you in anticipation,

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

V. WARREN, *Clerk.*

Referred to the County Council.

The following application from the Rate Collectors was read:—

TO THE CHAIRMAN AND MEMBERS FINANCE COMMITTEE.

GENTLEMEN,

We the undersigned Collectors of Poor Rate beg to apply for balance of remuneration due in respect of first moiety of our respective collections.

Signed,

PATRICK HUGHES.	JOHN WOODS.
PETER M'DONNELL.	JOHN J. KELLY.
PATRICK CLUSKEY.	P. M'CULLOUGH
PATRICK M'DONALD.	

Payment recommended.

The Secretary submitted the Collector's Lists of irrecoverable arrears, for the half-year ended 31st March, 1913, which were referred to the County Council.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from Local Government Board, enclosing copy of letter from the National Health Insurance Committee:

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

18th April, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, herewith, copy of a letter which they have received from the Louth County Insurance Committee, intimating that the use of a room in the County Infirmary has been secured for the purposes of a temporary Tuberculosis Dispensary, and I am to state that the Board presume that this provisional arrangement has been made with the concurrence of the County Council.

I am to add that the Board trust that the necessary steps are being taken with a view to the establishment of a permanent Central Tuberculosis Dispensary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

[COPY.]

COUNTY OF LOUTH NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
COMMITTEE.

CLERK'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

15th April, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed to inform you that the Committee of Management of the Louth County Infirmary have been so kind as to place a room in their Institution at the disposal of the Tuberculosis Officer as a temporary Dispensary, pending the erection of the Central Dispensary by the County Council.

Trusting the arrangement will meet with the approval of the Local Government Board,

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

V. WARREN, *Clerk.*

Letter from C. D. Oliver, Esq., Engineer of Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, relative to Dunany Pier:—

ENGINEER'S OFFICE,

2 KILDARE PLACE,

DUBLIN,

16th April, 1913.

DUNANY PIER (JONES'S QUAY) IMPROVEMENT.

DEAR SIR,

As requested by the Committee which I met at Dunany I now forward a revised plan for the works there on the lines laid down.

The reduction in the width of the berth enables me to provide for carrying out the quay wall to the full height of the present pier for a length of 75 feet beyond which the base of a similar wall will be carried out for a further 35 feet to a height of 6 feet over the excavated level.

This is probably as much as can be done for the money available, but if we are able to save anything in the progress of the work we can carry on the full height wall a little further.

I am confident that the wall designed is of ample strength.

It will be understood that, as I pointed out on the ground, this wall must not be raised to its full height at once, but brought up gradually as the shingle accumulates. It probably will not be finished under two years, depending on the rate of such accumulation.

Yours Faithfully,

CHARLES D. OLIVER.

Referred to the County Council.

Letter from Mr. T. B. Dromgoole :—

CLERK'S OFFICE,

UNION WORKHOUSE,

ARDEE,

15th April, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

As the time is now on for serving the Franchise Requisitions and making other preparations for the revision of the Parliamentary Voters Lists, I should be glad to have your views as to what should be done to have the work carried out in the district of the late Mr. Moonan, Rate Collector, pending the appointment of his permanent successor. I understand that Mr. Joseph Moonan's temporary appointment ended on 1st March last, and if this be the case he would have no power now to act in the matter of serving the Franchise Requisitions. The time for serving the forms will expire at the end of May, and if the new appointment probably made and sanctioned in time to allow the new Collector performing the duty, I should feel obliged if you would consider what is best to do.

Yours faithfully,

T. B. DROMGOOLE.

It was decided to refer this communication to the Local Government Board, with a suggestion that the Relieving Officer should, if possible, be employed to discharge the duty referred to.

Letter from Road Board :—

THE ROAD BOARD,

QUEEN ANNE'S CHAMBERS, BROADWAY,
WESTMINSTER, LONDON, S.W.

14th April, 1913.

SIR,

In reply to your letter of the 10th ultimo applying for a grant to an expenditure of £138 on surface tarring works in the Dundalk Urban District, I am directed by the Board to say that it is not their practice to make contributions to works that have already been carried out, but if the Urban District Council are prepared to expend a further sum of £133 on approved works of surface tarring or tar macadam and will submit details for approval, the Board will consider favourably the question of making a grant of £100 towards the expenditure.

The Board are not prepared to make a grant or loan towards an expenditure of £2549 on steam rolling plant, but if the County Council will borrow from other sources the amount required the Board will be prepared to make a grant of £1100 and loan of £1100 free of interest, repayable in five years, to an approved scheme of road crust improvement work on the Dublin-Dundalk-Belfast Road, the Dundalk-Armagh Road, or the Dundalk-Shercock Road.

If the County Council resolve to accept this offer particulars of the works of improvement with which they decide to proceed should be forwarded to the Board for approval in due course.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

W. REES JEFFREYS, *Secretary.*

Referred to the County Council, with a recommendation that the offer of the Road Board so far as relates to Rural Districts be accepted.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

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At their Meetings held on 28th April, 14th May, 26th May, 9th June, 23rd June, 7th July, 1913.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE

At their Meeting held on 30th June, 1913.

DROGHEDA :

"DROGHEDA ADVERTISER" PRINTING WORKS.

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DROGHEDA :

"DROGHEDA ADVERTISER" PRINTING WORKS.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 24th day of April, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—W. A. Doran, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; Jas. M'Carthy, J.P.; Laurence M'Keon, James Halpenny, Joseph H. M'Ardle, Michael Meade, Denis J. Rath, James Wynne, Michael O'Meara, J.P.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council having been printed and a copy sent to each member were taken as being read and confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P., and

Resolved—That the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee, on the under-mentioned dates be and are hereby confirmed by this Council, viz:—Monday, 3rd February, 1913; 17th February, 1913; 3rd March, 1913; 18th March, 1913; 31st March, 1913, and 14th April, 1913.

Supplemental Finance Minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 21st of April, 1913,

a printed copy of which is now submitted to the Council, be and are hereby approved of, including Mr. Warren's salary, to date from the 28th November, 1912, and amounting to £16 17s. 0d.

Dates for next Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. Woods, 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, viz. :—

Ardee, Tuesday, July 1st, 1913.

Drogheda, Tuesday, July 8th, 1913.

Dundalk, Monday, July 7th, 1913.

The Proposal Committee to Meet on Monday, 7th July, 1913.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS BY THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS OF ARDEE, DROGHEDA AND DUNDALK.

ARDEE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. R. Matthews, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 1st day of April, 1913, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to £787 18s. 1d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. J. M'Carthy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. L. M'Keon, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1913, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to £584 19s. 2d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. J. Wynne, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 7th day of April, 1913, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to £1,575 0s. 0d.

ARRANGEMENT FOR THE APPOINTMENT OF POOR RATE COLLECTOR IN ROOM OF MR. PATRICK MOONAN, DECEASED.

Proposed by Mr. W. A. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. M. Meade, and

Resolved—That we advertise for the appointment of Collector of Poor Rate for District rendered vacant by the death of Mr. Patrick Moonan at a rate of Sixpence in the £ for all monies collected and lodged to the credit of the County Council. Appointment to be made at Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 29th May, 1913.

ITEM NO. 7 AGENDA. TO CONSIDER TENDERS
FOR SUPPLYING SHELTERS FOR TUBER-
CULOSIS PATIENTS.

The following were received by the Secretary and duly submitted for the consideration of the Council:—

Francis Coyle, 52 Anne Street, Dundalk, Six Shelters as pattern, at £14 18s. 0d. each.

Owen Carroll, Inniskeen, Dundalk, for the sum of £65 10s. 0d.

Kenan & Sons, Fishamble Street, Dublin, Six Shelters as pattern at £12 17s. 6d. each.

J. C. Stack, Dundalk, for the sum of £73 0s. 0d.

Bernard Duffy, Quay Street, Dundalk, for the sum of £50 0s. 0d.

The tender of Mr. Bernard Duffy having been duly declared the lowest by the Chairman and Council, was accordingly accepted.

APPOINTMENT OF A SANATORIUM COMMITTEE.

The Council were unanimous in appointing the under-mentioned gentlemen to be members of the Sanatorium Committee, viz.:—Messrs. Peter Hughes, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Valentine Warren.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Omeath,
23rd April, 1913.

We the undersigned Magistrates of the Petty Sessions District of Carlingford beg to request your Council to be good enough to provide a Pound for Omeath. It is urgently required in this locality, and we trust the matter will receive your earnest attention.

P. J. Finegan.
M. O'Meara.
Wm. Woods.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Secretary County Council.

Adjourned until next Quarterly Meeting. Mr. O'meara to make enquiries as to acquiring Old Pound.

The following communication from Mr. E. J. Bothwell was read, and the Council decided to offer Mr. Bothwell the sum of £12 per annum for the use of his premises. Mr. O'Connell, the Council's Solicitor to draw up an agreement as between the County Council and him:—

6 Earl Street,
Dundalk,

22nd April, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I have rooms at above address to let, which I think would make suitable offices for the Secretary to the Advisory Committee to Insurance Commissioners. Dr. M^cQuillan, Mr. E. Goodman, and the Secretary (Mr. Warren) inspected them and they appeared satisfied with them. The rent required is £15 per annum. I am only tenant of the place, but the landlord, Mr. R. Q. O'Neill is prepared to enter into an agreement for letting.

Yours faithfully,

E. J. BOTHWELL.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Letter from Col. G. S. Alexander, as under:—

In the event of the Louth County Council deciding to procure a Sanatorium for treatment of Consumptive patients in their own County on behalf of the owners of the above named property I beg to offer it as a very suitable pro. tem. object. It stands on its own ground of about 60 acres, and the house is in a commanding position half a mile from and overlooking Warrenpoint, and the Mourne Mountains are in view. I should say that there is not a healthier spot in the County Louth or one more suited for residence of Consumptive patients. The house could easily be adapted to the purpose of a Sanatorium.

The Council considered the holding unsuitable for their requirements.

Proposed by Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.,
Seconded by Edward Goodman, Esq., and

Resolved—That new offices be erected for the County Council as the present accommodation for the growing business of the Council and its Committees is quite inadequate, and we request our Secretary to communicate with the Board of Works as to the terms and conditions for a loan for the purpose, and also to ascertain from other County Councils who have built offices, for particulars and details regarding the initiation and carrying out of the work.

Killarney Rural District,
Clerk's Office.

21st February, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Council of the above District to forward you the following copy of a resolution adopted by them at their meeting on the 15th inst., with a view to its adoption by your Board.

Yours Faithfully,

P. CAREY,
Clerk of Council.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Dundalk.

(Copy of Resolution).

Proposed by Mr. Florence O'Sullivan, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Eugene Mangan, and

Resolved—That we regret to find the Chairman of the Great Southern and Western Railway Company stating at the last half-yearly meeting of the Shareholders that the Directors contemplated altering the system of open competitive examination for clerkships in their service; that in the interests of fair play we earnestly request the Directors of the Company to refrain from adopting a course which could be only construed as an attempt to keep the Nationalist's child out of the service.

That copies be sent to the Board, to the Nationalist M.P.'s, the County, District and Urban Councils, and Corporations in Ireland.

Approved.

Council Chamber,
Town Hall,
Waterford, 5th March, 1913.

Proposed by Alderman O'Sullivan, M.D.,

Seconded by Councillor W. Fitzgerald, and

Resolved—That we call on the County Borough Councils and County Councils of Ireland to meet once more and endeavour to get redressed the grievances the Country suffers from by reason of the failure of the Local Taxation Account, and to take such joint action as may be determined upon.

Approved.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
28th April, 1913.

No. 20,191 | 1913.
Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 17th inst., respecting the vacancy in the Office of the County Surveyor for Louth County; and in reply, the Board direct me to state for the information of the County Council that the Civil Service Examination will not be held until the 21st June next, and the result may not be announced for some time after this date.

If the County Council think it desirable they might in the meantime endeavour to secure the temporary services of a duly qualified Engineer who has been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners as qualified to discharge the duties of County Surveyor.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday, the 30th day of April, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.,

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Michael Meade, Joseph M. Johnson, James Wynne, Joseph H. M'Arde, John F. Murphy, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Wm. A. Doran, J.P.; Joseph P. Kearney, Denis J. Rath, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; and Patrick Callan, Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of passing a formal Resolution making Rates in respect of the ensuing financial year ending 31st March, 1914. And accordingly the following resolution was duly passed by the Council :—

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That in accordance with Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their Meeting held on Thursday, the 27th day of February, 1913, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the financial year ending 31st March, 1914, as set out below. The rates in the £ for General and Separate Charges are :—

	Land.		Buildings.
	s.	d.	
Ardee	2	4	3 8
Drogheda	2	8	4 5
Dundalk	3	2	5 0

The Council then deputed Messrs. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and Edward Goodman to attend with the Chairman and sign

the Rate Books in respect of the financial year ending 31st March, 1914.

The following Minutes were also submitted from the Clerk to the Insurance Committee and approved of by the Council :—

Minutes of Proceedings of the Drogheda Dispensary Sites Committee held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Tuesday, the 29th day of April, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—L. J. Elcock, Esq., J.P.

Other members—James M'Carthy, W. T. Skeffington, James S. Kelly, John Dolan, and J. A. M'Quillan, Esquires.

It was decided to recommend :—

1. That the premises at the corner of William Street and the Alleys be procured as a Tuberculosis Dispensary for one year.

2. That the structural alterations necessary be made, cost not to exceed £20.

3. That the rent be £26 per annum.

4. That the owner, Mrs. Gogarty, put the house in good repair, and have the different rooms done up as required by the T. M. O.

5. That the owner bear half the cost of the alterations, the County Council to bear the remaining half.

6. That the necessary requisites as per list furnished by T. M. O. be procured for Dispensary. Estimated cost £54 1s. 9d.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Carlingford Dispensary Sites

Committee held in the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1913.

In the chair—Joseph H. M'Ardle, Esq.

Other members—Messrs. J. P. Kearney, J. A. M'Quillan, T. M. O., and V. Warren.

It was decided unanimously to recommend:—

1. That Mr. B. M'Kevitt's house in Meeting House Lane, Carlingford, be procured for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Dispensary, at a rent of £12 per annum, plus £3 per year for cleaning of house, and light and heating.

2. That the necessary requisites as per list furnished by the T. M. O. be procured for the Dispensary. Estimated cost £32.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Ardee Tuberculosis Sites Committee at their meeting held in Ardee, on Saturday, the 26th day of April, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Wm. A. Doran, Esq., J.P.

Other members—James Halpenny, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, M.A.; and J. A. M'Quillan, T.M.O., Esquires.

1. It was unanimously decided that a three roomed corrugated iron cottage be procured as a Branch Tuberculosis Dispensary for Ardee, at a cost of about £60, and with the consent of the Town Commissioners, be placed in a corner of the Fair Green.

2. That the cottage be of Irish manufacture.

3. That the necessary requisites as per list supplied by the T. M. O. be procured for the Dispensary at an estimated cost of £32.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Dundalk Dispensary Sites Committee at their Meeting held in the Council

Chamber, Dundalk, on Monday, the 12th day of May, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.

Other members—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; James Wynne, Edward Goodman, and Patrick O'Connell, J. A. M'Quillan, T. M. O., and V. Warren, Esquires.

It was proposed by C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.,

Seconded by Edward Goodman, Esq., and

Unanimously recommended—That the Demesne Site on the Castletown Road, Dundalk, offered by Mr. Turner at 1s. per ft., be procured for the purpose of a Central Dispensary.

That the Clerk write immediately Mr. Turner, stating the Committee recommended the procuring of 300 feet of the Site offered at 1s. per foot.

To be approved by the General Council.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 29th day of May, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick Callan, John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, Wm. A. Doran, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Wm. De Salis Filgate, D.L.; Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, J. P. Kearney, James S. Kelly, Michael Meade, Joseph H. McArdle, James M'Carthy, J.P.; Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Denis J. Rath, Wm. T. Skeffington, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; Wm. Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, Esquires.

The Council first proceeded to the consideration of the following Reports from the Acting County Surveyor, viz. :—

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

1. The proposals passed by the Dundalk Rural District Council are all of a useful character, and are fully described in my reports to the District Council, and set out on Form 20 for your consideration.

2. The mileage of Laneways or 4th class roads under maintenance contracts shows a steady increase. Ardagh Laneway (No. 1a) has been provisionally passed at a cost not to exceed £100.

3. The Abstract of Expenditure on roads for the year ending March 31st last shows an increase in the total cost of works of £26 5s. 2d. over the previous year,

but a sum of £135 14s. 10d. representing the cost of steam-rolling in this district has been added for the first time.

4. In my draft notice to Mariners re Carlingford Pier Head Light, as required by the Irish Lights Commissioners, I specified, after consultation with the Harbour Master, that the Red Light should be exhibited between September 1st and March 1st in each year.

5. Steam Rolling of roads for the present season will terminate, I expect, about the middle of the next month, and it will be open to you to review the terms of your hiring contract with the Eddison Company.

6. The Committee appointed at the February meeting to consider the Road Board question, met on March 3rd last, and unanimously agreed to ask the Road Board for a grant towards the cost of purchasing necessary road plant.

7. The reply was a refusal, and this appears to be in accordance with custom, as it has been stated recently in Parliament that no advances by way of grants or loans have been made to Highway Authorities in Ireland for the purchase of road-making machinery.

8. The Road Board is prepared to make a grant towards the improvement of the road crust; that is, towards the expense of steam rolling additional stone of approved quality. The cost of this work, however, must be a District charge and solely in the hands of the District Councils.

9. The Dundalk Rural District Council refused to pass a sum of £533 in July, 1911, to be expended on the North Road, so as to qualify for an equivalent grant from the Road Board.

10. I am asked by the Irish Roads Improvement Association, in conjunction with the Automobile Association and Motor Union, to bring under your notice a draft resolution (a copy of which is attached hereto)

favouring the introduction of a measure amending the Local Government Act, for the purpose of putting the sole control of main roads in the hands of the County Councils, to be administered as a County-at-Large charge.

11. At the recent meeting of the Institution of Civil Engineers Mr. Cowan read a paper on main roads, and expressed the belief in the desirability of the proposed change.

12. The lines of roads scheduled by the Road Board towards which grants from that Body are applicable are probably the roads in which the Association are mostly interested, but it will be plainly seen by a reference to the tables I have prepared, that if these only were declared main roads and maintained partly or solely as a County-at-Large charge, the contributions from the five districts would not be at all equitable, and the new arrangement would interfere with the adjustments of the financial relations arrived at twelve years ago between the Louth County Council and the Urban Councils of Drogheda and Dundalk. Under Sections 70 and 71 these adjustments hold good for fifteen years, and they are expressly intended to include adjustments as to as to main roads, if any.

13. I beg to suggest that the £1,100 now available as a grant from the Road Board, be divided according to the mileage of the scheduled roads in the three Rural Districts, viz:—

	M	F	P	£	s	d
Ardee No. 1 Rural District	6	7	37	184	7	3
Drogheda Rural District	6	5	25	176	15	8
Dundalk Rural District	28	0	5	738	17	1

Totals, £41 5 7 £1100 0 0

Also that the question of purchasing road-making machinery be referred back to a Committee of the County Council.

14. The Triennial Road Congress will be held in

London between June 23rd and 28th, and everyone interested in road matters are cordially invited to attend.

It has been suggested that it would be a suitable time to interview the Road Board to seek a more liberal grant to outh.

Personally I should esteem it a favour to be allowed the privilege of accompanying the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, or your Deputies, on that auspicious occasion.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,
Acting Co. Surveyor.

SUGGESTED RESOLUTION.

That this Council is of opinion that the present system of control in regard to the leading roads in the County under which all expenditure is a District charge, should be amended in such a way as to bring main or important County roads under the sole control of the County Council, to be maintained as a charge on the County-at-Large.

That this centralization of management would tend towards improvement in the roads compatible with economy, and would also greatly facilitate negotiations with the Road Board, in that the latter Body is empowered under the Development and Roads Improvement Funds Act, 1909, to negotiate only as far as Ireland is concerned with the Councils of Counties and County Boroughs.

That the Secretary be instructed to send a copy of this resolution to the Local Government Board.

ARDEE AND DROGHEDA DISTRICTS.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—

As regards the proposals sent up by the Ardee and Drogheda Rural District Councils, Ardee Council have passed £3 to repair a damaged culvert at Williamstown.

The Drogheda (Louth) Council passed £30 to repair a pitching where the River Boyne encroaches on the road from Drogheda to Baltray, and £25 to build a new fence near Melifont Abbey; also they have passed provisionally £200 to make a new road by Castlelunney to Rathdaniel.

All these proposals are of a useful and necessary character, and further details are given in the accompanying Reports to the Councils.

The whole of the broken stone available in the Drogheda District has been rolled in, and I expect that the road rolling in Ardee District will be finished about the middle of June.

As a rule, the quality of the stone supplied was better than the previous year, and consequently the results obtained were more satisfactory.

The total Road Expenditure for Ardee District, including the cost of steam rolling for the year ending 31st March last, as shown on annexed Return, is £3,463 6s 2d, showing a reduction of £482 13s 2d as compared with the previous year, and in Drogheda District the total expenditure is £2,460 19s 4d as compared with £2,624 14s 6d, a reduction of £163 15s 2d.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES DROMGOOLE,
Acting Co. Surveyor.

On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P.,

Resolved—That the Reports of the Acting County Surveyors as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 29th May, 1913, be and are hereby approved of, with the exception of the suggested resolution of Mr. J. M. C. Lyons.

Tenders for the undermentioned Works were next considered by the Council, viz:—

ARDEE DISTRICT.

No. 201—To repair a culvert on the road from Ardee to Annagasson, at John Curtis's house, Townland of Wiliamstown. Cost not to exceed £3.

DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

No. 4—Maintaining for 9 months, from July 1st, 1913, 312 perches of road from Togher to Dunany, between Mr. King's mill and the district boundary at Dunany Glebe. Not to exceed £6 10s.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

No. 3—To make a footpath in the vicinity of Lordship Chapel and Schools, from J H M'Ardle's, Rampark, to the road leading to Piedmont. Cost not to exceed £25.

No. 13—To fill the hollow near the bounds of the County at Shean, and rebuild a gap in the fence at Drum-billa. Not to exceed £6.

No. 16—To erect a wire paling along the footpath on the Dowdallshill road, between the Urban Bounds and Mr. Murphy's gate. Not to exceed £20.

The Council in every instance accepted the lowest tender in respect of the above works, and contracts were immediately afterwards duly entered into by the persons tendering.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS FORMULATED BY THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. De Salis Filgate, D.L.,

Seconded by Mr. Wm. A. Doran, J.P., and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 District Council at their Quarterly

Meeting held on the 1st day of April, 1913, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Quarterly Meeting held on Thursday, the 10th day of April, 1913, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. W. Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 7th day of April, 1913, and set on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That all works not tendered for be placed in the charge of the Acting County Surveyor's hands.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of Poor Rate Collector, which appeared on the Agenda as under:—

4—Appointment of Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ardee Urban, Ardee Rural, Clonkeen, Mansfieldstown, and Talianstown, in accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary.

There were three applications for this appointment from the following persons, viz:—

Joseph Moonan, Ardee.
Patrick S. Donegan, Monasterboice, Drogheda.
Patrick McGee, Charleville, Dunleer.

The Chairman adopted the usual course by dividing the Council as between these three candidates, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Moonan there voted—Messrs James Halpenny and Wm. T. Skeffington—2.

For Donegan there voted—Messrs Patrick Callan, John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Luke J. Elcock, Wm. De Salis Filgate, D.L.; Bernard Hamill, Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Michael O'Meara, Denis J. Rath, and Peter Woods—13.

For McGee there voted—Messrs Patrick Byrne, Joseph Dolan, Wm. A. Doran, Charles A. Duffy, Edward Goodman, Peter Hughes, Michael Meade, Joseph H. McCardle, James McCarhy, Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, Patrick O'Connell, Wm. Woods and James Wynne—14.

The Chairman here stated to the Council that instead of taking a further division of the Council he would ask the two gentlemen who voted for Mr. Moonan on the first division for whom they would now vote, and they both replied, and said Mr. Donegan.

The Chairman therefore declared that gave Mr. Donegan 15 votes against Mr. McGee's 14, and he therefore declared Mr. Donegan duly elected by 15 votes to 14. The Chairman added that the terms of his appointment to be strictly in accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary.

The following Report from Mr. Valentine Warren, was marked "Approved" by the Council:—

A meeting of the Drogheda Tuberculosis Dispensary Site Committee was held on Friday, the 23rd May, 1913. Mr. L. J. Elcock in the chair. Also present—Messrs John Dolan, J. S. Kelly, and Dr. McQuillan. Rev Canon Ledoux was also present.

Owing to the serious opposition of the Rev. Canon Ledoux as representing a number of the inhabitants of the Allies and the Schools in the immediate neighbourhood, it was considered advisable to stop the work on the site selected at the corner of Church Lane and endeavour to secure another site in different part of the Town.

After considerable discussion, it was suggested that a portion of the Old Gaol might be suitable, and that an estimate of the cost of preparing it for a Dispensary be submitted to the Committee immediately. Mr. Gogarty to be asked to make out an Estimate.

At a meeting of the Drogheda Tuberculosis Dispensary Site Committee held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Tuesday last, May 27th. Mr. L. J. Elcock in the chair. Also present—Mr. Dolan, Mr. Kelly, and Dr. M'Quillan. Rev. Canon Ledoux was also present.

Mr. Gogarty's estimate for the Gaol premises was considered, the amount being £90. The Committee, after hearing Rev. Canon Ledoux re his objections to the William Street site, decided to recommend the County Council to secure the Gaol premises as a Dispensary.

The following resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council:—

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan. Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and unanimously resolved—That after due consideration we are thoroughly convinced

1st. That the time has now come when it becomes imperative on the Government to abolish dual ownership of land in Ireland, thereby placing all occupiers on an equal footing.

2nd. That the Government purchase all untenanted arable land in Ireland fit for cultivation for the purpose of re-distribution.

(A) To provide holdings for the 8,000 Evicted Tenants and their 40,000 dependants

not yet provided for, and securing to them a full, fair, and final settlement of this question, and thereby eradicate the long existing grievances of this deserving portion of the community who are deprived of their homes, their capital, and their livings through no fault of their own, but because they could not continue paying the exorbitant rack-rents imposed upon them, and seeing others enjoying their old homes under more favourable conditions by recent legislation.

(B) To provide economic holdings for the large number of young men now leaving our country to seek a living in foreign climes.

3rd. That we urgently appeal to all Irish representatives who have the welfare of their Country at heart to join together irrespective of party, to make this Bill which will be the last Land Bill introduced into the British Parliament a final and satisfactory settlement of this long heart burning question.

4th. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to the Prime Minister of England, the Lord Lieutenant of Ireland, the Chief Secretary of Ireland, the Leaders of the Irish National Parties, and the Leader of the Unionist Party.

Association of Secondary Teachers,
Ireland,

3 Auburn Avenue,
Donnybrook, Dublin,

11 | 5 | '13.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Executive of this Association to ask for your assistance in our efforts to secure the annual sum of £40,000 promised by Mr. Birrell for improving the condition of lay Secondary Teachers in this Country.

The conditions attached to the grant have been unreservedly accepted by all the Bodies representing the Assistant Masters for the improvement of whose status the grant is avowedly given.

We feel that there is grave danger of the Grant being withdrawn, and as the sum at present available for Secondary Education in Ireland is totally inadequate for the growing needs of the Country, the loss of this large sum will be nothing short of a national calamity.

We suggest that you should pass the Resolution appended, or one of a similar nature.

We would point out that this Grant is quite independent of, and unconnected with the £10,000 grant for Scholarships.

I am, Dear Sir,

Faithfully yours,

P. C. GALLAGHER, Hon. Sec.

Proposed by Mr. B. Hamill. J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Wm. Doran, and

Resolved - That in the opinion of this Council it will be a serious loss to Secondary Education in Ireland if the Annual Grant of £10,000 promised by the Treasury is not at once secured, and that the Chief Secretary should be asked to take such steps as will make the Grant available during the current year.

The following communication from the Commissioners of Irish Lights was next submitted to the Council and approved, and 400 copies of the Order to be printed and sent to the Commissioners :—

Irish Lights Office,
Carlisle Buildings,
Dublin, 26th May, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 26th ultimo, with which was forwarded a draft Notice to Mariners respecting the proposed red light, the erection of which on the pier head at Carlingford, under King John's Castle, has been sanctioned by the Commissioners of

Irish Lights :—I am directed to forward herewith an amended draft Notice to Mariners on this subject which has been approved by the Commissioners, and I am to inform you that if the Louth County Council will have 400 copies of this Notice forwarded to this Office, they will be distributed in the usual course.

This Notice should also be published in the "Shipping Gazette."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

THOS. COOB,
Secretary.

J. M. C. Lyons, Esq.,
County Surveyor's Office,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

NOTICE TO MARINERS

East Coast of Ireland, (Lough Carlingford), Carlingford Harbour, Pier Head Light.—Intended Improvement.

County Council Office,
Dundalk.

The Louth County Council hereby give notice that the lamp on the outer end of the Old Pier under St. John's Castle from which is exhibited a white fixed light visible from the bearing of 250° (S. 88° W. Mag.) through 27° (West Mag.) to the West shore of the Lough will be fitted so as to allow in addition to the White fixed light the exhibition of a

Sector of Red Light visible from the bearing of 250° (S. 88° W. Mag.) to the West Shore of the Lough through 180° (S. $18\frac{1}{4}^{\circ}$ W. Mag.)

Further Notice will be issued when this improvement has been carried out.

APPROXIMATE POSITION.

Latitude, $54^{\circ} : 2' : 35''$ N. Longitude, $6^{\circ} : 10' : 58''$ W.

By Order,

SECRETARY.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

ANNUAL MEETING.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting, held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Friday, the 13th day of June, 1913, at 11 o'clock, a.m.

Gentlemen Present—Messrs Patrick Callan, John Dolan, Wm. A. Doran, J.P.; Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, Peter Hughes, J.P.; Joseph P. Kearney, James S. Kelly, James M'Carthy, J.P.; Richard Mathews, Laurence M'Keon, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, William T. Skeffington, J.P.; James Wynne.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Goodman.

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.

It was Resolved—That Mr. Luke J. Elcock do take the chair.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

The Council next proceeded to the Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman of the County Council for the ensuing year, and it was proposed by Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P.; seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan, and unanimously Resolved—That Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., of Castlering, Dundalk, be and is hereby elected Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing twelve months.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Proposed by Mr. William T. Skeffington, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Laurence M'Keon, and

Unanimously Resolved—That Mr. William A. Doran, J.P., of Harristown, Ardee, be and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing twelve months.

At this juncture of the proceedings Mr. L. J. Elcock vacated the Chair, and the Chairman, Mr. Peter Hughes, J.P., was voted thereto.

The Chairman and Vice-Chairman having returned suitable thanks for their unanimous elections to their respective chairs. The following correspondence was read by the Secretary:—

Ardee, 6th June, 1913.

Dear Sir,

I beg to inform you that at the Annual Meeting of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council held this day, Wm. De Salis Filgate, Esq., D.L., of Lissrenny, Ardee, was elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year.

Yours faithfully,

THOMAS B. DROMGOOLE,
Clerk R. D. Council.

Townley F. Filgate, Esq.

[Post Card.]

Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union,
10th June, 1913.

Patrick Donegan, Esq., J.P., Monasterboice, Drogheda, appointed Chairman R. D. Council for ensuing year.

THOMAS DOWDALL,
Clerk of Council.

Dundalk Rural District Council Office,
Union Workhouse, Dundalk,
11th June, 1913.

Dear Sir,

At their Annual Meeting held on the 6th inst., the Council of this District unanimously re-elected Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P., Carlingford, as their Chairman for the ensuing year.

Yours faithfully,
P. R. FINIGAN,
Clerk of the Council.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 28th day of April, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Charles A. Duffy, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Michael Meade, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires. Mr. Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, was also present at the Meeting.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and for those in his own office, which on examination were passed by the Committee, and payment duly ordered.

On the application of Mr. James Connolly, J.P., the Committee were unanimous in recommending an expenditure of £3 for requisites in Ravensdale Courthouse.

The following letter was referred to Mr. Dromgoole for his report thereon:—

Port, Dunleer,
April 24th, 1913.

DUNANY PIER.

To the Chairman of Louth County Council.

Sir,

I understand your Council propose extending the Pier at Dunany a considerable distance seaward. My land lies adjoining to the Southward, and is subject to extensive erosion by the sea. If this wall is constructed it will direct the natural flood of the tide, and in rough weather send the sea right over my farm. I would like to see the Harbour in proper working order, but when it comes to washing a man's homestead away it is a serious matter, so I would respect-

fully ask your Council to reconsider the matter before entering into expensive litigation.

I am, &c.,
LAURENCE CONLON, Port.

Letter from the Irish County Councils' General Council, as under :—

10 Lower Leinster Street,
Dublin, 24th April, 1913.

INSUFFICIENCY OF THE LOCAL TAXATION (IRELAND)
ACCOUNT.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Irish County Councils' General Council to transmit to you the accompanying resolution on the above subject.

It is suggested that the proposed deputation to the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary for Ireland, should consist of one representative from each County and County Borough Council in Ireland.

With this object I am directed to ask your Council to be so good as to nominate a representative at their next meeting.

In the event of the reception of the deputation being fixed for a date prior to your next Council Meeting, I take the liberty of suggesting that your Council might be represented by the Chairman, or some person nominated by him.

The favour of an early reply will be esteemed.

Yours faithfully,

A. KEOGH NOLAN,
Secretary.

RESOLUTION.

Resolved—That a deputation be appointed to wait on the Chancellor of the Exchequer and the Chief Secretary for Ireland for the purpose of drawing their attention to the serious loss, amounting to something like £40,000 per annum, suffered by Irish Local Authorities through the insufficiency of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account to meet the charges placed on it by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, most of which were previously discharged by Annual Parliamentary Grants. And that Mr. John

Redmond, M.P., Chairman of the Irish Parliamentary Party, be requested to introduce the deputation and the Right Hon. Sir Edward Carson, K.C., M.P., Chairman of the Irish Unionist Party, be asked to accompany same.

Ordered—That Messrs Roche and Nolan, M.P.'s, be asked to attend on behalf of the Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Wednesday 14th day of May, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick O'Connell, Joseph M. Johnson, and Edward Goodman, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Respecting the letter received from Mr T. B. Dromgoole, Clerk of the Ardee Union, the Secretary was directed to write to Mr Dromgoole and state that in the opinion of the Committee he should ask Mr Joseph Moonan to assist him in the work of this year's Registration.

DANGEROUS SIGNALS.

The Committee directed Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, to make application to the next meeting of the Proposals Committee to have dangerous signal posts erected at the following places, viz :—Ballybonak Hill, Windmill Road, and Green Gates.

The Committee decided to make Mr Oliver the Sub-Contractor for Annagasson Pier, and Mr O'Connell was directed to draw up agreement as between the Department's Engineer and the County Council.

Letter from Mr. P. C. Cowan as under :—

Dublin, 8th May, 1913.

Dear Sir—Yours of the 7th inst. I think your letter must have been written under some misapprehension as to my connection with the Road Board, which is merely that of a member of two advisory Engineering

Committees. I could not assist you or the gentlemen mentioned in your letter in arranging an interview with the Road Board Authorities, as to which the Secretary of the Board should be addressed.

Yours, etc.,

P. C. COWAN.

Letter from L. G. Board as under :—

9th May, 1913.

No. 14,710.

Sir—With reference to their letter of the 12th November last, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have extended for a further period of six months their provisional approval to the appointment of Dr. J. A. McQuillan as Medical Superintendent of the Central Tuberculosis Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council.

Meeting of Finance Committee, on Monday, the 26th day of May, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Michael Woods, John F. Murphy, J.P.; and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

Mr. James Dromgoole submitted an account from a contractor named Michael McGuigan, for the sum of £3 7s 3d, which the Committee was informed was statute-barred, and after some discussion on the matter the Secretary was directed to write to the Local Government Board and ask their permission to discharge the account in question.

The undermentioned letter was referred to the County Council, viz:—

Ardee, 23rd May, 1913.

To the Members of the Louth County Council.

Gentlemen—We are instructed by the Committee of the Irish College of Omeath to put before you their request for a contribution towards the maintenance of the College, and to ask you to appoint representatives of the Council to its Governing Body.

They feel sure that this enterprise to provide summer classes in Irish for school teachers, and to save the living language in the district of the County, where it is still spoken, must win the sympathy and the financial support of the members of the Council, and of all who would wish to see preserved any link of our County and its people with their past.

The success of the session of last year in attracting about forty students justifies the Committee in or-

ganising two six week sessions for this summer from July to end of September.

The engagement of a competent teaching staff under the direction of Professor MacNeill, of the National University, Principal of the College, and the rent and upkeep of Omeath House, will entail a large expenditure, which the students' fees cannot at all meet.

We, therefore, appeal with confidence to the patriotism of the people of Louth to provide the funds necessary for a work of such local interest and such national value.

Yours truly,

REV. PATRICK O'GRIENAN, C.C., Rathfriland;
JOSEPH T. DOLAN, Ardee;

Treasurers.

The following Report from Mr. James Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyor, upon which no order was made, was read:—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—As requested by the Finance Committee, I have investigated Mr. Laurence Conlon's complaint, re anticipated damage to his property adjacent to Dunany Pier. Two of Conlon's fields lie along the coast to the eastward of the Pier, and considerable erosion has taken place, especially since the old jetty has been demolished. It is expected the proposed extension of the Pier will prevent the travel of the shingle to the westward, and I can see no reason to anticipate injurious results. On the contrary, if the proposed extension makes any change at all, it is sure to act as a protection, by causing the shingle to accumulate along Conlon's holding.

Your obedient Servant,

JAMES DROMGOOLE,
Acting County Surveyor.

25th May, 1913.

The following letter from Mr. J. T. Clinton, V.S., was read and referred to the Executive Committee:—

May 25th, 1913.

The Secretary Louth County Council.

Dear Sir—A case of suspected Foot and Mouth Disease has occurred on the L.N.W. Railway Company's premises at Greenore amongst a consignment of cattle from Ballybay. I visited the premises to-day in company with the Departmental Inspectors, who have the matter in hand.

An outbreak of Swine Fever (suspected) occurred to-day on the premises of J. Prendergast, Blackrock. I examined the animals and forwarded the necessary particulars to the Department.

The Tuberculosis (Animals) Order is being extended to Ireland, and comes into force on June 2nd. It will be necessary for your Council, acting as the Local Authority, to take the necessary steps to carry out the Order. I would suggest that a committee of the Council should meet the Veterinary Inspectors and discuss the matter with them.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON, M.R.C.V.S.

The following letter was read from the County of Louth National Health Insurance Committee:—

Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Dundalk,
21st May, 1913.

Dear Sir—I am directed by the Louth Insurance Committee to inform you they having had under their consideration the draft agreement prepared by Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, and with reference thereto I am to state they have approved of the agreement with slight alterations.

Yours faithfully,

T. F. Filgate.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

The following letter was referred to Mr. Lyons for his report:—

Office of Public Works
Dublin, 30th April, 1913.

Sir—In reply to your letter of the 28th instant, I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that loans are made by them to County Councils for the purpose of any work for which the Council are authorised to borrow, and the rates of interest are as follows:— $3\frac{1}{2}$ per cent. when the period does not exceed 30 years; $3\frac{3}{4}$ per cent. when the period exceeds 50 years. The loans are repayable by equal half-yearly instalments of the principal. If a loan is required it will be necessary, in the first instance, for the County Council to apply to the Local Government Board for that Board's sanction, in accordance with the provisions of Article (21) of the Application of Enactments Order of 22nd December, 1898.

JOHN F. MURPHY, Chairman.

CO. OF LOUTH NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE
COMMITTEE.

Clerk's Office, Courthouse, Dundalk,
21st May, 1913.

Dear Sir—I am directed by the Louth Insurance Committee to request the County Council to proceed at as early a date as possible with the appointment of a duly qualified Nurse in connection with their scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Clerk.

Minutes of Proceedings of Finance Committee on Monday, the 9th day of June, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—John F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Wynne, Peter Woods, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; and Joseph M. Johnson, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The following letter from the three Veterinary Inspectors was referred to the Executive Committee for their consideration:—

Dundalk, 6th June, 1913.

Sir—As you are aware the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order came into force on the 2nd inst. The duty of carrying out the provisions of the Order devolves upon your Veterinary Inspectors, and will throw a large amount of extra duty and serious responsibilities upon us. We therefore respectfully ask your Council to grant us such an increase in salary as will recompense us for the extra duties imposed upon us.

We are, Sir,

Your obedient Servants,

J. T. CLINTON, M.R.C.V.S.,

E. MAXWELL, M.R.C.V.S.,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY, M.R.C.V.S.
Veterinary Inspectors.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,
Secretary Louth County Council.

The following letter and map from the Estates Commissioners, was referred to the Acting County Surveyor, Mr James Dromgoole, for his consideration and report:—

Estate of the Irish Land Commission, formerly the Estate of The Lord Rathdonnell. E.C. 7071,
Section 6. Co. Louth.

30th May, 1913.

Sir—I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to enclose a copy map showing a plantation on the above Estate which is at present in their hands, and to ask whether your Council would be prepared to make an offer for the purchase of same with a view to its preservation. I am to refer you to the provisions of Section 4 and 20 of the Irish Land Act, 1903, as amended by Section 18 of the Act of 1909.

I am, etc.,

JOHN T. DRENNAN.

The following letter from Mr. R. H. Dorman, Co. Surveyor of Armagh, was next submitted by the Secretary:—

County Surveyor's Office, Armagh,
7th June, 1913.

T. F. Filgate, Esq.,

Secretary Louth County Council.

Dear Sir—Mr. Cowan, Chief Engineering Inspector to the Local Government Board, with the County Surveyors of Dublin and Waterford, and myself, have been appointed an Advisory Committee of Engineers to the Road Board.

Mr. Cowan and I propose leaving Drogheda Station about 9.45 o'clock on next Wednesday morning, 11th inst., to inspect the main road from there through Dundalk to Belfast for the Board. I do not know whether a County Surveyor has yet been appointed in Mr. Lynam's place, and I do not know whether the County Louth Council have taken any steps to have an estimate prepared for the making of the portion of the Dublin to Belfast road passing through County Louth, so I write to ask you if you can give me any information. Perhaps also you could drop a line to the Assistant Surveyor for the southern part of the County, asking him

to meet us at the Drogheda Station on Wednesday morning. I suppose he would be able to tell us if anything has been done in the way of preparing an estimate.

Yours faithfully,

R. H. DORMAN.

On hearing this letter read, the Committee made the following order:—

That Mr. James Dromgoole meet the gentlemen named in Mr. Dorman's letter at Drogheda Station, on Wednesday morning, and that he request him to meet the following gentlemen members of the County Council at 11 o'clock a.m., or any other time that will suit them, for an informal conversation on the subject of the Roads Board Grant so far as County Louth is concerned, viz:—The Chairman (Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.), Messrs. James Wynne, J. M. Johnson, Edward Goodman, Patrick O'Connell, and Bernard Hamill, J.P.

The following resolutions were then submitted and adopted by the Committee:—

Wynne's Hotel, Dublin,
June, 1913.

Dear Sir—At an impromptu meeting held at Wynne's Hotel, Dublin, on the 5th inst., to consider the situation created by the extraordinary action of the President of the Women's National Health Association and the Local Government Board in connection with the appointment of a Medical Superintendent for Peamount Sanatorium, the annexed resolution was unanimously adopted by us.

We earnestly desire to bring the question dealt with under the notice of all County Councils who intend to provide Sanatoria either for their own Counties or jointly with other Councils, as well as those who send patients to Peamount, in order that they may take such immediate action as they may consider necessary in the

peculiar circumstances of the case.

Yours faithfully,

P. J. McKenna, Co. Council, Westmeath.
Jas. A. Kiernan, Solr., }
Thomas McDermott, } Co. Council, Leitrim.

M. Cassidy, Co. Council, Donegal.
Patrick McCann, Co. Council, Longford.
John Fitzgibbon, }
James McDonnell, } Co. Council, Limerick.

Edmund Anglun, South Riding, Tipperary.
Peter P. Moloney, South Riding, Tipperary.
William McEnerney, Waterford.
Edmund Nugent, J.P., Waterford.

To the Secretary of each County Council.

"That we view with surprise the efforts that are being made by the President of the Women's National Health Association and the Local Government Board to set aside the decision arrived at on the 7th May by the Committee of Management of Peamount Sanatorium in connection with the election of a Medical Superintendent for that Institution. That such procedure is clearly an attempt to impose a veto on the unanimous selection made by all the representatives of the County Councils present at the meeting, and to take away from them all control whatsoever in the management of the Sanatorium. That the proposal not to permit any medical men to assume the position of Superintendent of Peamount who has not had experience in the management of a Sanatorium, however qualified in every other respect, be given effect to, it would debar practically every young medical man in Ireland from obtaining that or any other similar appointment in their own country. That in our opinion all Co. Councils should decline to send any more patients to Peamount until such time as they be permitted to exercise some control in the management of that Institution.

Adopted.

CONJOINT COMMITTEE I.M.A. AND B.M.A.

2nd June, 1913.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Dear Sir—I am directed to transmit to you for the information of your Council the following resolution which was passed at a meeting of the Sanatorium Sub-Committee of the Conjoint Committee held on the 30th ult. :—

“In view of the fact that Dr. J. J. McGrath possesses all the qualifications prescribed by the Local Government Board, the Sanatorium Benefit Sub-Committee of the Conjoint Committee condemns the attempt which is being made to annul his appointment, and considers that the Local Government Board should sanction his appointment as Medical Superintendent to the Peamount Sanatorium.”

I am, yours faithfully,

Adopted.

M. R. J. HAYES.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 23rd day of June, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Wm. Woods, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; Patrick Kearney, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; and Patrick O Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

MR. P. DONEGAN'S SANCTION.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 11th June, 1913. No. 30113, 1913.

Louth County.

11th June, 1913.

Sir—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 5th inst., and the replies to queries respecting the appointment of Mr. Patrick S. Donegan as Poor Rate Collector in Louth County, and I have to state that the Board have approved of this appointment on the terms set out in the query form, returned herewith, which should be carefully filled for future reference, the remuneration of Mr Donegan to be regulated by a poundage rate of 6d in accordance with the Public Bodies Order, 1904.

The Board observe that Mr. Donegan does not reside in the collection district, and they presume that the County Council are satisfied that his non-residence will not prevent him from discharging efficiently the duties of his office.

I am to add that the bond of Mr. Donegan should be

submitted for the Boards' inspection in due course.

I am, etc.,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

PAYMENT OF £250 FOR DUNANY PIER.

No. 3,265/13 F.B.

Department of Agriculture, etc.,
19th June, 1913.

Sir—With reference to your letter of the 4th March last, I have to state that the Department would feel obliged if the Louth County Council will kindly lodge to the credit of the Department their contribution of £250 towards the cost of the proposed works of improvement at Dunany. A Receivable Order to enable this to be done is sent herewith.

I am, etc.,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

Payment recommended.

The Receivable Order reads thus:—

"The Chief Cashier of the Bank of Ireland will please receive and place to the credit of the Paymasters' Generals Supply Account the amount stated hereon, and transmit this authority to the Paymaster-Generals Office, Dublin Castle.—£250.

WEEDS AND AGRICULTURAL SEEDS
(IRELAND) ACT, 1909.

Further letter from the Department as follows:—
No. A12433/13.

19th June, 1913.

Sir—Adverting to previous correspondence, I have to acquaint you, for the information of the County Council, that the Department have arranged to commence the work of inspection, under the above Act, at an early date. I have at the same time to request that the Council will assist the Department as far as possible in this matter by taking such action as may be necessary

to have all roads and lands in their control kept clear of Noxious Weeds during the coming season.

I am, etc.,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The Committee decided to adhere to the same procedure as regard this Act as in previous years. That to say, that they recommend the County Council to an Order being made by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland declaring that throughout the County Louth, all plants of the following species, viz.:—Thistle, Ragwood, Colesfoot, and Docking are noxious weeds for the purposes of the Weeds and Agricultural Seeds (Ireland) Act, 1909.

The following correspondence respecting the appointment of Resident Medical Superintendent to Peamount was next submitted to the Committee:—

[COPY].

APPOINTMENT OF RESIDENT MEDICAL
SUPERINTENDENT TO PEAMOUNT.

Mayo County Council,
Secretary's Office, Castlebar,
June 12th, 1913.

DEAR SIR WILLIAM THOMPSON,—

At a Meeting of the County Council on Wednesday last, two letters with reference to the appointment of a Medical Superintendent for Peamount were read. One of these purported to come from an "impromptu meeting" of the County Councillors held in Wynne's Hotel, Dublin, the other was from the Poor Law Guardians of Cavan Union. Both were accompanied by resolutions (for adoption here) in which dissatisfaction was expressed with the attempt which it was alleged was being made to have the appointment cancelled.

As you probably know, Mayo County Council have decided to acquire 30 beds in Peamount, and only await

an understanding with the County Insurance Committee about the pooling of funds, etc., etc., to take steps to have the accommodation provided, for this reason they are not altogether disinterested in the matter. It was felt at the meeting that the adoption of a resolution on any subject the merits of which are unknown by the Council would be now merely unbusinesslike, but unfair for those singled out for condemnation in such resolution, and I was directed to apply to the Women's National Health Association for information regarding the reason which influenced the Association to oppose the appointment of a Practitioner who is understood to possess the requisite qualifications for the position, and who it is understood was elected thereto.

Yours sincerely,

(Signed) J. T. KELLY.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
OF IRELAND.

(INCORPORATED).

7 Ely Place, Dublin,
June 16th, 1913.

DEAR MR. KELLY,—

I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 12th inst. in reference to the appointment of Resident Medical Superintendent at Peamount Sanatorium, and in reply send you enclosed Memorandum which will furnish your Council with all the information required.

I need hardly say that it is the sole desire of the Women's National Health Association to secure the best and most efficient treatment for the patients sent to their Sanatoriums, and that they consider practical experience gained in a Sanatorium an indispensable qualification for filling the position of Resident Medical Superintendent.

In view of the misunderstanding which appears to have arisen in connection with this matter, the Officers of the Women's National Health Association deem it

desirable to place the facts before the public to which course I hope you will have no objection.

Yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON,

Hon. Secretary Peamount
Sanatorium.

JOSEPH T. KELLY, Esq.,
Secretary Mayor County Council.

WOMEN'S NATIONAL HEALTH ASSOCIATION
OF IRELAND.

(INCORPORATED).

7 Ely Place, Dublin,
June 17th 1913.

Sir—In view of the misunderstanding which appears to have arisen in connection with the appointment of a Resident Medical Superintendent for Peamount Sanatorium, the Officers of the Women's Health Association deem it desirable to place the facts contained in enclosed Memorandum before your County Council.

I remain, yours faithfully,

WILLIAM J. THOMPSON,

Hon. Secretary Peamount
Sanatorium.

No. 1996/1913.
Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
5th June, 1913.

Sir—The Local Government Board for Ireland have observed from communications recently addressed to them that some diversity of practice obtains in the different Counties as regards the mode of charging the contributions of County Councils under the National Insurance Act, 1911, as employers of workmen on roads and other public works.

The Board have obtained legal advice on the point, and after careful consideration of the various arguments submitted, have now arrived at the conclusion that these contributions should be a county-at-large charge

under Section 45 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, there being no other provision in law which could be held to determine their chargeability.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary of each County Council.

No. G 2134/13.

Department of Agriculture
and Technical Instruction for Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
13th June, 1913.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

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 16th ultimo, at Ardee, County Louth, three samples of butter for analysis. The samples were duly submitted to the Public Analyst for the County, who certifies that they proved to be pure.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

The following letter from the Executors of the late Mr Patrick Moonan was read, and it was ordered that the Secretary write to the Local Government Board for permission to pay him his fees and irrecoverable arrears:

T. F. Filgate, Esq., Secretary.

Louth County Council,

Courthouse, Dundalk.

Dear Sir—As Executors of late Mr Patrick Moonan (Collector of Rates, Ardee No. 1 Rural), we respectfully

beg to apply for balance of Poundage Fees on his Collection from period to 31st March, 1913, also for a refund of the irrecoverable rates on same collection.

Your obedient Servants,
Joseph J. Dolan,
Patrick Campbell,

Executors.

The Committee next proceeded to take into consideration the following application from the three Veterinary Inspectors:—Messrs. Clinton, Maxwell, and Donnelly. It is as under:—

Dundalk, 6th June, 1913.

Sir—As you are aware the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order came into force on the 2nd inst. The duty of carrying out the provisions of the Order devolves upon your Veterinary Inspectors, and will throw a large amount of extra duty and serious responsibilities upon us such an increase in salary as will recompense us for as such an increase in salary as will recompense us for the extra duties imposed upon us.

Your obedient Servants,

J. T. CLINTON, M.R.C.V.S.

W. E. MAXWELL, M.R.C.V.S.

A. A. DONNELLY, M.R.C.V.S.

After a protracted discussion on the subject matter, of the foregoing application, the Committee were unanimous in making the following recommendation to the County Council, viz:—That we fix the future annual salaries of the three Veterinary Inspectors as follows:—

Joseph T. Clinton, Dundalk, £130 per annum.

William E. Maxwell, Ardee, £90 per annum.

Andrew A. Donnelly, Drogheda, £90 per annum.

The following letter from Dr. J. A. McQuillan, M.D., was marked "approved" by the Chairman.

Genlemen—I beg to recommend that Owen Duffy, Clogherhead, who is a non-insured person, and is suffering from phthisis, and Mrs Connroy, Bachelors' Lane, also a non-insured person, be sent to a Sanatorium for a period of twelve weeks each.

Yours truly,

J. A. McQUILLAN.

June 23rd, 1913.

The undermentioned was also approved by the Chairman and Members of the Finance Committee, viz. :—

That Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, take necessary steps to procure site for Central Dispensary on terms already approved by the Council from Mr. Turner.

The Secretary of the County Council (Mr. Townley F. Filgate) informed the Committee, that owing to the present state of his health he felt unable to continue in his office as Secretary of the County Council, and, he, therefore, asked them to accept his resignation.

The matter will now come formally before the next Meeting of the County Council, which will be held on Thursday, 24th inst.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 7th day of July, 1913.

Present :—

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

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P. ; James Wynne, Patk. O'Connell, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; and Joseph M. Johnston, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of Acting County Surveyors and those of his own Office, which on examination were passed by the Committee.

The Secretary also submitted County-at-Large payments in respect of the quarter ended 30th June last, which were recommended for payment at next meeting of the Council.

In connection with the Accounts submitted and passed from Dr. M'Quillan, Medical Superintendent Tuberculosis Scheme, the Committee ordered that Dr. M'Quillan and Mr. Warren, send in a report for next Meeting of the County Council, enumerating therein the number of patients now

under treatment ; and any other information they may deem necessary for consideration of the County Council.

Arising out of the new Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1913, for County Louth, the Committee authorised the Secretary to hire two additional tanks from Messrs. Cooper & Nephew's, Berklamstead, and that the following Gentlemen be constituted a Committee to appoint two Dipping Superintendents—one for Carlingford and district, and one for Omeath and district—during the time the Order is in force, viz. :—Messrs. Wm. Woods, J.P. ; Michael O'Meara, J.P. ; Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P. ; Peter Woods, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; and Joseph P. Kearney.—Committee to meet on Monday, the 14th July, 1919, at one o'clock, p.m.

DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held on the 30th day of June, 1913.

Present :—Rev. J. Moody, M.A., in the chair. Other members—Rev. J. Watson, B.A. ; Rev. T. Murphy, C.C. ; P. J. Finigan, M.D., J.P. ; and M. O'Meara, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary read the minutes of the previous meeting of the Committee which were passed and duly signed by the Chairman.

The reports from the School Attendance Officers were next read and considered satisfactory.

The next business was the appointment of Secretary, School Attendance Officer, and Assistant School Attendance Officer. Rev. J. Watson, B.A., proposed, and Rev. T. Murphy, C.C., seconded, the re-appointment of Mr. Daniel O'Meara, as Secretary and School Attendance Officer for the ensuing 12 months. Dr. Finigan, J.P., proposed, and Mr.

M. O'Meara, J.P., seconded, the re-appointment of Mr. P. J. Campbell as Assistant School Attendance Officer. The above motions were each unanimously passed.

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 our School Attendance Officer (Mr. Daniel O'Meara) be allowed £20 per annum towards travelling expenses.

(Signed),

R. T. BLUETT, M.A.

After a lengthy discussion on the subject matter of this Notice it was

Proposed by Dr Finigan, J.P.,

Seconded by Rev. J. Watson, B.A., and

Unanimously Recommended—That our School Attendance Officer (Mr. Daniel O'Meara) be allowed £20 per annum towards travelling expenses, and that we respectfully request the sanction of the County Council to this recommendation.

I certify above Minutes to be a true and correct copy.

(Signed),

DANIEL O'MEARA,
Secretary to Committee.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (IRELAND) ACT, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

*Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee
at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Monday,
the 21st day of July, 1913.*

Present :—

In the Chair—Patrick O'Connell, Esq.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P. ; James Wynne, J.P. ; and Joseph P. Kearney, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. He also submitted accounts—County at Large—in respect of the quarter ended 30th June last, and the Committee, on examination of same, recommended the Council to discharge them at their Meeting to be held on the 24th inst.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and as the Committee were of opinion that it did not effect the County Council, no order was made on it :—

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

25th June, 1913.

SIR,

In connection with the establishment of County Insurance Societies by County Councils under Sect. 81 of the National Insurance Act, 1911, the Local Government Board for Ireland deem it right to point out to County Councils the steps which it is open to them to take, in order to fulfil their duty of safeguarding the interests of the ratepayers, in cases where they may be required to give security to the Irish Insurance Commissioners by means of a charge upon the County Funds to provide against any malversation or misappropriation of moneys by the officers of such Societies.

The Board understand that the bond required to be given by the County Council to the Insurance Commissioners provides that if a deficiency in the funds of such Society is shown to arise wholly or partly from such malversation or misappropriation the Commissioners shall be entitled to recover from the County Council the amount of such deficiency, in so far as it is not made good by the defaulting officer or other person.

The appointments of the officers of a County Society are subject to the approval of the County Council, and it would, therefore, be open to the County Council to insist that each such officer should furnish a bond of such amount and on such conditions as to prevent the possibility of the County Funds being called upon to meet any liability under the bond given by the County Council to the Insurance Commissioners. In order that the Council might themselves be in a position to

enforce the terms of the bonds of the officers, it should be required that such bonds should in all cases be given to the County Council either solely, or, if this course is not practicable, to the County Council and County Society (or Trustees) jointly and severally. The County Council would do well to secure that the bonds of the officers should be drawn in such form as to prevent liability being repudiated on technical grounds.

The County Council might accordingly have the bonds in each case examined by their Solicitor, special regard being paid to the obligations on the County Council, both as to amounts of security and otherwise, undertaken in pursuance of the bond given by the County Council to the Insurance Commissioners.

Provision should also be made for securing that the bonds may be kept in force from time to time by the payment of annual premiums or substitution of sureties, as each case may require.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

Further letter from the Local Government Board, as follows :—

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

9th May, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to draw attention to the judgment recently delivered by the Court of Appeal in the case of *Weir v. Fermanagh County Council and Enniskillen Rural District Council*, in which an important opinion has been expressed as to the procedure to be followed by

County and Rural District Councils in regard to proposals under the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899, as amended, which involve the borrowing of money for the execution of public works.

This opinion is to the effect that in such instances it is mandatory on a rural district council in formulating a proposal under Article 13 (2) of the Order to state their decision as to the minimum number of years within which the money to be borrowed shall be repaid, and that if the rural district council omit to do so, the County Council shall refer the proposal back to the rural district council for amendment in this respect before the proposal can be approved by them. The opinion equally applies to proposals formulated by a proposal committee of a County Council.

As the borrowing of money by county councils is contingent on the sanction of the Local Government Board being subsequently obtained, it will be necessary that the number of years for repayment of the loan proposed by the rural district council (or proposal committee) and approved by the county council should not exceed the period to which the Local Government Board will be prepared to consent under Section 60 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898; as otherwise the requisite procedure for an amended proposal would have to be carried out before the loan could be sanctioned.

In order to prevent trouble to the councils and delay in carrying out works, the Board deem it right, so far as it is possible to do so, to apprise the councils of their general practice as to the periods allowed by them for the repayment of loans for carrying out proposals affected by this opinion.

The large majority of such loans are for the purpose of re-making roads by steam rolling, and in such cases the period granted by the Board rarely exceeds five years, it being, of course, understood that the specifications and other arrangements for executing the works are

found satisfactory. The Board regret that they cannot, owing to varying conditions, lay down any general rule as to the period for repayment of loans required for other works, and in such cases they can only suggest to the councils that in formulating and approving proposals it should be specially borne in mind that if they are to avoid carrying out the procedure a second time they must insert a figure which would be certain to be within the period likely to be sanctioned by the Board, and on this point they should be guided by the advice of the County Surveyor. It would seem to be open to a rural district council or proposal committee, having inserted such number, to add to the proposal qualifying words such as "or such greater number of years as may be allowed by the Local Government Board for the repayment of the loan."

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARIAS, *Secretary.*

The following letter from the Clerk of the Dundalk Rural District Council, dated 28th ultimo, was referred to the County Council:—

DUNDALK UNION,

CLERK'S OFFICE,

June 28th, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

You will notice the serious mistake that has been made in the printing of the Forms 22 recently sent me and

which I now return. Of necessity I have had to use them on this occasion, but I would not wish to submit them again to Mr. Newell.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,

Clerk of the Council.

The undermentioned letter from Mr. P. A. Spalding, dated 2nd inst., was referred to the Council's Solicitor:—

DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL,

ELECTRICITY WORKS, DUNDALK,

2nd day of July, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

I shall be glad to have your Council's permission to erect a stay on each of two of our steel poles on the footpath on the Newry Road just below the entrance to the Cemetery. The stays would form no obstruction on the footpath and would be boarded over at the lower ends.

The accompanying sketch shows roughly the appearance of the stays to the poles

Awaiting the favour of your reply,

Yours faithfully,

P. A. SPALDING.

The Finance Committee referred the undermentioned letter to the County Council for their consideration:—

NATIONAL HEALTH INSURANCE COMMISSION,

DUBLIN,

7th July, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to refer you to the terms of the proviso to Section 81 (8) of the National Insurance Act, 1911, which enables them, where any part of the cost of sanatorium benefit is defrayed by the Council of a County or County Borough, to increase the representation of the Council on the Insurance Committee formed for their administrative area and to make a corresponding diminution in the representation of the insured persons.

As your Council propose to defray part of the cost of such benefit, the Commission have decided to increase the representation of the Council on the County of Louth Insurance Committee from eight members to ten members. The Council have already appointed eight members, and these members will hold office until the 15th July, 1914. It will, therefore, be necessary for the Council *at once* to meet and appoint two additional representatives, and the Commission would be glad if you would take such steps to have such meeting convened at an early date.

I am glad to add that the additional members so appointed will also hold office until the 15th July, 1914.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

PIERCE KENT.

The following letter from Mr. James Brady, Clerk to Drogheda Local Pension Committee was referred to the County Council :—

DROGHEDA RURAL SUB-COMMITTEE OF THE CO. LOUTH
LOCAL PENSION COMMITTEE.

CLERK'S OFFICE, DROGHEDA UNION,

7th July, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

I am directed to report a vacancy on this Committee through the death of Mr. Thomas Maguire, County Councillor.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES BRADY,

Clerk of Committee.

The following correspondence from the Local Government Board respecting the appointment of Secretary to the County Council was ordered to be read at the next meeting of the Council :

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

8th July, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt on the 4th inst. of your letter intimating the resignation of the Secretary to the Louth County Council, and, in reply, I am to forward, for the information of the County Council, the accompanying copy of the Board's Order of December, 1899, prescribing the qualifications for the position of a Secretary to a County Council, together with a copy of a circular letter setting forth the procedure to be followed in making an appointment to the Office.

A form of queries in connection with the vacancy is also enclosed.

By order of the Board,

E. W. LEACH.

GENERAL ORDER

Regulating the qualifications for the Office of Secretary of the Council of an Administrative County (not being a County Borough) as constituted under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

To the Councils of the several Administrative Counties (other than County Boroughs) constituted under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 :

And to all others whom it may concern.

WHEREAS by Section 83 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it is provided that the Council of a County other than a County Borough shall appoint the Secretary of the Council (who shall act as Clerk of the Council) :

AND WHEREAS by Sub-section (4) of the said Section it is provided that the said Secretary of the Council shall have such qualifications (if any) as may be prescribed.

AND WHEREAS We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, deem it expedient to prescribe the qualifications of persons appointed to the said Office of Secretary of a Council of a County other than a County Borough.

NOW, THEREFORE, We do hereby Order and Direct that on and after the date of this Order no person shall be eligible to be appointed to the Office of Secretary of a County Council in Ireland :

I. Unless he is over twenty-one years of age at the date of his appointment ; and undertakes to devote his entire time to the duties of his office :

II. And unless he

(a) is an existing Secretary of a County Council or has acted for a period of three years as a duly authorised Assistant to a Secretary of a County Council, and satisfies the Local Government Board that he has efficiently discharged the duties of his Office :

or (b) unless he shall have been examined, and his qualifications certified by some person or persons appointed for that purpose by the Local Government Board :

Provided that the Local Government Board may, if they see fit, dispense with the examination in the case of a candidate for the Office of Secretary of a County Council, who can produce a certificate of having passed a public examination at least equivalent in the opinion of the Board to that which the Board require to be passed by Secretaries of County Councils, or can show that he possesses actuarial, legal, or other special qualifications for the Office of Secretary.

No person shall be appointed to the Office of Secretary of the Council of a County who is unable to satisfy the Local Government Board as to his age and character.

Sealed with our Seal this Eleventh day of December, in the Year of Our Lord One Thousand Eight Hundred and Ninety-nine.

(Signed),

G. W. BALFOUR. Wm. L. MICKS.

H. A. ROBINSON. R. BAGWELL.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 1899.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that their attention has been called to the method of procedure adopted in some Counties on the occurrence of a vacancy in the office of Secretary, and the Board desire to suggest, for the information and guidance of the County Council, that, before proceeding to the making of a fresh appointment to this office, the following preliminaries should be observed:—

In the first place, the County Council should fix the amount of salary which it is proposed to allow for the office in question, and should communicate their decision to the Local Government Board, with a view to obtaining the concurrence of the Board, as required by Section 83, Sub-section 4, of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

Advertisements should then be inserted in the local newspapers, and in one or more of the Dublin daily papers, inviting candidates for the position, and specifying the amount of salary agreed upon, the limits of age fixed, and particulars as to the latest date for sending in applications and testimonials.

The Board would remind the County Council that each member should receive a summons to attend the meeting at which it is proposed to make the appointment three clear days at least beforehand, as prescribed by Article 36 (10) VI. of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

As their approval is necessary to this appointment, the Local Government Board, on being informed of the existence of a vacancy, will forward to the offices of the County Council a form of questions to be answered respecting the candidate selected by the County Council.

I am, sir,

Your obedient servant,

Secretary.

To The Secretary of the Co. Council.

.....COUNTY COUNCIL.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY.

1. State in full the Christian Name and Surname of the person appointed
2. His intended place of Residence ..
3. (a) His Age
(b) State of Health
(c) Whether free from any bodily infirmity likely to impede an active discharge of his duties
4. (a) How employed immediately before his appointment ; ..
(b) Whether he is prepared to devote his whole time to the duties of his office
(c) Does he hold the office of Clerk of the Peace, or Clerk of the Crown, or Poor Rate Collector ?
(d) Is he a member of any public body ?
5. If he has been a member of any public body, the date upon which he ceased to be such member ..
6. If he has been in the Army, Navy, Excise, Police, or other Public Service, state
(a) Which service
(b) The cause of his leaving the same
(c) Date of leaving

7. If he has been an Officer of any Public Body,

- (a) Name of Public Body ..
- (b) The office held by him ..
- (c) The cause of leaving ..
- (d) Date of leaving ..

8. Whether he has ever been Bankrupt or Insolvent ; if so, state

- (a) The date of his Certificate or Discharge ..
- (b) Whether the County Council have satisfied themselves that the circumstances were not unfavourable to character ..

9. What steps have the County Council taken

- (a) To ascertain his competency to perform the duties of Secretary efficiently ..
- (b) To satisfy themselves that he is otherwise fitted for this office ..

10. State

- (a) The date from which it is proposed that his duties should commence ..
- (b) The amount of salary attached to the office ..
- * (c) Date of resolution of County Council appointing him to the office ..

11. State as regards Security,

- (a) The nature of it ..
- (b) The amount required by the County Council ..

†(c) The names and addresses of persons willing to act as Sureties ..

(d) Whether any one of them is a member of the Co. Council or other public body ..

12. Have the County Council made due inquiry, and satisfied themselves of the sufficiency of each of the Sureties named ? ..

- 13. (a) State the cause of the vacancy
- (b) The date of its occurrence ..
- (c) The name of the person who last held the office ..
- (d) If a Resignation, state the reason for resigning ..

{ Signature of the Chairman of
the Meeting of the Co. Council at
which the above Answers were
considered and adopted.

Signature of the Officer appointed.

[The Christian Name and Surname being written in full.]

Reported to the Local Government Board

for their approval,

day of

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*A copy of the County Council's resolution should be attached.
†Bond of Sureties should be forwarded for inspection by the Local Government Board.

Letter and Statement *re* Blackrock Pier from Mr. J. H. Murphy, Solicitor, Dundalk, dated the 16th inst., were referred to the County Council for their sanction—viz. :

17, FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

16th day of July, 1913.

Re BLACKROCK PIER.

DEAR SIR,

I am acting for a number of the inhabitants and fishermen of Blackrock in connection with the above.

I enclose you copy of my letter to the Estates Commissioners and their reply in reference to the ownership of the foreshore where it was proposed to make the Pier.

As I am quite sure the Board of Trade will grant the necessary site for the proposed Pier and Roadway thereto, I would ask your Council to put the matter in hands at once.

I would suggest that your Council, through their Solicitor, should communicate with the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction and ask them to send down their Engineer to make the necessary plans and furnish an estimate for a Pier and Roadway suitable to the requirements of the district.

Yours truly,

J. H. MURPHY.

Re BLACKROCK PIER.

Copy Correspondence with the Estates Commissioners.

17, FRANCIS STREET, DUNDALK,

14th day of March, 1913.

FORTESCUE ESTATE, COUNTY LOUTH.

DEAR SIR,

I am acting for the Fishermen of Blackrock Village, County Louth, in connection with the construction of a proposed Pier at Blackrock, County Louth, by the Louth County Council. The site chosen for the proposed Pier is on the foreshore adjacent to the holding belonging to the late George Rogers, now in the possession of his widow, Mrs. Elizabeth Rogers, situate in the Townland of Haggardstown, County Louth, for which a Purchase Agreement was signed by the late George Rogers on the sale of the above estate under the 1903 Land Purchase (Ireland) Act.

The negotiations for the site for this Pier from Major Fortescue to the Louth County Council were commenced as long ago as the year 1904, and Major Fortescue the owner of the foreshore, would not give a site to the Louth County Council for same.

You might kindly let me know will the Estates Commissioners become the owners of the foreshore adjacent to the holding of the late George Rogers, in the town-

land of Haggardstown, County Louth, when the sale of the Fortescue Estate is sanctioned. You might kindly let me know as soon as possible, as my clients are anxious to get the County Council to construct the proposed Pier at Blackrock if it is possible to obtain a site for same from the Estates Commissioners, when the sale of the above estate is sanctioned.

Yours truly,

J. H. MURPHY.

ESTATES COMMISSIONERS' OFFICES, IRISH LAND COMMISSION, UPPER MERRION STREET, DUBLIN,

11th July, 1913.

ESTATE OF M. C. E. FORTESCUE, COUNTY LOUTH.

Record Number, E.C. 5303.

SIR,

With reference to your letter of the 14th March last, re proposed new Pier at Blackrock Village, County Louth, I am directed to state that the Estates Commissioners are informed that the foreshore adjoining the late George Rogers' holding in Haggardstown belongs to the Crown, and that any application in reference to it should be addressed to the Board of Trade. Such application may be made through Mr. Harpur Scaife of the Quit Rent Office, Dublin. If any part of Rogers' holding is required for the purposes mentioned, an application should be made by the registered owner of the holding to the Sub-division Department of the Irish Land Commission.

Your obedient Servant.

B. J. O'DONNELL.

RATE COLLECTOR'S ARREARS.

Letter from the Local Government Board on the above subject was read, and on the motion of Mr. Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P., seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., it was unanimously recommended—"That the amounts of irrecoverable arrears shown on the Lists of our Collectors be discharged by the County Council at their Meeting, to be held on Thursday next."

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

16th July, 1913.

SIR,

With reference to the lists of arrears of rate in the County of Louth for the period ended the 31st March, 1913, recently forwarded by you to this Department, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return the lists herewith, and to state that owing to the unsatisfactory manner in which the Collectors have discharged their duty and the lists have been furnished to this Department, the Board regret they cannot see their way to approve of the recommendations of the County Council, consequently any payments they may decide to make in respect thereof must be on their own responsibility and subject to review by the Auditor.

The Board deem it well to set out generally the irregularities which appear in the present lists and which they regret to find have been more than once brought under the notice of the Secretary of the County Council but without avail.

Several of the amounts on the unused receipts do not agree with the corresponding amounts on the lists of arrears—e.g., J. Moonan, 1715; P. Cluskey, 1946, 2379, etc.

It would appear that new forms of receipt have been specially written out in a great many cases in order to bring many of the items on the lists and corresponding amounts on the receipts into harmony—e.g.,

P. M'Donnell,	..	3148
		3151
		3158, etc.
J. J. Kelly,	..	1926
		2095, etc.

In these cases the amounts on the receipt forms now for the first time furnished agree with the corresponding amounts in column 12 on the lists, but for the reason given above the Board cannot, in the absence of further explanation, accept these documents as supporting the claims of the Collectors for recoupment of irrecoverable arrears.

On reference to the lists of John Woods and J. V. Johnston, in which new receipt forms also have apparently been made out in many cases, it will be found that the system mentioned in the preceding paragraph has not been followed—e.g.,

J. Woods,	..	4809
		4860, etc.
J. V. Johnston,	..	730
		731, etc.

In these instances it will be observed that the amounts on the new form of receipt do not tally with the amounts in the arrear lists, but represent apparently the amounts actually received by the Collector, and it is only possible to arrive at the amount in the lists by deducting the amount on the new receipt form from the amount on the original receipt.

The certified Summary of Arrears furnished by you is also incorrect, and is returned; a new list should be made out correctly embodying the recommendations of the County Council, and the annexed list should be returned therewith.

Items appearing in column 13 of the lists (Refund amount to Collector, but carry forward for subsequent collection) cannot be legally so refunded, as the Collectors did not close their collections by the 28th Feb. It will be seen that no entry of these amounts (column 13 in Lists) appears on the summary as furnished.

The Board cannot see why the Council propose to strike off items 5381 on Collector J. Woods' Lists as irrecoverable.

The Board must request that, in future, before the lists of arrears are submitted to them that they may be subjected to close scrutiny in the County office.

The system outlined by the Board in their letter of the 5th June, 1912 (29604/1912) in cases of part

payment of rates should also be strictly followed in future.

Six forms of Summary are also enclosed.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

The Constabulary forwarded a list of names and addresses of sheep Owners who exposed their sheep for sale without being accompanied by a declaration as to their being dipped, and the Committee referred same to the Council's Solicitor.

The Committee made no order on the undermentioned letter from the Police Authorities in Dublin :—

METROPOLITAN POLICE COURTS,

INN'S QUAY, DUBLIN,

16th day of July, 1913.

SIR,

You are requested to take notice that this Court will, on the 23rd day of July, 1913, at the North Court proceed to hear an application made under the provisions of the Children Act, 1908, for the committal to a certified Industrial School of the undermentioned children on which hearing your Council will be given an opportunity of being heard in accordance with Section 74 (6) of above Act.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DIXON, *for Chief Clerk.*

The Secretary Co. Louth Council—
Dundalk, Co. Louth.

Names of Children.	Address.
Thomas, Patrick, Charles and Terence Byrne,	131, Summerhill, Dublin.
Stated to have resided at Arthurs- town, Ardee, Co. Louth, until October last.	

Name and address of person bringing case into Court,
Julia Byrne, 37, Up. Mountpleasant Avenue.

Arising out of the Report of the Acting County Surveyors on the subject of Steam Rolling, the Committee made the following recommendation to the County Council—viz., That the terms offered by the representative of Messrs. Edison, who was present, be accepted—viz., That the hire to be 24/- per working day for a six months contract, commencing about the 1st October, 1913, with a standing charge during the working season of 7/- per day; the charge for the Scarifier on Engine No. 189 be withdrawn, and no charge during the idle season; also that the Edison Company be asked to supply an additional Roller or two, if found necessary, at the same rate.

REPORT.

TO THE FINANCE COMMITTEE LOUTH CO. COUNCIL,

July 21st, 1913.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

Steam Rolling of stone in the Rural Districts has been finished, and no more stone will be available until October 1st next when the annual measurements for next year's stone will commence.

As you are now open to make new terms with the Edison Company, Ltd., for the ensuing year, we would suggest that a new agreement be entered into for a term of say six months. A reduction in the cost of hire might also be asked, and also that the charge for the Scarifier attached to the Roller No. 189 be withdrawn.

Mr. Bartlett of the Edison Company, Ltd., is in attendance to-day, and would be pleased to confer with you should you so desire.

We are, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servants,

JOHN M. C. LYONS,

JAMES DROMGOOLE,

Acting Co. Surveyors.

The following letter was ordered to be read at the next meeting of the County Council—viz. :

UNION AND RURAL DISTRICT OF DUNDALK,
BOARD ROOM, UNION WORKHOUSE,

DUNDALK,

July 11th, 1913.

DEAR SIR,

At their Meeting on Monday last the Guardians of this Union decided to intimate, with the co-operation of the County Council, a Farmer's Association for this district, and desired me to ascertain what convenient day the County Council could receive a deputation of Guardians to discuss the project.

Yours faithfully,

P. R. FINIGAN,

Clerk of the Union.

The following correspondence was also read :—

CORPORATION OF DROGHEDA.

TOWN CLERK'S OFFICE,

COURT HOUSE, DROGHEDA,

19th July, 1913.

Mr. VAL WARREN, Court House, Dundalk.

DEAR SIR,

I think it only right to acquaint you that a Member of the Corporation has given Notice of Motion to move that the resolution granting portion of the Old Jail premises for a Branch Tuberculosis Dispensary be rescinded. In the circumstances I think it would be advisable if your Committee did not take any step in relation to the premises until the Notice of Motion has been disposed of.

Yours faithfully,

J. B. CONNOLLY.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

17th July, 1913.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letters of the 30th ultimo and 14th inst., relative to arrangements for the treatment of Tuberculosis in Louth County; and, in reply to your inquiry on the subject, I am to state that a Committee appointed under the provisions of Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, would have power to manage a Sanatorium or Tuberculosis Dispensary established by the County Council. The Council could not delegate to such Committee any powers other than those connected with the management of the Sanatorium or Dispensary.

Pending the establishment of such institutions and the appointment of a Committee of Management under the above-mentioned Section, it is open to the County Council under Article 36 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898, to appoint a temporary Committee to take all the preliminary steps as to inviting tenders and inspecting sites, etc., with a view to making recommendations respecting these matters to the County Council for their approval.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, *Secretary.*

21/7/'13.

Dr. M'Quillan attended and applied for a fortnight's leave of absence to take up temporary duty as Medical Officer of Peamount by request of Her Excellency, Lady Aberdeen ; Dr. O'Connell to do duty in his absence. It was decided to recommend grant of Dr. M'Quillan's request, Dr. O'Connell to perform his duties in his absence.

V. WARREN.

CARLINGFORD HOTEL,
CARLINGFORD, CO. LOUTH,

18/7/'13.

DEAR SIR,

Thanks for list of Sheep Owners received. As regards my having any suggestions to make, representations have been made to me here that it would hit some of the poor owners very hard if they have to pay the regulation amount twice in a period of eight days. A "small" owner can ill afford to pay, say, 5/- now and 5/- again in eight days time. More especially would it be hard on the owners of healthy sheep. I think if your Council could decide to give the second dipping free, or at least at half price, it would be greatly appreciated. In this connection it must be borne in mind that the owners are also expected to assist in the dipping for which they are paying.

Perhaps you will bring the matter before the Executive Committee at Monday's meeting.

Yours faithfully,

W. ASHE KING.

CARLINGFORD HOTEL,

CARLINGFORD, CO. LOUTH,

19/7/'13.

DEAR SIR,

I wish to bring to your Committee's attention the necessity of employing some men to assist M'Kevitt in the dipping. To-day when we were ready to commence work there was none to *dip*. The sheep were in most cases brought by decrepit old men, women and children, none of whom could give any assistance. I had, therefore, to employ four men at 4/- a day, as the owners said if the dipping was not done to-day they would not bring them again.

It is absolutely necessary that at least three men be employed to assist M'Kevitt, otherwise we won't get through over 100 per day, and it will take many months to complete the dipping. I have arranged for three men on Monday, as I really cannot get on with the work without them.

In to-day's inspection of some 400 sheep I found scab with three different owners.

Yours faithfully,

W. ASHE KING.

CARLINGFORD,

16th July, 1913.

To the Secretary of the Louth Co. Council.

DEAR SIR,

Mr. King, V.S., was speaking to me to-day, and he is not satisfied about one man doing the dipping; he had four in Co. Down. He is preparing to start on Saturday morning. We had to look for a yard and can have one from Miss Lee for two week's for the sum of £1.

Will you please let me know what can be done about it.

Yours faithfully,

W. WOODS.

Left in the hands of the Local Committee.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber on the 24th July; Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 21st August; Special Meeting held on Thursday, the 25th September, 1913.

FINANCE COMMITTEE

At their Meetings on 7th August, 18th August, 1st September, 15th September, 29th September, 13th October, 27th October, 3rd and 10th November, 1913.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE,

22nd September, 13th October, and 27th October, 1913.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE,

At their Meeting held on the 15th September, 1913.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE

At their Meeting held on the 27th October, 1913.

DROGHEDA :

"DROGHEDA ADVERTISER" PRINTING WORKS.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber,
Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 24th day of
July, 1913.

Present :—

In the Chair—PETER HUGHES, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick Callan, J.P.;
Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill,
J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick Kearney, Joseph H.
M'Ardle, J.P.; James M'Carthy, J.P.; Richard Mathews,
Laurence M'Keon, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Con-
nell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; William Woods, J.P., and
James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Minutes of the last meetings of the Council having
been printed, and a copy sent to each member, were taken
as read and were confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

Proposed by Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of proceeding of the Finance
Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned
dates, viz. :—28th April, 1913; 14th May, 1913; 26th May,
1913; 9th June, 1913; 23rd June, 1913; 7th July, 1913;
and the 21st July, 1913, be and are hereby confirmed.

School Attendance Committee Minutes.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of proceeding of the Dundalk
Rural District School Attendance Committee, a copy of

which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of, save and except that we increase the School Attendance Officer's (Mr. D. O'Meara's) annual salary by £10 a year, instead of £20 a year as recommended by the School Attendance Committee.

CO-OPTION OF A MEMBER OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL IN THE ROOM OF THE LATE MR. THOMAS MAGUIRE.

Proposed by Mr. Laurence M'Keon,

Seconded by Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That we hereby co-opt Mr. Nicholas T. Murphy, of Hill of Rath, Drogheda, to be a member of this Council in room of the late Mr. Thomas Maguire.

PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Callan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Richard Mathews, and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 1st day of July, 1913, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £825 17s 11d.

DROGHEDA PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James M'Carthy, 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 the 8th day of July, 1913, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of

These payments amount to the sum of £542 13s 11d.

DUNDALK PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, and set out on Form 22 furnished to County Council be and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £1,374 19s 5d.

APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER ON ARDEE SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Richard Mathews,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P., and

Resolved—That Mr. John Kieran, Jun., of Ashville, Ardee, be and is hereby adopted a member of the Ardee School Attendance Committee, in room of Mr. John Magrane, J.P., resigned.

FIXING DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF THE RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND ITS PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., 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 and Proposal Committee.

Ardee, Tuesday, 7th October, 1913.

Drogheda, Tuesday, 21st October, 1913.

Dundaik, Monday, 6th October, 1913.

The last day for lodging notices and applications to the Rural District Councils shall be Tuesday, 9th September, 1913.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, 27th October, 1913.

The last day for lodging notices and applications to the Proposal Committee shall be Wednesday, the 15th October, 1913.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Special Meeting held on Thursday, the 7th day of August, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, William A. Doran, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Patrick Kearney, Michael Meade, Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Peter Woods, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the fixing of the salary of future Secretary of the County Council, and arrange procedure for election.

The Council passed the following series of resolutions.

Proposed by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That we hereby confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee made this day respecting the Annual Salary to be paid to the future Secretary of the County Council of Louth—that is to say—£200 per annum in addition to the usual fees under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts, and that the appointment be made as soon as possible and that our Solicitor be directed to draw up an advertisement for the appointment.

The following letter from Mr. Valentine Warren was next read :—

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I am directed by Dr. McQuillan to inform you that at the meeting of the Drogheda Corporation yesterday, it was decided not to give the Old Goal premises for the purpose of a Tuberculosis Dispensary.

With reference to the Central Dispensary at Dundalk, I am to respectfully request you to consider the advisability of recommending the appointment of an Architect to draw the plans, specifications, etc. with a view to a hasty completion of the Scheme.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your Obedient Servant.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

Arising out of Mr. Warren's letter the Council passed the following resolution :—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That the appointment of an architect for the Dundalk Dispensary be left in the hands of the Provisional Committee under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act.

The undermentioned resolution was also passed by the Council :—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That inasmuch as the Annagassan Harbour Authorities have secured a Provisional Order in accordance with the suggestion of the Department of Agriculture, who promised a sum of £200 towards its promotion, and as the County Council have already paid their quota of £200, we beg to apply to the Department for payment of the £200 promised by them.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 21st day of August, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—PETER HUGHES, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Charles A. Duffy, J.P.; Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly, Michael Meade, Joseph H M'Ardle, J.P., Richard Mathews, Laurence M'Keown, John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Carra, J.P.; Denis J. Rath, William T. Skeffington, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P., and N. T. Murphy, Esquires.

CONSIDERATION OF THE FOLLOWING REPORTS FROM ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

1. The Dundalk Rural District Council unanimously passed an application for £739, the sum allotted to the District for improving part of the Scheduled Roads under the Road Board Scheme, and also a sum of £268 to pay for Steam-Rolling during the coming season.

These, with other proposals for some useful special works, are set out on Form 20 for your consideration.

2. The Council recommend the purchase of Road-making Plant, and appointed a Committee to confer with the County Council in determining the part of the Scheduled Roads on which the Road Board Grant is to be expended. The breaking and delivery of proper

stone will form the chief item of expense in any improvement scheme, and I beg to recommend that this matter be referred to a Committee, when I shall, I hope, be able to give details for formulating a proposal for the purchase (by a loan) of machinery and quarries.

3 The Dundalk Rural District Council has so fully appreciated the advantages of a loan free of interest, in addition to the grant from the Road Board, that I should like to give that body (with your permission) an opportunity of taking up the balance of £1,100, which has, I understand, been refused by the Rural District Councils of Ardee and Drogheda.

The balance (£361) will only cost the district £72 4s. per annum for five years, or for a total outlay of £220 per annum for five years the District can have the immediate use of £2,200.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,
JOHN M. C. LYONS,
Acting County Surveyor.

ARDEE AND DROGHEDA.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

The Ardee Rural District Council at its Quarterly Meeting on the 1st July approved of £187 to pay the cost of Steam-rolling for another six months, commencing about the 1st October next, and provision must now be made for the hire of a Roller for this District.

The Drogheda District Council, at its Quarterly Meeting on the 8th July, refused my application for £175 to continue Steam-rolling, unless the Road Board pay one-half the cost. It is to be regretted this course has been decided on, as some of the most important roads in the district have about two-thirds their length already Steam-rolled, and the remaining one-third would be completed before 1st April next, when these roads could then be let at a cheaper rate.

By reverting to the old method of rolling in the broken stone by vehicular traffic, I am afraid much of the advantages gained and expenses incurred during the past two seasons will be thrown away.

Both Ardee and Drogheda District Councils have decided for the present, at least, not to avail themselves of any portion of the free grant from the Road Board by refusing to pass £362 (£185 Ardee District and £177 Drogheda District).

There are no other proposals of importance.

I am, Gentlemen, your obedient Servant,
JAMES DROMGOOLE,
Acting County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. N. T. Murphy, and

Resolved—That the Reports of the Acting County Surveyors, as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 21st August, 1913, be and are hereby approved of, provided that the Ardee and Drogheda Rural Districts get their proportionate share.

The Council next proceeded to consider Tenders for the following Works, which were duly advertised, and in every instance the lowest tender was accepted.

WORKS.

Tenders for the following Works will be considered by the County Council, as per advertisement.

DROGHEDA DISTRICT.

- No. 58—To make 576 perches of new road between Castlunney and Rathdonnell, from Peter Mathews' house, Drogheda road, to Richard Campbell's house, Collon road. Cost not to exceed £200 0 0
- No. 62—To take up and reconstruct 60 lineal yards of paved channel between Michael Kirwan's house and Margaret Fitzpatrick's in Clogher. Cost not to exceed £4 10 0

No. 635—Erecting posts and danger notices in the district. Cost not to exceed ... £2 10 0

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

No. 3—To re-set curb stones and re-place missing stones along 105 perches, and to repair the fence along 33 perches of footpath on the road from Dundalk to Newry, between the Urban Boundary and Mr. Kerley's shop, Dowdallshill. Cost not to exceed £35 0 0

No. 4—To rebuild 56 feet of protective wall along the footpath at Omeath, between Colonel Dobbins' wall and Mr. Malone's tea rooms. Cost not to exceed £60 0

No. 7—To pay the cost of erecting sign-arms and danger notices at cross-roads. Cost not to exceed ... £3 0 0

It was then proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. Woods, J.P., and resolved—That all Works not tendered for be placed in charge of the Acting County Surveyors.

Item No. 3 on the Agenda, viz:—Consideration of Tenders for erection of Branch Dispensary at Ardee in accordance with advertisement issued. Only one tender received which was accepted by the Council, it was as follows:—

Humphreys, Limited, 19 Stephen's Green, Dublin.

RE BRANCH DISPENSARY—ARDEE.

We estimate the cost of erecting cottage at Ardee in accordance with your plans and specifications at the sum of £89 10s.

This work will be manufactured at our own yard in Dublin.

For HUMPHREYS LTD.

A. Clarke.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS—ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr. Michael Meade,

Seconded by Mr. James Halfpenny, and

Resolved - That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council and set out in Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of, and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the Seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

APPOINTMENT OF SECRETARY TO THE
LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL IN ACCOR-
DANCE WITH ADVERTISEMENT
ISSUED.

Applications were received from the following gentlemen, viz :—Messrs. C. McAlester, Dundalk ; P. J. Butterly, Mullary ; Joseph P. McGinity, Dundalk ; Arthur O'Neill, Dundalk ; A. J. Tiernan, Drogheda ; James Connell, Tullyvallen ; Andrew Sheeran, 17 Harold's Cross Road, Dublin, and Mark J. Boyle, Liverpool.

The Chairman and Council adopted the usual course by taking a vote of the Council as between the respective candidates, which resulted as under :—

FOR MR. McALESTER. :

Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; C. A. Duffy, J.P. ; Edward Goodman, James Halfpenny, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Michael Meade, Joseph H McArdle, J.P. , Richd. Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P. ; Denis J. Rath, Peter Woods, J.P., and James Wynne, J.P.—18.

FOR MR. BUTTERLEY :

Messrs. John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P., and Laurence McKeown—4.

FOR MR. TIERNAN :

Messrs. L. J. Elcock, James S. Kelly, William T. Skeffington, J.P., and Nicholas T. Murphy—4.

FOR MR. MCGINITY :

Joseph M. Johnson—1.

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Mr. McAlester having had a clear majority of votes over the combined votes recorded for Messrs. Butterly, Tiernan and McGinity, the Chairman duly declared him elected Secretary of the Louth County Council on the terms and conditions set forth in the advertisement issued for this appointment.

Mr. McAlester then appeared before the Council, and returned suitable thanks to the members of the Council for the honor done him in electing him as their Secretary.

Item No. 6.

Consideration of applications for the position of County Surveyor for County Louth in accordance with the letter of the Local Government Board, setting forth the names of the gentlemen who are qualified to act in that capacity.

Copy of Local Government Board letter.

7th August, 1913.

SIR,—With reference to previous correspondence, relative to the vacancy in the position of County Surveyor for County Louth, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the County Council that the following applicants for the position are qualified for appointment, viz :—Mr. Gerald A. Adair, Mr. John Caffrey, Mr. J. S. Cairns, Mr. Stafford Gaffney, Mr. R. H. King, and Mr. J. J. Murphy.

The election of County Surveyor may now be proceeded with. As regards Mr. Murphy the Board desire me to state that the evidence of age furnished by him would go to show that he is within the prescribed limits, though he has not produced a birth certificate. They also desire we to add that Mr. Caffrey has since been appointed County Surveyor in Donegal County.

The applications, etc., forwarded by you are returned herewith.

Considerable discussion ensued respecting this matter, and finally it was

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P. :—

That we postpone the appointment of County Surveyor for County Louth for a period of three months.

The Chairman took a division on this proposition, and the following was the result of the voting :—

For the proposition—Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Kearney, Michael Meade, Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Michael O'Meara, J.P. ; William Woods, J.P., and James Wynne, J.P. — 10.

Against the proposition there voted—Messrs. John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P. ; Charles A. Duffy, J.P. ; Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, James S. Kelly, Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P. ; Laurence M'Keown, Patrick O'Connell, Denis J. Rath, William T. Skeffington, J.P. ; Peter Woods, J.P., and Nicholas T. Murphy—17.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr. O'Meara's motion lost by 17 votes to 10.

Finally, it was proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. James S. Kelly, and Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr. John M. C. Lyons, B.E., of Castle Road, Dundalk, County Surveyor for County Louth in accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary of the County Council.

The following gentlemen voted for this resolution, viz. :—Messrs. Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P. ; John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P. ; Charles A. Duffy, J.P. ; Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, James Halpenny, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, James S. Kelly,

Michael Meade, Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P. ; Richard Mathews, Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P. ; Denis J. Rath, William T. Skeffington, J.P. ; Peter Woods, J.P., and N. T. Murphy—22.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr. J. M. C. Lyons, B.E., unanimously elected by the Council as County Surveyor for County Louth.

Item No. 7.

FURTHER CONSIDERATION OF TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME,

In connection with the foregoing matter the following correspondence was read :—

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

DROGHEDA DISPENSARY SITES COMMITTEE.

Meeting held in the Courthouse, Drogheda, on Thursday, the 14th day of August, 1913.

There were present :—

Presiding : W. T. Skeffington, Esq.

Other members—J. Dolan, James Kelly, and J. A. M'Quillan, J.M.O., Esquires.

It was proposed by Mr. Kelly, seconded by Mr. Dolan, and resolved—That this Committee, having done what they could to obtain suitable premises for a Branch Tuberculosis Dispensary, and having failed in our endeavour to obtain same, we now recommend the County Council to allocate the sum of £600 to build a Dispensary at Drogheda.

W. T. SKEFFINGTON, Chairman.

V. WARREN, CLERK.

Referred to our Solicitor to ascertain whether the

Council could procure a further sum of money to devote an extra grant to Drogheda for the purpose above stated.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE OF THE LOUTH
COUNTY COUNCIL.

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 11th day of August, 1913, to consider the question of appointing an Architect in connection with the erection of the Tuberculosis Central Dispensary.

Presiding :—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members : Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P, and Dr. McQuillan.

It was proposed by Mr. Hamill, seconded by Mr. Byrne, and Resolved—That Mr. Vincent O'Connell, Earl street, Dundalk, be appointed Architect to draw up the plan and specification for the Tuberculosis Central Dispensary to be erected on Castletown Road, Dundalk, at the usual rate of remuneration paid the profession.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

Referred back to Special Committee ; and it was also ordered that Mr. Joseph M. Johnson's name be placed on this Committee.

Letter from Dr. J. A. McQuillan, as under :—

August 19th, 1913.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I beg to apply for three weeks leave of absence. If you will kindly grant same I will arrange with Dr. O'Connell to do my duty while I am away.

Your obedient Servant,

J. A. McQUILLAN.

Leave of absence was duly granted to Dr. McQuillan, on the conditions stated in his letter.

The following communication from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was next submitted to the Council, and a copy ordered to be sent to each of the Veterinary Inspectors. It is as under.

16th August, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 13th inst., and the entry on the subject in its enclosed copy of certain Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, I have to state that the Department observe that the application of your Local Authority Veterinary Inspectors (Messrs. Clinton, Maxwell and Donnelly) was for increases of salary on account of extra duties arising out of the operations of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913. The Department assume, therefore, that the additions proposed to be made to the present salaries of the Inspectors are in respect of such extra duties, and they will be glad to learn on what basis these additions (representing increases of from 250 to 300 per cent) have been computed.

It is doubtless the case that the Order will impose considerable extra work at first on the Inspectors, but it is anticipated that as the operation of the Order proceeds the duty to be dealt with thereunder will gradually decrease and finally become occasional only.

In these circumstances it seems to the Department that large increases of salary on account of the Order could not in any event be justified as a permanent arrangement.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

A petition and letter from the ratepayers and inhabitants of Castletown and District was read setting forth the various reasons why the proposed site of the Tuber-

culosis Dispensary at Castletown Road was objected to by them.

No Order was made by the Council on this matter.

DUNDALK SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Mr. Michael O'Mara, J.P., seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., it was unanimously resolved—That Mr. James Connolly, J.P., of Ravensdale, Dundalk, be and is hereby appointed a member of the Dundalk School Attendance Committee.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 11th August, 1913, approving of the salary of £200 a year which the County Council had fixed for the position of Secretary to the County Council,

On the motion of Mr. Denis J. Rath, seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., the undermentioned resolution was unanimously passed by the Council:—

“That this Council hereby direct the attention of the Fisheries Department of the Board of Agriculture for Ireland, to the great and urgent necessity for the further extension of the Fishery Pier at Clogher Head; That the Pier in its present state is totally inadequate to suit the requirements of the number of fishing boats attracted thereto by the recent establishment of a Fish Curing Industry; or afford them sufficient protection in stormy weather. That we request the Board to send down their engineer to inspect the Pier, in conjunction with a Committee appointed by this Council to inspect the Pier, and report thereon as to the best means of making further extensions to the Pier.”

The County Council Scholarship Scheme was before the Meeting, and it was decided to fix 15th September as date for receiving applications under the Scheme; and that a Special Meeting of the Council be called for 25th September to make awards.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 25th day of September, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Patrick Callan, J.P.; William T. Skeffington, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Laurence McKeown, Richard Mathews, James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P.; Esquires.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of taking into consideration the undermentioned Agenda:—

The Council to take into consideration the recommendations made by the Scholarship Committee, at their meeting held on Monday, the 15th September, 1913, and award such Scholarships as they may deem necessary.

The Secretary read the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 15th September, 1913, and after considerable discussion on the subject matter of same, the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P., and

Resolved—That the recommendations contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee, at their Meeting held on the 15th instant, and now submitted to a Special Meeting of the County Council, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

The special business of the Council having been now transacted the Chairman referred in feeling terms to the

recent deaths of the following gentlemen, viz.:—Townley F. Filgate, late Secretary Louth County Council; Mr. John Johnston, J.P., late member of the Council, and Mr. Patrick Ford, late Editor of the "Irish World," America.

The following resolutions were then passed:—

Proposed by Mr Peter Hughes, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That we, the members of the Louth County Council learn with sincere regret of the death of our late esteemed Secretary, Mr. Townley F. Filgate, and we beg to tender to the friends and relatives of the deceased gentleman our sincere regret in their bereavement.

Proposed by the Chairman, seconded by Mr. O'Meara, and Resolved:—That we, the members of the Louth County Council learn with regret of the demise of the late Mr. John Johnston, who was for years a member of the Council, and that the Secretary be directed to convey to his relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement.

Proposed by the Chairman,

Seconded by Mr. Skeffington, and

Resolved:—That we desire to express our sorrow at the lamented death of Mr Patrick Ford, late Editor of the "Irish World," whose noble advocacy of Ireland's cause for the past 40 years has won our gratitude and the admiration of the Irish Race, and we tender to his relatives our respectful sympathy in their bereavement. ;

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, 7th day of August, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—William A. Doran, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; G. A. Duffy, J.P.; Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M. Johnson, Richard Mathews, Patrick O'Connell, N. T. Murphy, Peter Woods, J.P.; William Woods, J.P., and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and these of his own office which, on examination were passed by the Committee.

The second item on the agenda read as follows:—
"Committee to fix salary of future Secretary of the County Council and arrange procedure for election."

And it was proposed by Mr. Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Recommended—That the salary of the future Secretary of the County Council of Louth be the sum of £200 per annum, with usual fees under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts, and that the appointment be made as soon as possible, and that our solicitor be directed to draw up an advertisement for this appointment.

The Secretary—Mr. T. F. Filgate, supplied the Committee with the following information respecting his own salary.

As Secretary to the County Council	£400	per annum.
Fees under Franchise and Jurors' Acts	35	" "
Fees under Motor Car Act	15	" "

£450 in all.

Letter from Mr. Patrick Hughes, Poor Rate Collector
as under :—

Park Street, Dundalk,
8th August, 1913.

The Chairman and Gentlemen, Louth Co. Council.

Sirs,

I beg to apply for balance of remuneration due me to
31st March, 1913.

Yours,
PATRICK HUGHES,
Collector of Poor Rate.

Proposed by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.

Seconded by Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., and

Unanimously recommended—That Mr. Patrick
Hughes be paid the balance of the remuneration due to
him by the Council up to date.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at
their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on
Monday, 18th August, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—James Wynne, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Peter Woods, J.P. ; Michael Meade,
James Connolly, J.P., and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires

The Secretary Submitted Accounts for Works in
charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of
his own office, which, on examination, were passed by
the Committee.

The following letter from Mr. W. Ashe King, the
Departmental Veterinary Inspector was read :—

Crown Hotel, Warrenpoint,
7th August, 1913.

Dear Sir,

Yours of the 4th instant, with envelopes and receipt
books, only came to hand last night, too late for me to
reply by the evening post.

The following are the names of the men employed
with the tank :—

James M'Alister	...	Carlingford.
John Fearon	...	do
John Eccleston	..	do
John Ryan	...	do

John M'Allister and James Eccleston were working
for part of first week.

The wages agreed upon were 4s. per day, and for the
first four days I paid the four men that amount, as this
was outside my province. I arranged with Mr.
William Woods, M.C.C., that Hugh M'Kevitt should
take charge of the workmen, and he has been
paying them out of the receipts for dipping. As

will be seen by above, your Council owes me £3 4s., paid out for labour. As regards dip, I have ordered it from Messrs. Backhouse, Dundalk, as required.

Yours faithfully,

W. ASHE KING.

The Committee were of opinion that the method of payment was very irregular, and that the full amounts collected should have been lodged with the Treasurer and a detailed account sent to the Secretary.

The following letter was referred to the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Daniel O'Connell, with instructions that he institute proceedings to recover the rates therein referred to :—

Drogheda, 11th August, 1913.

Dear Sir,

Would you kindly bring before the Finance Committee, at their meeting on Monday, the following statement in reference to the sale of a farm on the Newcomen Estate, sold by the Executors of the late Father Clarke? The farm consisted of three ratings at £41 and £13 in Clogher Townland, and £19 in Callystown adjoining. The Vendors in their advertisement of sale stated that all rates would be paid up to the 31st March, 1913. The Solicitors for the Vendors (Messrs. Sheridan & Co.) sent me, on the 30th November, 1912, a cheque for the rates on the £41 and £13 valuations, but refused to pay on the £19 valuation. I sued the Executors in June last, before the County Court Judge, through your Solicitor—Mr. O'Connell—but Mr. Mackey, for the Executors, raised the point that the matter was in Chancery. Mr. M'Evoy, the purchaser, tells me that all the rents and other charges are paid. The only matter outstanding are the rates on the £19 valuation. I would ask the County Council to instruct Mr. O'Connell to proceed against the Executors again, and I respectfully submit they should take the matter up now.

Yours faithfully,

P. M'CULLOUGH.

P.S.—The amount of rates due are £19 19s. 1d.—four years. Mr. O'Connell knows all the particulars.

The following communication from the Road Board was also read and approved of by the Committee :—

The Road Board,
Queen Annes' Chambers,
London, S.W.,

9th August, 1913

Sir,

IMPROVEMENTS IN THE DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT.

I am directed by the Road Board to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 1st instant, and to say that, subject to certain modifications in the specifications, they are prepared to make the following grants for the under-mentioned improvements in the Dundalk U.D.C.:—

	Total Cost. £	Net Impt. Cost. £	Grant £
1—Dundalk—Shercock Road, Surfacing with Granite, Grouted with Plascom, 1,750 square yards ..	307	232	150
Dundalk — Shercock Road, Dublin—Belfast Road, Surface Tarring in accordance with Road Board Specification No 1	91	91	60 At 1d per square yd.
	397	323	210

I enclose draft statement of grants, which please return

after verifying the description of the proposed works. The Assistant Engineer is writing to the Borough Engineer respecting the specification for the proposed works.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant

W. REES JEFFREYS, Secretary.

County Louth.

Reference No. 2430.

ROAD BOARD.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROPOSED GRANT FROM THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Authority :—LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Name of Road—Dundalk-Shercock Road.

Description of Improvement—In the Dundalk Urban District—

Surfacing with granite, bound with plascom, from Anne Street Police Station to the junction of Mary Street South in Anne Street, Dundalk, (1750 square yards) in accordance with Statement marked A. 2430.

Estimated cost of improvement	..	£307
Grant by the Road Board	..	150

CONDITIONS OF GRANT.

PAYMENT OF GRANT—

£75 on requisition when applicants are ready to commence work.

£75 on County and District Surveyors Certificate approved by an Engineering Inspector of the Road Board that the works have been satisfactory completed, and a detailed statement of actual expenditure.

County Louth.

Reference A.

A. 2431.

THE ROAD BOARD.

DRAFT STATEMENT OF PROPOSED GRANT FROM THE ROAD IMPROVEMENT FUND.

Authority :—LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Name of Road : Dundalk Shercock road ; Dublin Belfast road, in the Dundalk Urban District.

Description of Improvement :—Surface-dressing with tar in accordance with the Road Board Specification No. 1, various sections of the roads (14521 square yards) described in Statement marked A. 2431.

Estimated cost of Improvement	..	£91
Grant by the Road Board	..	60

CONDITIONS OF GRANT.

PAYMENT OF GRANT—

£60 on County and District Surveyors Certificate approved by an Engineering Inspector of the Road Board, that the work has been satisfactorily completed, and a detailed statement of the actual expenditure.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 1st September, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair :—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.,

Other Members :—James Wynne, J.P. ; William Woods, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, Patrick Byrne, J.P. ; James Connolly, J.P., and Bernard Hamill, J.P. Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts of the works in charge of the acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

CORRESPONDENCE.

The following letter from Messrs. O'Hara and O'Hagan, Solicitors, Newry, dated 29th August, 1913, was read and referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Newry, 29th August, 1913.

Dear Sir,

We have been consulted by Mr. John M'Allister, of Carlingford, labourer, who was employed on behalf of your Council for the purpose of dipping sheep under the supervision of Mr. W. Ashe-King, V.S. Our client was engaged on 21st July, and continued until 4th August, when he was compelled to discontinue owing to irritation to his arms received in the course of the dipping. He has since been unable to work, and is at present under the care of the Doctor, who states he will not be able to work for some time to come. His wages were 4s a day, or 24s. per week, and one half—i.e., 12s. for the four weeks ending 1st prox.—will be £2 8s. for which amount we shall thank you to send us remittance and oblige.

Yours faithfully,
O'HARE & O'HAGAN.

Letter from the Local Government Board, as under :—

28th August, 1913.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 25th instant, intimating that the Louth County Council at their meeting on the 21st ult., appointed Mr. J. M. C. Lyons to the vacant post of County Surveyor ; and, in reply, the Board direct me to state that Mr. Lyons is, as the County Council have already been informed, ineligible for appointment as County Surveyor.

The Board have to request that the County Council will proceed to select for the position one of the duly qualified candidates.

I am, etc.,

J. E. DEVLIN,
Assistant Secretary.

The Committee ordered that this letter be referred to the County Council.

Letter from the Department of Agriculture and Technica Instruction, as under :—

23rd August, 1913.

Sir,

Adverting to your letter of the 7th instant, forwarding copy of a resolution passed at a meeting of the Louth County Council on the same date on the subject of the expenses of the promotion of the Provisional Order affecting Annagassan Harbour, I have to state, for the information of the Council, that the Department regret that any misunderstanding should have arisen concerning this matter ; but they desire to direct the attention of the Council to the discussion which took place relative thereto at the meeting of the Council, which was held on the 16th November 1911. Mr. Green Chief Inspector of Fisheries, pointed out at this meeting that it would not be possible for the Department to pay costs in connection with the Provisional Order, and gave, as one obvious reason, the possibility of the scheme being opposed by parties in whom the Department were equally

interested. The suggestion that a Harbour Board should be formed was made for the convenience and protection of the County Council, and lest there might be any mistake in regard thereto, Mr. Green stated that, whether a Harbour Board was formed or not, the Department were prepared to make a grant towards the cost of the Harbour Works, if the County Council were also willing to make a contribution. The Department did, however, assist as far as was possible in the preparation of the case made in favour of the Provisional Order by having plans prepared and printed, which involved them in considerable expense. It may also be mentioned that, owing to the difficulty in finding a suitable dumping ground for the material dredged from the Harbour, the Department's contribution towards the cost of the Works may eventually be greater than was originally intended.

I am, etc,

T. P. GILL, Secretary.

A copy of the foregoing letter was handed to Mr. Michael Meade to be read at the next meeting of the Annagassan Harbour Committee.

Letter from Mr. W. E. Maxwell as under :—

Ardee, 23rd August, 1913.

The Secretary Louth Co. Council.

Sir,

I would be much obliged if you can let me have an Order on Summers and Co., the Contractors for the Council, of a Serum inoculation Syringe, and a supply of Tuberculin, for diagnostic purposes, under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913. In dealing with the case submitted to us, the Department invariably ask whether we have used this re-acton, and one of their injunctions is to exhaust every known means prior to slaughter of suspected animals, for purpose of verification. I, at least, have not been supplied as yet with these necessaries.

Yours faithfully,

W. E. MAXWELL,

Inspector.

The Chairman and Committee authorised the Secretary to supply Mr Maxwell with the articles mentioned in his letter.

Letter was read from Mr A A Donnelly, V.S., dated August 31st, 1913, as follows :—

Dear Sir—I beg to acknowledge the receipt of your letter enclosing a copy of a letter from the Department relating to the proposed increase in salary recently granted by your Council to their Veterinary Inspectors for extra duty under the Tuberculosis Order.

The Department, while admitting that the Tuberculosis Order will impose considerable extra duty on the Veterinary Inspectors at first, state that later on there will only be occasional cases to deal with. I think the reverse will prove to be the case.

When the Order becomes better known by the general public, reported cases will become more frequent. All reported cases, whether they eventually turn out to be cases of the disease under the Order or otherwise, will entail much work, and numerous visits on the part of the Inspectors. Testing an animal with tuberculosis alone means at least five visits to the premises where the suspected case is, and the proper carrying out of the Order throws a weighty responsibility on the Veterinary Inspectors. The statement of the Department as regards the percentage of increase in salary is inaccurate, and it will in time be found that we are certainly not being overpaid for the duties we have to perform.

Yours faithfully,

ANDREW A. DONNELLY.

The Committee made no order on this letter.

The following correspondence from the Council's Solicitor, Mr Daniel O'Connell, was read :—

22nd August, 1913.

Re Byrne Children—Thomas, Patrick, Charles and Terence.

Dear Sir—With reference to this case which was adjourned at the Inn's Quay Police Court, Dublin, to enable the Council to be represented, I beg to report that after appearing on the 24th July, 30th July, and 7th inst., the Divisional Magistrate—Mr M C MacInerney, K.C., agreed with our contention that County Louth was not liable to contribute towards the maintenance of the children, and the Council was consequently freed from liability.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Further letter from Mr. Daniel O'Connell, as follows:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
22nd August, 1913.

Re Sheep Dipping Prosecutions.

Dear Sir—I beg to report that I appeared at Drogheda Petty Sessions on Monday last, the 18th inst., on behalf of the Council in the matter of the summonses against Patrick Rooney and William Kelly for exposing sheep for sale at Drogheda, in the first case 105 sheep on the 5th inst., and in the other six sheep on the 9th inst., without having the requisite Declaration of having dipped the sheep as prescribed by the Sheep Dipping (Ireland) Order, 1912.

Defendants were each fined 2s 6d and £1 costs.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Further letter from Mr O'Connell as under:—

30th August, 1913.

Dear Sir—On the matter of the proposed Pier at Blackrock, I set out hereunder copy letter, dated 26th inst., received from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland:—

“With reference to that part of your letter of the 22nd inst., relative to a site for a proposed Pier at Blackrock, Co. Louth, I have to state that, in the present condition of their funds the Department would be unable to contribute to the cost of the proposed works. The various sites were inspected when the matter was before the Department a few years ago, but their Engineer will be asked to look at the place again when in the vicinity.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Francis Street, Dundalk,
30th August, 1913.

Dear Sir—With reference to the subject of the suggested expansion of Pier at Clogher Head, I give hereunder copy letter received from the Secretary of the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland and dated 24th inst.:—

“With reference to part of your letter of the 22nd inst. on the subject of an inspection by the Department's Engineer of the Fishery Pier at Clogher Head, I have to state that the matter will be attended to as soon as official business permits.”

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

The undermentioned letter from the Secretary Estate Commissioners was read and referred to Mr Joseph T Dolan—

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

26th August, 1913.

Sir—I am directed by the Estates Commissioners to

inform you that proceedings for the sale of the above-named Estate have been instituted before them, and that situated in the Townland of Barnaveddodge, Parish of Dromin, Barony of Ardee, are two ancient monuments—two Standing Stones—which appear to be worthy of preservation. The Commissioners of Public Works are unable to accept the custody of these monuments, and the Estates Commissioners will be glad to be informed that your Council will consent to take them and have them vested under Sec. 4 of the Irish Land Act, 1903.

I am to request the favour of an early reply.

Your Obedient Servant,

B. J. O'DONNELL,

The following was submitted to the Committee, and it was ordered that a meeting of the Scholarship Committee be summoned for Monday, the 15th inst., to award Scholarships for the coming year:—

CONDITIONS OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP
SCHEME, 1913-14.

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, 1913, to June, 1914, 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 Competition 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 1913—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 merits 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 1913, and attend regularly the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or other residence approved by the County Council and the College authorities.

The College fees shall be paid direct by the Co. Council to the College authorities and the hostel proprietors, the balance, if any, to be expended on books and other expenses.

In order to retain a Scholarship for the School 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, 1913, and the Council shall meet to consider applications and award Scholarships on the 25th of September, 1913.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 15th day of September, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—J P Kearney, W T Skeffington, J.P.; J Wynne, J.P.; W A Doran, J.P.; P O'Connell, Peter Woods, J.P.; Patrick Byrne, J.P.; and W Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Acting Secretary (Mr O Hardy) submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors and the County Council Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These accounts amounted to the sum of £47 18s 4d.

The following correspondence was submitted to the Committee.

Letter from Patrick Hodgins, Harbour Constable, Clogher Head, dated 2nd September, 1913, as under:—

Dear Sir—As one of the men here refuses to give poundage for his yawl, and I have asked it on many occasions, would you kindly ask your Solicitor to write to him as you did with Ferguson, Loughshinny. He always pays now. The address of the man who refuses to pay is:—
Michael Kirwan (Master).

Your Obedient Servant,

PATRICK HODGINS.

Ordered—That the foregoing letter be referred to the

Council's Solicitor to take such steps as he may deem necessary to recover the dues in question.

Letter from the Local Government Board as follows, dated 8th September. No. 48054, 1913:—

Sir—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your telegram of this day, and I am to state that they regret to learn of the death of Mr Filgate, late Secretary of the Louth County Council.

In confirmation of their telegram of to-day the Board desire me to inform you that they will raise no objection to Mr Charles McAlester acting temporary as County Secretary, pending their decision as to the permanent appointment.

I am, Sir, your Obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

Application was made by Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, for £5 to erect a protecting fence to the Branch Dispensary at Ardee, as per tender, from Messrs Humphreys, Dublin

The Committee decided to make the order for payment of this amount.

Letter from Mr Joseph Moonan, dated 22nd ultimo, as under:—

Dear Sir—I respectfully beg to apply for poundage fees on my rate collection for periods to 30th September, 1912, and 31st March, 1913.

Yours, etc.,

JOSEPH MOONAN.

The Committee instructed the Secretary to ask the Local Government Board for permission to pay these fees. The question of the payment of accounts for Veterinary

Instruments, etc., and compensation awarded the owners of slaughtered animals, and other expenses incurred in connection with the Tuberculosis Order, 1913, was under discussion, and the Secretary was directed to ask the permission of the Local Government Board to have these amounts discharged through the Subsidiary Account.

The Veterinary Inspector for Dundalk District (Mr J. T. Clinton) attended the meeting and requested the Committee to ask the Department for the removal of the restrictions against the removing of sheep from the restricted area, and as the matter was considered very urgent owing to Dundalk Fair being held on Wednesday, the 17th inst., the following telegram was ordered to be sent to the Department, viz.:—"Referring to Veterinary Inspector's letters of Thursday and Saturday last, re removal of restriction in Special Sheep Dipping Area, please wire if restrictions will be removed in time for Dundalk Fair on Wednesday next. Wire reply."

The Secretary was directed, on receipt of reply, to wire each County Councillor and Police Station in the affected areas.

Accounts were submitted in connection with expenses for wages, etc., in carrying out the special sheep dipping operations under the County Louth (Special Dipping Area) Sheep Dipping Order of 1913, and it was decided to pay the following accounts subject to the Department's sanction, viz.:—16s a week to Francis Murphy and James White, respectively; 16s a week, with a special bonus of 30s to the charge hand (Hugh McKeivitt), and 4s a day each to four men employed to assist in the sheep dipping operations.

Mr William Woods brought under the notice of the Committee the question of the red light on Carlingford Pier, and stated that frequent complaints had been made regarding the position of same.

After considerable discussion it was decided to ask the Acting County Surveyor (Mr Lyons) to make a written report for the next meeting of the Finance Committee, and also on the present condition of the w.c. on the Quay at Carlingford.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 29th day of September, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; J. H. McArdle, J.P.; Michael O'Meara, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

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

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These accounts amounted to the sum of £332 14s 6d.

Letter from the Council's Rate Collectors, dated 25th inst., asking for an extension of one month up to the 31st October next, to complete their respective collections, and stating that owing to the late season the majority of rate-payers were unable to meet their demands before the 31st October.

The Committee were unanimous in complying with the Collectors' request, and directed the Secretary to respectfully ask the Local Government Board for their formal sanction to this extension of time. The application was signed by eight of the nine of the Council's Collectors.

The Constabulary forwarded a list of names of sheep

Solicitor with directions to institute legal proceedings. It was decided that the matter be referred to the Council's for sale on the Fair Day in Ardee the 24th inst., and owners from the Ardee District who exposed their sheep

Letter was read from the Secretary Road Board dated 25th inst., stating that they had caused an inspection to be made of a considerable mileage of roads throughout Ireland with the view of further grants to the improvement of these roads, and asking that the Chairman of the Council and any other representatives of the Council, accompanied by the County Surveyor and representatives of the Rural District Councils concerned, would meet the Chairman of the Road Board who was visiting Ireland on this business between the 13th and the 18th of October. A map was also enclosed on which was coloured that part of the mileage in County Louth to which the Road Board are disposed to contribute. The section of the road was the main road from Dundalk to Newry, from the junction of the Carlingford Road to Jonesborough.

After discussion on the foregoing letter it was decided to appoint a deputation consisting of the Chairman of the County Council, the Chairmen of the Rural and District Councils, the Chairman of the Dundalk Board of Guardians, the Acting County Surveyors, and the representative on the County Council of the district through which the road passes, to meet the Chairman of the Road Board to confer with him on the matter.

A report was read from Mr J M C Lyons as to the red light on Carlingford Pier, and the repairs necessary for the slip-way, and a new fender for the outer end of Pier; also as to the roofing of the w.c. on the quay.

The Committee decided that all the necessary work in connection with the above matters be done by Mr Lyons.

Letter from Mr J B Connolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda,

dated the 20th inst., enclosing copy of report on the establishment of a Sanatorium in Drogheda, and after discussion on the matter, it was decided to refer the report to the County Council.

Mr Patrick O'Connell, brought under the notice of the Committee the question of the erection of danger signals in such places in the county as would prevent accidents with motor or other traffic.

The Committee directed Mr Lyons to inspect the various places in the County where such signals were necessary and report to the County Council.

On the motion of Mr J H McArdle, seconded by Mr Connolly, it was recommended—That Mr Oswald Hardy be employed in the Secretary's Office until the end of October at the same remuneration as the late Mr T F Filgate received, and also that the services of Mr Joseph Loudon be retained until the end of October at the same remuneration as he is at present receiving, viz., 30s per week.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk Courthouse, on Monday, the 13th day of October, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—William Woods, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and Bernard Hamill, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own Office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. These payments amounted to the sum of £67 15s 9d.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 7th October, 1913, No. 51,730, relative to the request to grant an extension of time to 31st October, inst., to the Poor Rate Collectors for the purpose of completing their collections, which request the Local Government Board stated they were not prepared to accede to.

After a protracted discussion on the matter, it was proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr Peter Woods, J.P., and recommended—That the Secretary write a strong letter to the Local Government Board and point out that the extension of time was to facilitate the ratepayers, and not the collectors, and that owing to the late harvest and difficulties of selling corn produce, etc, it was necessary to grant the extension.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 3rd October, No. 51,607, 1913, assenting to the payment of remuneration to Mr Joseph P Moonan, in respect

of the amount of his collection of poor rate for the year ended 31st March last.

Letter was read from the Secretary Ardee School Attendance Committee, dated 4th inst., stating that his Committee had increased his salary by the sum of £3 per annum. The Committee were unanimous in recommending this increase to the County Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Messrs H and J O'Hare, the contractors for the preparation of the County Courthouse for Sessions, etc., had given up business and left town, and as the Courthouse was urgently required for the Michaelmas Sessions, he had asked the old contractors, Messrs B Patterson and Co., if they would do the necessary work at the same price as this year's contractors, and letter was read from Messrs Patterson and Co. consenting to finish the year's contract at the present price, viz., £5 10s for half year.

The Committee approved of this arrangement.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, dttd 3rd inst., No. 4049, 1913, stating that in the present condition of their funds the Department are unable to offer any contribution to the proposed extension of the Pier at Clogher Head, and promising in case funds should at some future time become available for the work, to formulate a definite scheme of improvement.

Arising out of this letter the Secretary was directed to write the Department regarding Blackrock Pier, and ask what they are prepared to do in the matter of the proposed new Pier.

Letter was read from the Clerk Ardee Rural District Council, dated 1st inst., enclosing memorial from the inhabitants of Castlebelingham to his Council, praying that something might be done to abate the dust nuisance caused by motor traffic through the village.

It was decided to submit this complaint to the Chairman of the Road Board at the Conference with the Louth County Council, which was fixed for Tuesday, 14th inst., at Dundalk.

It was also decided to refer the matter of motor traffic generally to the Council's Solicitor for his advice as to the question of speed limit for motors, as it was the excessive speed at which motors were driven that caused the dust nuisance complained of.

Circular letter was read from the Department dated 3rd inst., No. 13,000, 1913, pointing out that it was unlawful for any member of County Committees to benefit under any Scheme administered by the Committee he is a member of, and noting that this would entail a disqualification for seven years to any Councillor so benefitting.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

OMEATH PARK.

Letter was read from the Department dated 11th inst., No. A16765, 1913, stating that Omeath Park, comprising the demesne on the Woodhouse Estate at Omeath, was at present offered for sale through the Land Judges Court; that an inspection of the demesne had been made by the Department's Chief Forestry Inspector, and that it was very suitable for acquisition and preservation by the County Council; that it was probable the property could be acquired by the Council under the Land Purchase Acts, and would be eligible for grants from the Development Fund towards the cost of maintenance and management, and asking whether the Council would be disposed to take steps for the purchase of the property.

The Report referred to in the letter set out that the value of the timber now standing would probably be about £500.

After discussion, it was decided to appoint the following

Committee to confer with Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, and report to the Council on the whole matter. Committee are as follows—Messrs Wm. Woods, Peter Woods, J P Kearney, M O Meara, J Connolly, Rev Father Quinn, and Rev Father Woodcock.

A discussion took place regarding the question of the plantation at Willistown, which had been under discussion at a previous meeting of the Council, and Mr Drumgoole was directed to arrange with the Committee appointed to deal with the matter; to meet and report to the County Council at their next meeting. The committee consisted of Messrs M Meade, M Clinton, J Harmon, J Conachy, Eugene Carraher, Rev P Fagan, P.P., and Sir H Bellingham.

Letter was read from the Limerick Industrial Association asking the Council to send two delegates to the Ninth All-Ireland Industrial Conference to be held in Limerick on the 22nd and 23rd inst. Messrs Bernard Hamill and James Wynne were deputed to attend and represent the County Council.

Letter was read from General Council Irish County Councils asking for paying order for the affiliation fee of £10 for the Louth County Council for the year 1913-14, and it was decided that this Council would only pay an affiliation fee of £5, this being the amount paid in former years.

The following resolution from the Meath Farmers' Association was adopted:—"That in view of the fact that there has not been a case of Foot and Mouth Disease in Ireland for the past ten months, we call upon the Irish M.P.'s to bring pressure to bear on the English Board of Agriculture to remove the detention on Irish Stock at the ports of arrival in England and Scotland."

The Abstract of Accounts of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum was submitted for the half-year ended 30th September, 1912, and the list of patients was laid before the Committee.

On the application of the Secretary, the Committee authorised him to employ C McGarrity to clean the paper room in the Old Jail Premises for the reception of disused documents, books, etc., in his office.

The Committee recommended that the Secretary of the County Council be appointed to perform the duties relating to Motor Car Licences, cast on the County Council by the Finance Act of 1910.

A requisition was received from the Town Clerk of Drogheda for certain requisites for the Drogheda Courthouse, and it was ordered that these be supplied.

Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, made application to the Committee for permission to instruct Council's Solicitor to prosecute those road contractors who had not their metal ready for inspection by the 1st October.

After a prolonged discussion the Committee decided that Mr Lyons should notify the contractors that prosecutions would be taken if they were not ready for the Surveyor's inspection by the end of October.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 27th day of October, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; John F Murphy, J.P.; Joseph H McArdle, J.P.; and William Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

The Secretary submitted the County-at-Large payments for quarter ended 30th September, ult., which had been already before the Proposal Committee, and these were recommended for payment.

The Secretary submitted Treasurer's Authorities for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyor, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

The Abstract of Accounts of the Dundalk Union, the Dundalk Rural District Council, the Ardee Union, and the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council were laid before the Committee and initialed by the Chairmen.

Letter was read from the Labour Exchange, dated 14th inst., asking the Council for their approval for the use of the vestibule of the County Courthouse at Dundalk, for the holding of the November Hiring Fair, and the Secretary was directed to reply and state that the Committee approved of the proposed use of the Courthouse for the above purpose.

An application was read from Mr T Murray, Court-house keeper, asking for the usual allowance for extra work for the past twelve months, and it was ordered that the matter come up for consideration in one month's time.

The Secretary read report of the Conference of the Road Board with the County Council deputation held in the Council Chamber at Dundalk on the 14th inst.

The following gentlemen represented the County Council:—Messrs Peter Hughes, J.P., Chairman; B Hamill, J.P.; W Woods, J.P.; P Donegan, J.P.; and E Goodman. The Road Board deputation consisted of—Sir George Gibb, Chairman of the Road Board; and Mr Maybary, Engineer. Messrs J M C Lyons, James Dromgoole, M Sellars, and T J Delahunty were also present.

The Report set out the various matters discussed at the Conference, the principal of which were that the Chairman of the Road Board was in favour of the complete improvement of the surface of the Dublin-Belfast main road from the Drogheda Boundary to the County Boundary at Jonesborough, a distance of about 27 miles, and that the Road Board were prepared to make grants for that purpose, but that they must be satisfied as to the quality of the metal used on the road and the general finishing of the surface. The amount that this work was roughly estimated to cost was about £10,800, and was to spread over a period of about six years, and the grant would mean about half of the cost. It was finally arranged at the Conference that a complete estimate of the cost of this work would be prepared by Mr Lyons, Acting County Surveyor, assisted by Mr Dromgoole, and the Borough Surveyors of Dundalk and Drogheda, and submitted to the Road Board as soon as possible.

The Report was duly approved of by the Committee.

In connection with the memorial from the inhabitants of Castlebellingham as to the dust nuisance caused by mo-

tor traffic read at a former meeting of the Committee, the Secretary was directed to write a reply thereto, and state that the roads in their district would be included in the proposed Scheme of the Road Board, which would tend to abate the dust trouble complained of.

Letter was read from the Manager Dundalk Electricity Works asking for permission to erect poles for electric installation on the Farendreg road to Mr R D Cox's house at Lisnawilly, and asking whether the County Council would be inclined to light this road with electricity, and quoting the sum of £2 10s per annum for each lamp.

The question for the permission to erect poles was referred to Mr Lyons, and the matters of the powers of the Council as to the lighting was referred to Mr O'Connell, Solicitor.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell, dated 20th inst., as to the speed limit of motors, and the regulation of Locomotives on highways.

With regard to motors, the Solicitor stated that the Council could apply to the Local Government Board to make regulations prescribing some defined limits or place to be therein referred to, within which a person shall not drive a motor car at a speed exceeding 10 miles per hour. With regard to Locomotives, the Solicitor advised that new Regulations be drafted embodying the provisions as to Locomotives on Highways in the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911, which Act makes very material alterations in the law on the subject.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

Letter was read from Mr Joseph Dolan, Ardee, certifying that the two ancient monuments at Barnayeddoge, Ardee, were worthy of preservation as archaeological relics,

and stated that the Council would not be put to any expense in connection with their vesting.

The Committee recommended that the County Council should take them over as suggested by the Estates Commissioners.

The Secretary informed the Committee that Criminal Injury Applications had been made in the following cases—Francis McArdie, Rassau, amount, £7; Joseph Woods, Monaserebe, amount, £150; G H Pentland, Drogheda, amount, £20; and that he had sent same to the Council's Solicitor.

Letter was read from Mr T M Horan, Solicitor, Belfast, enclosing Notice of Assignment from George Gray to the National Benefit Insurance Company, Ltd., of the decree granted in Mr Gray's case for malicious injury; amount, £100, and £19 2s costs, and asking when money would be paid.

The Secretary stated that he had sent this letter to the Council's Solicitor, whose reply was also read, in which he stated that as the decree awaits inclusion in next year's estimate, the amount was not available for payment until March, 1915.

Letter was read from Mr O'Connell re Workman's Compensation Claim by John McAllister, in connection with injuries sustained while attending to dipping tank at Carlingford; that as Mr W Ashe-King, the Department's V.S., had stated that there was no doubt the sores on the applicant's arm were occasioned by the dip, and that no defence could be sustained to the claim, and that the matter was settled out of Court on the payment of £3 as damages, and £5 13s witnesses expenses and doctor's fees.

The Committee decided to notify the Department and obtain their approval.

Circular letter from the Department, dated 24th inst., No. A22162, 1913, giving information as to the danger of disqualification of members of the Council by being beneficiaries under County Committee Schemes.

The letter was intialled by the Chairman.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 16th inst., No. 54250, 1913, re Rate Collectors, stating that the Board are unable to see any grounds for acceding to the extension of time asked for by the Collectors.

Further letter from the Local Government Board, dated 23rd inst., No. 104M, 1913, stating that the Motor Car Act, 1903, was continued until the 31st December, 1914.

Respecting the account submitted from the Drogheda Corporation for the Drogheda Courthouse for water supplied, and in which there was large discrepancy between the quarters ending June and September, Mr Dromgoole, Acting C.S., was ordered to report on this matter.

Circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 15th inst., No. 100M, 1913, enclosing copies of the Tuberculosis (Procedure of Committees) Order, 1913, was read and initialled by the Chairman.

Regarding the appointment of the Secretary of the Council as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, letters were read from the Secretaries of the County Councils of Meath, Leitrim, Carlow, Westmeath, Tyrone, Monaghan, and Dublin, stating the amounts paid to them as remuneration as Clerks to the Local Authority: the sums varied from £50 to £150 per annum. The Secretary read the advertisement containing the terms on which he was appointed as Secretary, and it was decided that the question of his remuneration under the Diseases of Animals Acts will be considered at a meeting of the Finance Committee to be held on Monday, the 3rd November next on notice.

Letter was read from the Court-keeper—Mr. T. Murray—regarding the defective condition of the Heating Apparatus in the Courthouse, and also that the roof required repairs.

The matter was referred to Mr. Lyons for his report

Letter was read from Mr. Oswald Hardy, C.P.S., notifying that applications would be made on Friday next for committals to Industrial schools of the following three children, viz. :—Joseph Devlin, J. Hannaway, and Teresa Murphy.

A Bill of Costs from Council's Solicitor was submitted, and the requisition to Tax was signed and sealed, and Mr. P. L. MacArdle was appointed to represent the County Council at the taxation.

On the application of the Secretary, it was recommended than the services of Mr. Joseph Loudon be continued in the Secretary's Office on the terms of 30s. per week, payable through the Subsidiary Account, pending future arrangements in the office.

The question of payments to be made by the County Louth Insurance Committee to the County Council of the rate arranged per capita for insured persons was under discussion, but as it was stated that the scheme was undergoing revision by the National Health Commission, no action was taken in the matter.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on Monday the 22nd day of September, 1913.

Present :—

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

Other Members :—James Wynne, J.P. ; John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, Patrick Kearney, James Connolly, J.P. ; William Woods, J.P. ; Patrick Byrne, J.P. and Bernard Hamill, J.P. Esquires.

Mr. Joseph T. Clinton, V.S. was also in attendance.

Respecting the Dipping Tank at Ravensdale, it was decided to store it at the premises of Mr. Logan, who, it was stated by Mr. Clinton will do so free of charge.

With regard to the account submitted to the Committee from Mr. Clinton in connection with the Special Dipping operations at Ravensdale, Carlingford, and Omeath, and amounting to the sum of £44 19s. 0d., the Committee recommended payment subject to the Department's sanction.

With respect to the payments for compensation to the owners of animals slaughtered under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order, 1913, the Committee were unanimous in recommending that all such payments be discharged through the Subsidiary Account.

In order to assist farmers and others owning live stock who might be affected by this Order, it was decided that the Secretary draw up a poster explanatory of the provisions of the Act, and have same posted throughout the County.

Letters were read from Messrs. Clinton, Donnelly and Maxwell, respecting the proposed increases in their respective salaries, and after discussion on the matter the Com-

mittee recommended the increases for one year only, and that copies of the Inspector's letters be forwarded to the Department.

Letter was read from the Irish Pig Dealers' Association, dated 11th inst., enclosing copy of the following resolution, and asking its adoption by the County Council.

Resolved—That the members of the Irish Pig Dealers' Association are of opinion that the time has come when the detention period enforced on pigs exported from this country to England be removed, as most of these animals are for immediate slaughter at destination. It was unanimously adopted by the Committee.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 18th September, 1913. No. 47,051, as follows:—

Sir

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the replies to queries and other correspondence respecting appointment of Mr. Charles McAlester, as Secretary to the Louth County Council, and the Board direct me to state that they approve of the appointment of Mr. McAlester as Secretary to the Council, at a salary of £200 a year exclusive of fees under the Franchise and Jurors' Acts.

The Board desire me to add that it is presumed that the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland will be addressed as regards Mr. McAlester's appointment as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

To the Presiding Chairman,
Louth County Council.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department of his appointment as Secretary to the County Council, and ask their direction regarding his appointment as Clerk to the Local Authority under Diseases of Animals Acts, 1904, &c.

The following letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 21st Sept. No. 4517-13.

Sir,

I have to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 19th inst. and to state in reply that the Department sanction the following payments in connection with the carrying out of the County Louth (Special Dipping area) Sheep Dipping Order of 1913, viz:—

16s. a week each to Francis Murphy and James White;
16s. a week with a special bonus of 30s. to Hugh McKeivitt.

4s. a day to each of four persons employed to assist in the dipping operations.

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

To the Acting Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Letter was read from John Fearon, Harbour Constable, Carlingford, regarding lamp on Carlingford Pier, which was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 13th October, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair:—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members:—William Woods, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Peter Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and Bernard Hamill, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts from Messrs. J. T. Clinton, V.S., for fees under the Special Sheep Dipping Order; Henry Patterson, Francis Murphy, and William Logan, for wages under same Order. He also submitted accounts from the "Dundalk Democrat," and Miss M'Keown, "Drogheda Argus," for special advertisements under Sheep Dipping Order and Tuberculosis Order of 1913.

Also accounts for compensation in the following cases, where animals were slaughtered under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913, viz.:—Laurence M'Cabe, Joseph Jordan, B. L. Coleman, N. B. King, Edward Molloy, Patrick Kinahan, Peter Markey, Joseph Mullan, W. A. Doran, and Patrick J. Caraher.

All the foregoing accounts, after examination, were passed, and payments ordered.

Letter was read from the Department, dated 8th inst, No 4626-13, expressing their approval of the following rates of salary for a period of six months only, viz.:—

Mr. Clinton, £130 per annum; Mr. Donnelly, £90 per annum, and Mr. Maxwell, £90 per annum.

An account was submitted by Owen Keenan, Dipping

Superintendent, in respect of work under the County Louth (Special Dipping Order) Sheep Dipping Order of 1913, and the Committee, after discussion, recommended that he be paid at the same rate of remuneration as the other dippers, viz.:—16s. per week.

Letter was read from the Department, dated 3rd inst., No. 4672/13, regarding the appointment of the Secretary of the County Council as the associated office of Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and inquiring how much separate remuneration was proposed to be attached thereto.

After discussion on the foregoing letter, the Secretary was directed to write to about half dozen of the neighbouring Counties, and also to County Carlow, and inquire if any separate remuneration was paid the Secretaries under the Diseases of Animals Act and the Tuberculosis Order of 1913.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' REPORTS.

Reports were read from Messrs. Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell, the Council's Veterinary Inspectors, for the month of September, the contents of which contained nothing of any special importance.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 27th day of October, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair :—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members :—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, James Connolly, J.P.; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Joseph H. MacArdle, J.P., and William Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous meeting were read and confirmed.

Letter was read from the Department of Agriculture, No. 5068/13, dated 25th inst., sanctioning payments to Owen Keenan, Dipping Superintendent, for wages, rent, and cartage, amounting to £5 14s. 0d.

Circular letter from the Department, dated 12th Sept. No. 4507/07 with regard to precautions against pollution of streams by Sheep Dipping, and was initiated by the chairman.

Further letter from the Department dated 25th inst. No. 5067/13, stating that as practically all the sheep in the Special Dipping Area had been subjected to a second dipping after 31st July, and that this would satisfy the requirements of the Principal Order as to an Autumn Dipping.

A discussion took place, and the chairman pointed out that large numbers of sheep were imported into the Special Area this season of the year, and the committee were unanimously of opinion that an Autumn Dipping was a necessity, but inasmuch as the sheep owners in the area had paid for two dippings in the summer it was recommended that no charge should be made for the present autumn dipping in the special area.

An application was read from Mr. Matthew McGahon asking to be employed as heretofore in making up the Returns for the Autumn Sheep Dipping period, and it was decided to employ him for one week for this purpose.

Letter was read from Mr. Daniel O'Connell, solicitor, reporting the result of prosecutions at Ardee Petty Sessions, against 21 sheep owners, for failing to produce declarations of having dipped their sheep within the prescribed period, and stating that fines amounting in all to 10/6, and costs amounting to £7 2s. 6d., were imposed in these cases.

Letter was read from the Clerk of Ardee R. D. Council enclosing a letter from W. F. Maunsell, agent for the Urquhart Estate, Ardee, asking that a paling would be erected at the Ardee Dipping Tank to prevent damage to the wall of the house on the property adjoining the tank.

The committee directed that the attention of the dipping Superintendent at Ardee be called to this letter, and have paling erected.

SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Scholarships Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 15th September, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair :—W. T. Skeffington, Esq., J.P.

Other Members :—Joseph T. Dolan and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted a communication from Rev. A. W. Conroy, Registrar, University College, in which he stated that the following students passed their respective examinations in a highly satisfactory manner, viz. :—Miss Ursula M'Parland, Miss Margaret Callan, Mr. Henry Rogan, and Mr. Laurence Branigan.

Respecting the case of Mr. Michael M'Dermott, the Registrar stated in his report that this student had failed in his first University Examination, and consequently the Committee decided not to continue his Scholarship.

Regarding the cases of the first three students named herein, the Committee were unanimous in recommending a continuation of their Scholarships of £50 each, and in Mr. Brannigan's case it was decided to recommend that his Scholarship be increased from £25 to £50, as per his application.

Applications for new Scholarships from the under-mentioned persons were next considered by the Committee, viz. :—P. A. Hamratty, Collon, Drogheda ; Joseph M'Parland, Lisdoon, Dundalk ; and William M'Enteggart, Park street, Dundalk.

With respect to the first named two students—Messrs. Hamratty and M'Parland it was found that they both passed the Senior Grade of the Intermediate Examinations with honours, while Mr. M'Enteggart merely got a pass,

In the circumstances the committee recommended that Messrs. P. A. Hamratty and Joseph M'Parland each be recommended for a Scholarship of £50, provided that on investigation it is found that both candidates are eligible.

PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday 27th day of October, 1913.

Present :—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other Members - C. A. Duffy, J.P. ; Patrick O'Connell, James Connolly, J.P. ; Michael Meade, Bernard Hamill, J.P. ; James Wynne, J.P. ; John F. Murphy, J.P. ; Joseph H. McArdle, J.P. ; and William Woods, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary submitted accounts (County-at-Large) in respect of the quarter ended the 30th September last, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 3rd day of November, 1913.

Present:—

In the chair—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.

Other members—C. A. Duffy, J.P.; Michael Meade, James Wynne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, and John F. Murphy, J.P., Esquires. Mr Daniel O'Connell, Council's Solicitor, was also in attendance.

The Minutes of the previous Meeting of the Finance Committee were read and confirmed.

Before proceeding with the business on the agenda, the Chairman brought under the notice of the Committee a report of a case in which a mandamus was granted against the Great Northern Railway in connection with a dangerous road at Drumscahern, in the County Fermanagh, under a Railway Bridge, and which they were compelled to widen. He stated that he had asked Mr O'Connell, Solicitor, to attend this meeting, and advise the Council whether the Great Northern Railway Company could be compelled to put the road under the Faughart Railway Bridge in a state of safety, as numerous accidents, some of which were fatal, had occurred at this spot. After discussion the Committee requested Mr O'Connell to advise as to the Council's position to compel the Railway Company to improve the road by widening the Bridge, and, if necessary, take counsel's opinion on the matter.

Mr. C. A. Duffy brought under the notice of the Committee his position as representative of the County Council on the Committee of Management of Peamount Sanatorium. He read letter he had received from the Women's National Health Association in which he was asked to become a member of the Association and pay £1 per annum, and that it would be necessary for him to be a member of this Association to entitle him to act on any of the Committees in connection therewith, one of which was Peamount Sanatorium.

The Committee were of opinion that he (Mr. Duffy) was entitled, as representative of the County Council, to act on the Peamount Sanatorium Committee without any sanction from the W.N.H. Association, and the Secretary was directed to write and ask the Association whether any change had been made regarding the membership of the Peamount Sanatorium Committee.

The Secretary was directed to have information for the next meeting of the Finance Committee of the amount (if any) already paid to the Peamount Sanatorium for the beds purchased by the County Council.

The Secretary read correspondence in connection with his appointment as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, 1894, etc., and Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913. This included the letter from the Local Government Board, dated 18th September; the letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 3rd of October, asking how much remuneration it was proposed to be attached to the office; the terms of his appointment as Secretary of the County Council, and the letters from the County Councils, who had been asked what salary they paid their Secretaries for acting as Clerk to the Local Authority. The latter letters showed that the following salaries were paid in the respective Counties, viz.:—

Monaghan, £70.
 Tyrone, £80.
 Westmeath, £105.
 Leitrim, £50.
 Carlow, £50.
 Dublin, £150 per annum

In each case half of which is paid by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction.

After discussion, it was unanimously recommended that the Secretary of our Council be paid a salary of £100 per annum as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

Letter was read from Mr Heron, dated 29th October, in reply to letter from this Council in which he was informed that the malicious injury claim of Messrs R. and G. Gray could not be paid by the County Council until March, 1915. Mr. Heron asked in his letter if it could not be arranged to have the money paid at an earlier date.

The Committee decided that as the amount (£119 2s 0d) was so large that it could not be paid until it was collected.

Circular letter was read from the Under-Secretary, Dublin Castle, enclosing the Leinster Assize Order of 1913, which set out that the Winter Assizes for County Louth would be held in Green Street Courthouse, Dublin, and that it would be necessary for the Treasurer of the County to be in attendance to pay witnesses' expenses.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, No. 29,553, dated 23rd October, asking to have the Abstract of Accounts of the Louth County Council for half-years ended 31st March, 1913, and 30th September, 1913, sent without delay.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he was working at these Accounts and that he had written the Local Government Board that the Abstract for the first period would be sent at once, and that for the second period in a month's time.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

Mr. Connolly brought under the notice of the Committee the question of the Autumn Dipping in the Special Dipping Area, and stated that some members of the Local Committee considered that an autumn dipping was not necessary.

After discussion, in which it was pointed out by the Chairman that the Autumn Dipping was more urgent than the Summer one, and that with the Department's consent it was proposed to do the Autumn Dipping free of charge to the owners in this special area, it was decided that the Autumn Dipping would be proceeded with.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 10th day of November, 1913.

Present : —

In the chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—James Connolly, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P.; William A. Doran, J.P.; M. Meade, N. T. Murphy, and Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Finance Committee were read and confirmed.

The Secretary submitted Accounts for Works in charge of the Acting County Surveyor, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed by the Committee. The Treasurer's authority amounted to £64 15s. 0d.

The Secretary also submitted Forms 22 from the Clerks of the respective Rural District Councils, which were duly recommended for payment by the County Council.

In addition, the Secretary submitted the undermentioned accounts, which were also recommended to be discharged by the County Council, viz. :—

	£	s.	d.
Joseph P. Moonan—Balance of remuneration as Rate Collector	127	1	3
James V. Johnston do. do.	1	0	0
Joseph T. Clinton, V.S.—Additional Salary to 30th September as Veterinary Inspector, and sanctioned by Department	26	1	5
A. A. Donnelly, V.S. do. do.	20	1	1
W. E. Maxwell, V.S. do. do.	20	1	1
Humphreys Ltd.—Contract for Erection of Ardee Dispensary	89	10	0
J. M. C. Lyons—Fee for Plan and Specification of same	4	9	0

Letter read from Sir William Thompson, W. N. H. Association, stating that Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P., was properly a member of the Peamount Sanatorium Committee, as representative of the Louth County Council.

The Secretary informed the Committee that no amount had yet been paid the Peamount Sanatorium Committee for the beds purchased by this Council in that Institution.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to the Rate Collection of First Moiety of Poor Rate, stating that Collector McCullough having closed on the 30th September, is entitled to his usual remuneration, but that the other Collectors have forfeited their right to remuneration in respect of the half year ended on that date, and asking that the Collectors proceed with all due diligence with the Current Collection.

After discussion the Committee recommended the County Council to pass a resolution asking the Local Government Board that inasmuch as all the Collectors completed their respective collections by the 31st October, that the Local Government Board sanction the payment of their remuneration for the half year ended 30th September last.

The Secretary submitted Collectors' Arrear Lists in respect of the half year ended 31st September, and after examination these were recommended for payment by the County Council.

An application from the Poor Rate Collectors was read asking that their salaries and irrecoverable arrears be in future paid through the Subsidiary Account. The Committee recommended that the County Council grant this request.

On the application of the Secretary it was recommended that in future all Insurance Premiums and Refunds on Fidelity Bond Premiums be discharged through the Subsidiary Account.

Letter was read from the Department. dated 5th inst. No. 5127/13, sanctioning the free dipping for the Autumn period in the Special Dipping Area.

Letter was also read from the Department, dated 4th November, No. 5130/13, sanctioning that the payments of increase of salaries to the Veterinary Inspectors might date as from the 1st June, 1913.

Further letter from the Department, dated 5th inst., No. 540/13, agreeing to the terms of settlement made by the Council's Solicitor—Mr. O'Connell in the case of Workmen's Compensation Claim by John M'Allister. Total amount, inclusive of costs, being £8 13s. 0d.

Letter was read from the Department, dated 7th November, No. 5270/13, stating that, in regard to the proposed new Pier at Blackrock, that the Department's Engineer hoped to visit the place in a few days.

The Secretary was directed to ask the Department for information as to the exact date when their Engineer would visit Blackrock, and when he received their reply to summon the Local Committee to meet him.

The Secretary was directed to instruct Council's Solicitor to prosecute three persons who had exposed their sheep for sale at Dunleer Fair on the 3rd inst. without been accompanied by a Declaration.

The question of the light on Carlingford Pier was again before the Committee, and Mr. Lyons stated that he expected it this week.

The following resolution of sympathy was passed by the Committee:—Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr. James Wynne, J.P.: That we, the Finance Committee of the Louth County Council, tender our sincere sympathy to our respected Chairman (Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.) on the irreparable loss sustained by him on the death

of his relative (Miss Jane Carroll, Kilcrouney), a lady whose kindly disposition and universal charity endeared her to all classes of the community.

The Committee directed the Secretary to bring under the notice of the County Council the frequent clashing of Meetings of the Council's Committees, and those Meetings of the County Committee and the Insurance Committees, which are held in the Council Chamber simultaneously, which result in great confusion.

The Committee recommended that the time of Meetings should be so arranged that there would be no clashing in the future.

Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of
Proceedings

OF

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

At their Third Quarterly Meeting held in
the Council Chamber on the 13th
November, 1913, - - - -

DRGGHEDA :

"DROGHEDA ADVERTISER" PRINTING WORKS.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Thursday, the 13th day of November, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair: WILLIAM A. DORAN, Esq., J.P.

Other members:—James Connolly, J.P.; John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph P. Kearney, James S. Kelly, Michael Meade, Joseph H. McArdle, J.P.; James McCarthy, J.P.; John F. Murphy, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Wm T. Skeffington, J.P.; William Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

His Worship, the Mayor of Drogheda, and the Town Clerk, Mr. J. B. Connolly, were also present at the meeting, and the Council's Solicitor, Mr. Daniel O'Connell.

The Minutes of the last meeting of the Council having been printed, and a copy sent to each member, were taken as read, and were confirmed.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P..

Seconded by Mr John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the under-mentioned dates, and a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council be, and are hereby confirmed by this Council, viz:—7th August, 1913; 18th

August, 1913; 1st September, 1913; 15th September, 1913; 29th September, 1913; 13th October, 1913; 27th October, 1913; 3rd November, 1913; and 10th November, 1913.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. John Dolan,

Seconded by Mr. James S. Kelly, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, and a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council be and are hereby confirmed by this Council, viz:—22nd September, 1913; 13th October, 1913; and 27th October, 1913.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. James S. Kelly,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee, held on the undermentioned date, and a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council be, and are hereby confirmed by this Council, viz:—27th October, 1913.

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENT.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr. William A. Doran, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formu-

lated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their last Quarterly Meeting held on the 28th October, 1913, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council be, and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £795 9s 10d.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr. John Dolan,

Seconded by Mr. James M'Carthy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments, formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their last quarterly meeting held on the 21st October, 1913, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council be, and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £578 16s 4d.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr. William Woods, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments, formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their last quarterly meeting, held on the 6th day of October, 1913, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council be, and are hereby approved of.

These payments amount to the sum of £1,239 18s 9d.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, J.P., and
Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments for the

County-at-Large, formulated by the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on the 27th October, 1913, and set out on Form 22a, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £5,474 3s 10d be, and are hereby approved of by this Council

DATES FOR QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. James S. Kelly,

Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan, 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 and Proposal Committee:—

Ardlee, Tuesday, 6th January, 1914.

Drogheda, Tuesday, 13th January, 1914.

Dundalk, Monday, 5th January, 1914.

The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, 5th January, 1914.

The next item on the agenda read as follows:—Consideration of letter from Local Government Board regarding the appointment of Mr. J. M. C. Lyons as County Surveyor.

The letter is as under:—

28th August, 1913.

SIR,—

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 25th instant, intimating that the Louth County Council, at their meeting on the 21st ult., appointed Mr. J. M. C. Lyons to the vacant post of County Surveyor; and, in reply, the Board direct me to state that Mr. Lyons is, as the County Council

have already been informed, ineligible for appointment as County Surveyor.

The Board have to request that the County Council will proceed to select for the position one of the duly qualified candidates.

I am, etc.,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

In connection with the same matter the Secretary read the following letter from Mr. J. M. C. Lyons:—

County Surveyor's Office,
Dundalk, November 13th, 1913.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,—

The Local Government Board having refused to sanction my appointment as County Surveyor on the grounds, I understand, that I am eligible according to regulation dated February, 1907, I presume that there is nothing further can be done, and with your permission, I beg to retire, and to again return you my most sincere thanks for the honour you conferred upon me.

I am Gentlemen,

Your obedient servant,

JOHN M. C. LYONS.

After a very protracted discussion on the subject matter of the foregoing correspondence, the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to advertise for a County Surveyor for County Louth at a salary of £300

a year, and £100 allowance for travelling expenses, when certified and vouched for, and that the appointment be made at the next Adjourned Quarterly Meeting; and that we allow £50 for clerk and office, and that we hereby rescind the resolution of the Council passed on the 15th August, 1912, fixing the salary of County Surveyor at £275 per annum.

TUBERCULOSIS OBSERVATION DISPENSARY AT DROGHEDA.

In connection with the foregoing, a deputation consisting of the Mayor of Drogheda (Councillor J Callaghan), and Town Clerk (Mr. J. B. Connolly) attended the meeting, and the following report, which had been submitted by the Corporation of Drogheda, was read by the Secretary of the County Council:—

Town Clerk's Office,
Courthouse, Drogheda,
16th September, 1913.

To the Council of the Borough of Drogheda.

GENTLEMEN,—

The County Councils of Meath and Louth have made applications to you and to the Board of Guardians respectively for the use of the Old Jail premises and the Dispensary in John Street for Branch Tuberculosis Dispensaries. Neither application has been acceded to.

I do not know what annual revenue the County Council of Meath will have for the maintenance of Sanatoria, but as Louth will have a revenue of £2,000 the Meath revenue should be proportionately greater.

Both Councils have to take the claims and requirements of Drogheda or its neighbourhood into consideration, as it is entitled to expect a proportionate return from its contributions under the National Health Insur-

ance Act, and the rate levied under the Tuberculosis Act amounting to hundreds of pounds annually.

Experience has shown, as in the case of Dundalk Infirmary, that Drogheda is not likely to derive much benefit from a Sanatorium established elsewhere.

There does not appear to be any reason why both Councils should not agree to allocate out to the Capital sum available in each County for the building of Sanatoria a sufficient amount for a Sanatorium in Drogheda, and out of their annual income a sufficient amount for the maintenance of such Sanatorium. If the Corporation were to make a representation to this effect, accompanied by an offer of a suitable building site at a nominal rent, it would probably be favourably considered, and if there are any obstacles in the way—it has been suggested that the Local Government Board will only consent to one Sanatorium in each County—a deputation to the Local Government Board might remove that obstacle.

Your obedient Servant,

J. B. CONNOLLY, Town Clerk.

The Mayor of Drogheda then read the following statement:—

The Mayor said—We have come to-day at the request of the Corporation of Drogheda to represent to you that we are dissatisfied with your present Sanatorium Scheme. As we understand it, the County Council have decided to levy a rate of one penny under the Tuberculosis Act, which will bring in an annual income of £1,000. To this is to be added a further annual income of £1,000 which you will receive under the Insurance Act, leaving you with an annual income of £2,000 for the stamping out of tuberculosis. As your scheme stands, we in Drogheda will derive very little benefit, and certainly not at all in proportion to the extent to which we are being

taxed. The population of Dundalk at the last Census was 13,128, and the population of Drogheda 12,501. Experience has established the fact that County Institutions, such as the Central Observation Dispensary proposed, are only availed of by the towns in which they are situate. For example, you already have a County Infirmary in Dundalk, which has never been availed of by a Drogheda person since its establishment. We would therefore, ask you to exclude the town of Drogheda from the proposed rate under the Tuberculosis Act, and from any advantages which your scheme under that Act might embrace, and in return for our share of the grant under the Insurance Act—we are indirectly taxed under the Insurance Act just the same as you are—that we should be at liberty to send patients to Peamount. We have adopted the Notification Clauses of the Tuberculosis Act, and have appointed a Medical Superintendent Officer of Health. It therefore comes to this that every Medical Practitioner in Drogheda is bound to notify the Medical Superintendent Officer of Health of all tubercular cases coming under his notice, and it could be left in the discretion of that officer to say whether the patients should be sent to Peamount or temporarily treated in one of our local hospitals. If on the other hand you cannot see your way to meet the wishes of the people of Drogheda, I am to suggest that you should set up and maintain in Drogheda an Observation Dispensary like the one proposed for Dundalk, so that we might obtain some return for our taxation, but, of course, we would prefer to be excluded, as I have already explained.

After considerable discussion, it was decided to refer this matter to the Finance Committee of the Council to meet on Monday, the 24th inst.

The question of the consideration of the legal proceedings relating to the encroachment by the building erected by Mrs Walls, Blackrock, was next considered by the Council. Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, explained that the

case was coming on for hearing at Dundalk Petty Sessions on Friday, the 14th instant, and suggested that the Council should pass a resolution authorising him to proceed with the prosecution.

It was considered by the Council that the instructions already given to Mr O'Connell to proceed with the case covered the whole matter, and he was authorised to continue the proceedings at Petty Sessions.

COLLECTORS' POUNDAGE.

The following resolution was passed by the Council:—

Proposed by Mr. James Connolly, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr William Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, respectfully request the Local Government Board for their sanction to pay our Collectors their full half-year's remuneration, and poundage fees in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last in view of the fact that that all the Collectors lodged the full amount of their respective warrants on or before the 31st October last.

In furtherance of this matter of the Rate Collections, the Secretary was directed to write and ask the Local Government Board to receive a deputation from the County Council on the matter.

ANCIENT MONUMENTS.

The following resolution was adopted:—

Proposed by Mr. Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James S. Kelly, and

Resolved—That we, the Louth County Council, hereby

consent to take over the custody of the two Ancient Monuments situated in the Townland of Barnaveddodge, Parish of Dromin, and Barony of Ardee, as requested in the letter of the Estates' Commissioners, dated 26th August, 1913, and which have been certified as worthy of preservation by the County Louth Archaeological Society.

LOCOMOTIVE AND MOTOR TRAFFIC.

With regard to the question of Locomotive Traffic and the Speed of Motors in the County, the Council, after discussion, passed the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. William T. Skeffington, J.P., and

Resolved—That application be made to the Local Government Board for Ireland to make regulations whereby no person shall drive a motor car at a speed exceeding ten miles per hour within the urban districts of Dundalk and Drogheda, and the villages of Castlebellingham, Dunleer, Omeath, Ardee and Carlingford.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, J.P., and

Resolved—That our Solicitor be instructed to draw up new regulations regarding Locomotive Traffic in the County, embodying the provisions as to locomotives on public highways in the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911.

REPORT FROM PROVISIONAL SANATORIUM COMMITTEE.

The following report from above Committee was read—

REPORT OF THE PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE APPOINTED TO CONSIDER AND REPORT TO THE GENERAL COUNCIL ON THE PROPOSED CENTRAL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Meeting of the Committee held in the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 1st day of September, 1913.

Presiding—C A Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—Messrs B Hamill, J.P.; P O'Connell, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P.

Also present—Dr A J McQuillan, T.M.O.; and the following members of the Insurance Committee, viz.:—Rev P Lyons, A.D.M.; Mrs C A Duffy, Dr E F Flood, and Mr James Hughes.

The requisition signed by the inhabitants of Castle-town and precincts against the erection of the Dispensary in that locality was submitted as directed by the County Council. A lengthy discussion ensued, during which the Tuberculosis Medical Officer pointed out certain statements in the requisition attributed to him which were not accurate. Eventually it was unanimously decided:—

To recommend the County Council to proceed at as early a date as possible with the erection of the Central Dispensary on the site already chosen at Castletown Road, Dundalk; as this Committee, appointed by the Council to deal with the matter, and the representatives of the Insurance Committee present are undivided in the opinion:—

- (1). That there is absolutely no danger of infection.
- (2). That the site chosen is situate within the Borough Boundary, and greatly facilitates the important matters of Drainage, Water and Lighting.
- (3). That the Site is the highest in the immediate locality and quite dry.

(4). From a financial point of view the most desirable.

The following Accounts were submitted, examined, and payment recommended:—

Sir William J Thompson, M.D.:—	...	£9	8	7
Peamount Sanatorium,	...	£3	14	5
Sir William J Thompson, M.D.	...	£3	14	0
Thomas Roe ("Democrat" Office)	...			
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		£16	17	0

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V. WARREN, Clerk.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL PROVISIONAL
COMMITTEE.

Meeting held in the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 22nd day of September, 1913. To consider and report to the General Council on the Architect's Plan and Specification of the proposed Central Dispensary.

Presiding—C A Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—Messrs Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; and James Wynne.

Also present—Dr O'Connell and Vincent O'Connell, Esq., Architect.

It was unanimously decided—

That before making a final recommendation to the County Council, and having in view the fact that the Architect's Estimate amounts to (£1,398 10s 11d), and is much in excess of the sum allocated for the purpose in

the original Scheme, namely £900, to forward the Plan and Specification as submitted to the Local Government Board for their opinion, and at the same time to request them to arrange to have the proposed Site inspected, and if possible approved of at the earliest date possible.

A signed agreement was submitted and approved of, by which Mr Tobias Kavanagh, Drakestown, Ardee, agreed to pay the County Council the sum of 10s per week (Ten Shillings) towards his maintenance while he is an inmate of Peamount Sanatorium.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

V. WARREN, Clerk.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

REPORTS OF PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE IN
CONNECTION WITH THE SCHEME FOR THE
TREATMENT OF TUBERCULOSIS.

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 13th day of October, 1913.

Present:—

Presiding—C A Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

Also present—Dr O'Brien, L.G.B. Inspector; Dr McQuillan, T.M.O.; Vincent O'Connell, Architect.

Letter from the Chairman of the County Council regretting his inability to attend.

It was decided to adjourn the Meeting until one o'clock

p.m., on Tuesday, the 21st inst., which Dr O'Brien promised to attend and submit the result of his inspection of the Site chosen on Castletown Road, Dundalk, on which it is proposed to erect the Central Dispensary.

James Wynne, Patrick O'Connell, Vincent O'Connell, Esquires, Dr McQuillan, and the Clerk were appointed to accompany the Inspector.

Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1913, when there attended:—

Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

Also present—Dr O'Brien, L.G.B. Inspector; Dr M'Quillan, T.M.O., and Vincent O'Connell, Esq., Architect.

Dr O'Brien reporting on the result of his inspection, recommended the Council to make another effort to procure some other site with a larger area than what is available at Castletown Road, which in his opinion is somewhat limited.

The question of the Militia Barracks could not, he stated, be entertained owing to the expenditure it would involve. He further pointed to several suitable sites around Mounthamilton and Lisnawilly if they could be procured.

It was decided to convene another meeting of the Committee to consider the Inspector's Report; inquiries to be made in the meantime relative to the sites suggested.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 27th day of October, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Patrick O'Connell, Esquires.

Also present—Dr J A McQuillan, T.M.O.

The Committee had under their consideration the Local Government Board Inspector's report as already set out, with reference to the Site for the General Tuberculosis Dispensary.

After considerable discussion, during which it was stated that none of the sites suggested by the Inspector are available on any terms.

It was unanimously decided to direct the Clerk to inform the Local Government Board that the Committee regret they are unable to procure, on any terms whatever, any one of the sites pointed to by Dr O'Brien, or any other convenient place suitable for the purpose; and to add, that the Committee will be glad to have any assistance the Board can render in the matter.

The Committee approved of the arrangement made by the Tuberculosis Medical Officer to have Ardee Dispensary fitted to his requirements with shelving, etc. and a fence erected around same by Mr J Hughes, Ardee, for the sum of £1 19s (One Pound nineteen shillings), as the matter was pressingly urgent owing to the near approach of Ardee Fair.

The following Accounts were considered and recommended for payment:—

Humphries, Ltd., Dublin—Ardee Dispensary, £89 10s.
B McKeivitt, Carlingford—Rent Carlingford Dispensary
(half-year), £8 10s.
Bernard Duffy, Dundalk—Shelters, £13.

Letter 43815/13, as per Copy enclosed, referred by the County Insurance Committee to the County Council, with reference to the provision of thermometers for tuberculosis persons attending the Dispensaries.

It was decided to recommend that a supply of the articles named be procured at an approximate cost of 9s. (Nine Shillings) per dozen.

Letter 43742/13, from the Commission (copy enclosed) referred by the County Insurance Committee to the County Council with reference to a proposal to pay a sum of £20 per annum to the District Nursing Associations for services rendered by the District Nurses.

It was decided to recommend payment of the sum proposed, provided the services of the Nurses are available in accordance with the terms of a resolution passed by the County Insurance Committee at their Meeting held on the 11th day of September, 1913.

(Copy).

National Health Insurance Commission.
Dublin, 25th September, 1913.

43815/13.

Insurance Committee for the County of Louth.

Sir—With reference to previous correspondence and to your letter of the 16th inst., relative to the proposal of

the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth to provide thermometers for tuberculosis persons receiving dispensary treatment on the recommendation of the Committee, I am directed by the National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) to point out that Tuberculosis Dispensaries are provided by County Councils, and, as the Commission are of the opinion that thermometers should be regarded as part of the equipment of these institutions, they consider that such articles should be provided by the County Council and not by the Insurance Committee.

If the County Council are not, however, at present in a position to provide these articles, the Commission, in order to meet the wishes of the Committee in the matter, will offer no objection to the thermometers being provided out of the funds of the Committee on condition that the County Council undertake to recoup the Committee later on the cost of these articles.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant.

PIERCE KENT.

The Clerk, Insurance Committee
for County Louth,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

(Copy).

National Health Insurance Commission.

Dublin, 27th September, 1913.

43742/13.

Sir—The National Health Insurance Commission (Ireland) have had before them the Entry contained in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth at their Meeting on the 11th inst., relative to the proposal of the Committee to pay a sum

of £20 per year to each of the Nursing Associations of Ardee, Castlebellingham, Drogheda, and Dundalk, in respect of certain services to be rendered by the Nurses of these Associations in connection with the treatment of persons recommended by the Committee for Sanatorium Benefit under the National Insurance Act, 1911.

With reference thereto, the Commission desire to be informed whether this expenditure is proposed to be paid with the cognisance of the Louth County Council, and also whether, pending the coming into operation of the scheme adopted by the Council, it is intended that the persons who are neither insured persons nor the dependants of such persons should be treated at the Dispensaries and be attended by the Nurses referred to.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant.

PIERCE KENT.

The Clerk, Insurance Committee
for County Louth,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

SCHEME FOR THE TREATMENT OF
TUBERCULOSIS.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

PROVISIONAL COMMITTEE.

Dundalk, 10th November, 1913.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen—At a meeting held to-day of the Sanatorium Sub-Committee appointed provisionally in connection with the Council's Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis, I was directed to forward for the Council's consideration and directions thereon, the undermentioned recommendations unanimously adopted; and with reference thereto, I am to state that of extreme urgency and importance:—

(1). In view of the decision of the Dundalk District Nursing Association refusing the part-time services of their Nurses in connection with the Scheme for the treatment of tuberculosis, to recommend the County Council to arrange for the immediate appointment of a duly qualified whole-time Nurse.

(2). To recommend the County Council to proceed with the appointment of a Committee of Management in accordance with the provisions of Section 5 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, to whom might be suitably delegated all matters appertaining to the Central and Branch Dispensaries and the Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis generally.

I am, Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

It was also decided to recommend Mrs Carney, 63 George's Street, Drogheda, for 12 weeks' treatment at Peamount Sanatorium; estimated cost, £12.

I am to add that this lady is neither insured nor the dependant of an insured person.

Your obedient Servant.

V. WARREN, Clerk.

In accordance with the recommendation contained in the report, it was decided, on the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P., seconded by Mr William Woods, J.P., to advertise for a Nurse at £50 per annum, with £34 per annum for maintenance allowance pending the erection of the Central Dispensary, and that the Council's Solicitor draw up the advertisement for same.

Mr O'Meara, J.P., requested information as to why

the Committee appointed in connection with the proposed purchase of Omeath Park was not summoned. The Secretary stated that the Acting County Surveyor had arranged to fix a date suitable for the Committee and himself to meet at Omeath, and it was arranged that the Secretary summon the meeting for Tuesday, the 18th inst., at 10.30 a.m.

Letter was read from Mr Clinton, V.S., regarding the Sheep Dipping in the County Louth Special Area, and the Secretary was directed to write to the Department requesting them to extend the Autumn period in this area until the 1st December next.

BLACBROCK PIER.

The following Committee was appointed to meet the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture on his visit to Dundalk on Tuesday, the 25th inst., in connection with the above matter, viz:—Messrs Peter Hughes, J.P.; B Hamill, J.P.; J M Johnson, Patrick O'Connell, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; E Goodman, Patrick Byrne, J.P.; T Soraghan, U.D.C.; and P J Murphy, U.D.C.

ENCROACHMENTS AT BALLYMAKENNY.

Regarding this matter where the Acting County Surveyor had stopped the Contractor from proceeding with the building of the National School at Ballymakenny, on account of encroachments the County Council decided to withdraw their objection and let the work proceed.

Letter was read from Dr McQuillan reporting that he had engaged Mrs Reilly, Fair Green, Ardee, as Caretaker of the Ardee Dispensary, at the rate of 1s 6d per week. The Council approved of the appointment.

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

Lisrenny, Ardee,
26th September, 1913.

On behalf of my family and myself, I beg to tender to the Louth County Council our sincere thanks for the kind and sympathetic resolution passed by that body on the 25th inst., on the lamented death of my brother—Mr T. F. Filgate.

WM. DE SALIS FILGATE.

4 Susanville Road, Clonliffe Road,
Dublin, 3rd September, 1913.

Dear Sir—On behalf of myself and the relatives of the late Mr John Johnston, I beg to convey to the County Council our thanks for their resolution of sympathy in regard to the lamented death of my husband.

Yours faithfully,

ELIZABETH JOHNSTON.

WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

The following Report was read from the Committee appointed by the Council to consider and report on the question of the purchase of this plantation:—

Having been requested by the County Council to meet and inspect the plantation at Willistown, we wish to inform you that we, the undersigned members of the Committee, have done so. We came to the conclusion that a fair offer to make to the Estates Commissioners with the view as to its purchase would be £15 per statute acre, area of same 5 acres, which might be £75, and also a few pounds per annum to a caretaker to look after the timber. The total area is 5a 3r 12p, but there are 3r 7p under water and waste, which leaves 5a 0r 5p of timber. According to Mr James Dromgoole, a fair esti-

mate of the number of trees standing would be 7,000.—
Signed,

E J Caraher, Rev Father Fagan, P.P.;
Michael Meade, CoC.; Arthur Clinton,
and Thomas Conachy.

After short discussion on the above matter, the Council's Solicitor was directed to make the offer of £15 per acre, or a lump sum of £75, to the Estates Commissioners for the plantation.

On the motion of Mr Michael O'Meara, J.P., seconded by Mr Patrick O'Connell, the Council passed the following resolution in silence—viz.—

"That we, the members of the Louth County Council, learn with great regret of the lamented death of Miss Jane Carroll, a near relative of our respected Chairman—Peter Hughes, Esq., J.P.—and we direct our Secretaay to convey our sincere sympathy to him in his sad bereavement."

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5th Jan. '14

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council
Chamber on Thursday, the 27th of November, 1913.

Present:—

In the Chair—WILLIAM A. DORAN, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present:—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; Patrick
Callan, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; John Dolan, Joseph
Dolan, Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Charles A. Duffy, J.P.;
Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, J.P.; Joseph M.
Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Michael
Meade, Joseph H. M'Ardle, J.P.; James M'Carthy, J.P.;
Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, J.P.; N T Murphy,
Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, J.P.; Denis J. Rath,
William T. Skeffington, J.P.; Williams Woods, J.P., and
James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

**CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES OF THE
COUNCIL.**

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth
County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on
the 13th November, 1913, and a printed copy of which has
been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are
hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance
Committee at their Meeting held on the 24th day of Nov-
ember, 1913, and a printed copy of which has been furnished

to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Amendment moved by Mr James Wynne, seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne—That the recommendations on page 3 of the minutes of proceedings of Finance Committee on 24th November, 1913, be and are hereby rejected, said minutes being a recommendation granting £700 to Drogheda for equipping and erecting a suitable Dispensary at Drogheda for Tuberculosis patients

For this amendment there voted:—Messrs. Patrick Byrne, Joseph Dolan, Edward Goodman, Patrick Kearney, John F. Murphy, William Woods, and James Wynne—7.

Against the amendment there voted:—Messrs Patrick Callan, James Connolly, John Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Charles A. Duffy, Bernard Hamill, Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Joseph H. McArdle, James McCarthy, N. T. Murphy, Patrick O'Connell, Denis J. Rath, and William T. Skeffington—14.

The Chairman, therefore, declared the amendment lost by 14 votes to 7, and the original motion was then put from the chair, and declared carried by the same majority

CONFIRMATION OF REPORTS FROM THE ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Byrne, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr John Francis Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Reports of the Acting County Surveyors as appearing on the Schedule of Proposals for the 27th November, 1913, and a copy of which has been forwarded to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

PROPOSALS FOR WORKS.

ARDEE.

Proposed by Mr William A. Doran, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works, formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their last Quarterly

Meeting held on Tuesday, the 7th day of October, 1913, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr James M^cCarthy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr John Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works, formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their last Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 21st day of October, 1913, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr William Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Works, formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, the 6th day of October, 1913, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of; and we now authorise our Secretary to affix the common seal of the Council to the contracts entered into.

WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT.

Proposed by Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr James Wynne, J.P., and

Resolved—That all Work not taken by Contract at the

last meetings of the Rural District Council be placed in charge of the Acting County Surveyors.

The next item on the agenda was the appointment of Nurse for Central Dispensary.

The advertisement for same read as follows:—

ADVERTISEMENT.

COUNTY OF LOUTH.

APPOINTMENT OF NURSE FOR CENTRAL DISPENSARY.

The County Council of Louth invite applications from duly qualified persons holding Certificates from Dispensary or Sanatorium for Tuberculosis work, to act as whole-time Nurse at Central and Branch Dispensaries and to visit outside cases as required.

Candidates must send in their applications in writing to the Secretary, County Council office, Dundalk, not later than 4 o'clock, on the 26th November, 1913, to be accompanied by qualifications and testimonials.

The salary will be £50 per annum, with an annual allowance of £34 for maintenance pending the erection of the permanent Central Dispensary.

For further particulars application should be made to

CHARLES M'ALESTER, Secretary.

County Council Offices, Dundalk.

14th November, 1913.

In pursuance of the foregoing advertisement, issued by the Secretary, the following applications were duly received:—Elizabeth O'Hagan, Mill Brook, Water Lodge, Dundalk; Annie Murray, 74 Trinity Street, Drogheda, and Margaret E. M'Nally, Union Infirmary, Lisburn Road, Belfast.

Each candidate enclosed copies of qualifications and character, which were submitted to the meeting. The Chairman

then adopted the usual course in the selection of one of the candidates, by taking a vote of the Council as between the three applicants.

For Miss O'Hagan there voted—Messrs Patrick Byrne, James Connolly, C. A. Duffy, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Patrick Kearney, Michael Meade, Joseph H. McArdle, Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, and William Woods—13.

For Miss Murray there voted:—Messrs. Patrick Callan, John Dolan, Joseph Dolan, William A. Doran, Patrick Donegan, James M'Carthy, Richard Mathews, John F. Murphy, N. T. Murphy, Denis J. Rath, and William T. Skeffington—11.

Mr James Wynne declined to record his vote.

Miss M'Nally did not receive any votes.

The Chairman, therefore, declared Miss E. O'Hagan, of Water Lodge, Dundalk, duly elected by 13 votes to 11, and that her appointment be in strict accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary.

The Council next proceeded to the following item on the agenda, viz.:—Appointment of Committee of Management in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme in accordance with the Provisions of Section 5 of the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act of 1908.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick O'Connell,

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen, members of the County Council, as a Dispensary Committee of Management in accordance with the provisions of Section 5, Tuberculosis (Ireland) Act, 1908, and that they have power to add to their numbers, and to whom is

delegated all matters in connection with the Scheme of Tuberculosis in this County, viz.:—Messrs John Dolan, William A. Doran, Patrick Donegan, C. A. Duffy, Luke J. Elcock, Edward Goodman, Bernard Hamill, Peter Hughes, J. M. Johnson, James M'Carthy, Patrick O'Connell, D. J. Rath, William T. Skeffington, William Woods, and James Wynne.

Consideration of Letter from the Local Government Board re Appointment of County Surveyor.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, dated 18th instant, No. 60,617, 1913, was read by the Secretary respecting the above matter:—

Sir,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 13th instant, respecting the position of County Surveyor for County Louth.

The Board desire me to point out that in accordance with the prescribed procedure the Co. Council should have proceeded to appoint, as County Surveyor, one of the candidates mentioned in the Board's letter of the 7th August last, as qualified for the position; but in view of the fact that the Co. Council have now decided to offer an increased salary for the post, the Board are not disposed to object to the proposal to re-advertise the position.

It should be clearly understood that no person can be appointed County Surveyor unless he is duly qualified for the position in accordance with the statute. The applications received in response to the advertisement to be issued should accordingly be submitted to the Board before any steps for the final selection of a County Surveyor are taken by the Council.

A copy of a memorandum respecting the appointment of County Surveyors in Ireland is enclosed for the information of the Council.

I am, etc.,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

After very considerable discussion on the subject matter

of the foregoing letter, the Council were unanimous in passing the following resolution:—

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.,

Seconded by Mr. John F. Murphy, J.P., and

Resolved—That we hereby decide to hold a special meeting of the Co. Council for the purpose of appointing a County Surveyor for County Louth on this day three weeks, viz.:—18th December next, and that applications for the position should be received not later than the 10th of December, 1913, when a list of the applicants will be forwarded to the Local Government Board, and should they be returned in time the appointment will be made on Thursday, the 18th December next.

ITEM 8 ON AGENDA.

Consideration of Report from Committee appointed by County Council in connection with Omeath Park.

OMEATH PARK.

The following report of the Committee appointed by the Council in connection with the proposed purchase of Omeath Park was read:—

The Committee met on Tuesday, the 18th inst., when the following gentlemen attended, viz.:—Rev. Father M. J. Quin, P.P.; Rev. Father Woodcock, O.C.; Messrs. Joseph P. Kearney, M.C.C.; Michael O'Meara, J.P., and J. M. C. Lyons, Acting Co. Surveyor.

The Committee made a full inspection of the Demesne and the buildings thereon, and after discussing at length the whole question of price, they arrived at the following decision:—

Proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Kearney, M.C.C.,

Seconded by the Rev. Father Woodcock, O.C., and unanimously passed—That we consider the Omeath De-

mesne Park and House, are value about £1,500, and we are of opinion that the purchase by the County Council would be a very good investment.

Arising out of this Report a lengthy discussion ensued, in which it was generally considered that the value placed on the property by the Committee—viz. £1,500, was excessive in view of the fact that the maximum valuation placed by the Department's Inspector was £1,320.

Finally the following resolution respecting this matter was proposed by Mr J. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara:—That the matter of the purchase of Omeath Park be referred to the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for consideration and report.

The Chairman took a division on this proposition, and the following was the result of the voting:—

For Mr Johnson's proposition—Messrs James Connolly, John Dolan, Bernard Hamill, Joseph M. Johnson, Joseph P. Kearney, Joseph H. McArdle, James McCarthy, Richard Mathews, Patrick O'Connell, Michael O'Meara, D. J. Rath, W. T. Skeffington, William Woods, and James Wynne—14.

Against the proposition there voted—Messrs P. Byrne, P. Callan, Joseph Dolan, W. A. Doran, P. Donegan, E. Goodman, P. Kearney, M. Meade, J. F. Murphy, and N. T. Murphy—10.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr Johnson's motion carried by 14 votes to 10, that the matter be referred to the County Louth Committee of Agriculture.

REPORT OF BLACKROCK PIER COMMITTEE.

The undermentioned Report from the Committee appointed to meet the Department's Engineer re the proposed Pier at Blackrock, was read by the Secretary and approved of by the Council:—

The Committee appointed by the County Council to meet

the Engineer of the Department of Agriculture, met on Tuesday, the 25th inst., when the following gentlemen attended:—Very Rev Canon Clarke, P.P., Haggardstown; Messrs Bernard Hamill, J.P.; P. O'Connell, M.C.C.; J. M. Johnson, M.C.C.; E. Goodman, M.C.C.; Patrick Byrne, J.P., M.C.C.; Thomas Soran, U.D.C.; P. J. Murphy, U.D.C.; Mathew White, B. Hamilton, J. H. Murphy, Solicitor; D. O'Connell, Solicitor; and J. M. C. Lyons. Mr Oliver, Engineer to the Department, was present, and in company with the Committee inspected the site of the proposed Pier at Blackrock. A number of Blackrock fishermen and some of the prominent buyers of fish were present.

The Engineer discussed the matter with the fishermen as to the most desirable place to have the Pier, and in company with them, walked over the ground. The consensus of opinion was that the least expensive and the most suitable site would be immediately behind the Lifeboat House, where a stony passage exists to the river, marked by posts on each side, where the lifeboat is generally launched. It was the unanimous opinion of the Committee, the fishermen, and the Engineer, that the only effective pier would be one that would stand over high water and afford a proper passage for vehicles from the public road to the water's edge, and thus enable the boats to be unloaded direct from the water. This would give the fishermen an additional four hours at each tide, which would be an extraordinary advantage; and in addition the pier would act as a breakwater, and have the effect of diverting the course of the river and expedite the passage to deep water. The Engineer also suggested that the beach on the west side of the pier could be easily made a good roadway for vehicular traffic, and on the water side a safe beach for boats.

After a very exhaustive inspection and discussion with the Committee and the fishermen, the Engineer arranged to make his report to the Department and go into the probable cost, and promised to have this ready in about a fortnight.

CORRESPONDENCE.

Letter from the Irish Automobile Association and Motor

Union, dated 25th instant, was read thanking the Council for the erection of Direction Signs in the County, which serve a most useful purpose in helping local residents and also strangers travelling within the County. The Association also enclosed copy of the following resolution passed by their body:—

Resolved—"That a vote of thanks be accorded to the County Council, and to the Assistant Surveyors, for the kindly spirit of co-operation they had shown in connection with the Automobile Association and Motor Union's offer of Direction Signs."

Further letter from the same Association was read asking the Council to have the hedges in County Louth at certain corners of roads trimmed so as not to mask public traffic. The letter was referred to the Acting County Surveyors.

The following letter from the Local Government Board, dated 26th inst., No. 62,351—1913, was read by the Secretary:—

Sir—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your further letter of the 21st instant, and previous correspondence relative to the collection of the poor rate in Louth County for the half-year ended 30th September last.

With reference thereto, I am to refer you to the Board's letters of the 7th and 16th ultimo, and to state that they could not allow any preferential treatment to the Poor Rate Collectors in County Louth.

The Board accordingly consider that no good purpose could be effected by receiving a deputation from the County Council on the subject, as suggested in your letter.

I am, etc.,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

On hearing the foregoing letter read, Mr. Bernard Hamill proposed, and Mr. James McCarthy seconded, and it was—

Resolved—That we regret to learn that the Local Government Board will not sanction payment to the Rate Collectors or receive a deputation on the subject, as the Council are in duty bound to pay the Collectors their poundage fees in respect of the half-year ended 30th September last.

The following communication from the Chairman of the County Council, Mr Peter Hughes, J.P., was read, and ordered to be inserted on the minutes of the Council:—

Castlering, Knockbridge,
25th November, 1913.

Gentlemen—I sincerely thank you, the members of the Louth County Council, for your kind expression of regret and sympathy on the lamented death of Miss Carroll.

Yours faithfully,

PETER HUGHES.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:—

I hereby give Notice that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move—That the hour of holding the Council's Meetings be 11 o'clock, a.m., instead of one o'clock p.m.

(Signed)

MICHAEL O'MEARA.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1913, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

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

Other Members present—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P.; M. O'Meara, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, P. Kearney, William Woods, J.P.; J. H. McArdle, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires

Messrs J. T. Clinton, A. A. Donnelly, and W. E. Maxwell, Veterinary Inspectors, were also in attendance.

The following reports from the Veterinary Inspectors were read by the Secretary:—

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

During the month of November I had four suspected cases reported under the Tuberculosis Order. The animals had been sent to Drogheda Port for shipment. I had three of them moved back to County Meath to the premises from which they came. The fourth case, after inspection and examination of the animal, proved not to be a case under the Tuberculosis Order.

I had three outbreaks of sheep scab to deal with, the animals also having been sent to Drogheda Port. In two of the cases I had the sheep moved to County Meath, after the diseased animals had been slaughtered with the authority of the owner. In the third outbreak one animal in a flock of 102 sheep was affected with sheep scab. The diseased animal was slaughtered. The remaining animals have been treated, are now quite healthy, and the restrictions have been withdrawn.

I furnished your Secretary with full returns on the prescribed Forms, in each case giving full particulars.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

I examined usual markets fairs, etc., held in the Ardee No. 1 District for November. A case under the Tubercular Order occurred at Drumcassel, and after consulting with the Department of Agriculture, it was decided the animal did not fully come under the Act, and slaughter was not

carried out. A case of swine fever, on examination, was found not to be so.

MR. CLINTON'S REPORT.

During the month of November three cases of suspected Sheep Scab occurred at Greenore Port. I had the suspected animals slaughtered by order of the Department of Agriculture. All the sheep which were in contact with the suspected ones have been dipped. Five cases of suspected Tuberculosis in cows also occurred at Greenore, and two similar cases in cows at Dundalk. I have dealt with the animals in accordance with the order of the Department of Agriculture.

The reports were intialled by the Chairman.

The Secretary submitted the following Accounts in connection with Sheep Dipping:—

	£	s	d
T. M'Ardle—wages ...	12	1	4
W. Leonard „ ...	12	1	4
P. Murphy—sundries ...	0	3	4
F. Carroll „ ...	0	10	0
N. Norris—rent ..	1	0	0
H. Backhouse — sheep dip ...	51	10	1
T. R. Connolly „ ...	18	14	0
T. M'Iver „ ...	15	1	2
P. M'Gee „ ...	15	9	4
L. J. Healy „ ...	2	15	0
Ardee Rural District Council—rent ...	1	0	0
W. Tempest—printing ...	9	10	6
T. Williamson—sundries supplied ...	3	5	6
P. Jennings & Co. „ ...	0	11	9
M. Byrne—rent ...	4	0	0
M. M'Gahon—checking returns ...	1	9	9
M. M'Quillan—dipping allowance ...	2	18	6
Cooper & Nephews—rent tanks ...	5	0	0
R. Sumner & Co.—sundries supplied ...	3	2	6
O. Keenan—wages ...	0	16	0
	£162	18	1

After examination the Committee recommended same for payment.

An Account for £4 1s 3d for supplying Ardee Tank with water was considered excessive, and was referred back for future consideration.

VETERINARY INSPECTORS' SALARIES.

The Secretary informed the Committee that the period for which the Department of Agriculture had sanctioned the increases to the Veterinary Inspectors' Salaries, namely, 6 months from the 1st June, 1913, had expired on the 1st December, and according to the letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated the 8th October, 1913, No. 4626—1913, would require to be now reviewed by the Committee.

After a discussion, it was proposed by Mr P. Byrne, J.P., seconded by Mr J. Connolly, J.P., and passed, that the Executive Committee recommend that the Salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors be as follows:—Mr Clinton, £130 per annum, and Messrs Donnelly and Maxwell be continued at the rates named for a further period of six months from the 1st December, 1913.

The Secretary read report from the R.I.C., Collon, notifying three cases of sheep owners who had not complied with the provisions of the Sheep Dipping Order, and the Committee directed that the Solicitor should prosecute in these cases.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee, at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, the 8th day of December, 1913, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members—P. Byrne, J.P.; J. Connolly, J.P.; M.

O'Meara, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, P. Kearney, Wm. Woods, J.P.; J. H. McArdle, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, B. Hamill, J.P., and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Committee ordered payments for sheep dipping accounts recommended by the Executive Committee of this date, amounting to the sum of £162 18s 1d.

The Committee examined the following accounts and ordered payments thereof:—

		COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.					
		£	s	d			
T. Matthews	...	3	0	0	Carlingford Quarry		
J. Durnin	...	2	11	4	Co.	...	2 16 0
B. Grogan	..	1	6	8	P. Morgan	..	0 1 2
T. Byrne	..	1	3	11	J. M'Gailey	...	3 0 0
P. Byrne	...	1	3	11	C. M'Carthy	...	0 9 6
A. Callan	..	1	3	11	T. White	...	0 19 6
J. Ward	...	0	19	11	T. Murray	...	1 9 8
T. Callaghan	...	3	10	0	J. O'Hare	...	1 9 8
T. M'Donald	..	12	3	2	T. Rogers	...	1 5 8
T. Morgan	...	6	19	0	J. Hannaway	...	1 5 8
J. Craven	..	1	5	8	T. Clarke	...	1 5 8
P. Rafferty	...	1	4	9	W. Kelly	...	0 19 2
M. Reilly	...	0	10	8	N. Matthews	..	12 0 0
T. Rafferty	...	0	10	8	J. Garland	...	1 9 8
O. Rafferty	...	0	10	8	T. Reilly	...	1 4 7
J. Hanlon	..	0	12	6	W. Reilly	...	1 4 7
M. Fearon	..	1	18	9	J. Kavanagh	..	1 5 8
R. Brown	..	1	3	6	P. M'Shane	...	1 5 8
J. Fearon	...	1	3	6	H. Matthews	...	5 0 0
P. Clarke	...	0	4	0	P. Kinahan	...	7 0 0
P. Murphy	...	0	8	9	T. M'Dermott	..	1 5 6
Total—		£90 12s. 7d.					

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

Students' Lodging—Mrs Dolan	...	1	15	6
Same —Miss Connelton	...	1	18	0
Same —Miss Dillon	...	3	0	0
C. McGarrity	...	0	5	0
J. Loudon	...	3	0	0
		£9 18 6		

COMMITTALS TO INDUSTRIAL SCHOOLS.

Letter was read from Mr. Whelehan, Inspector of Society for Prevention of Cruelty to Children, stating that application was made on 28th November for the committal of a child named Teresa Murphy to an Industrial School.

Letters were read from Mr. Hardy, C.P.S., Dundalk, stating that applications would be made at Dundalk Petty Sessions for the committal to Industrial Schools of the following children—Mary J. Crilly and Brigid Crilly, of William street, Dundalk; and John, Michael, Mary, James and Daniel Gibbons, of Castletown, Dundalk.

ELECTRIC LIGHTING IN RURAL DISTRICTS.

Letter was read from Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, dated the 27th November, stating that in the matter of Electric Lighting in the Rural District, that it was a matter for the Rural District Council, and not for the Co. Council; also, that with regard to the question of way-leave for Electric Lighting Standards, that an agreement should be prepared between the Council and the Urban District Council.

The letter was initialled by the Chairman.

CARLINGFORD PIER LAMP.

The Secretary read telegram received from the makers of the lamp for Carlingford Pier, stating they had despatched same, and the Acting County Surveyor, Mr. Lyons, stated he would have arrangements made to have the lamp erected on its arrival.

CLOGHERHEAD PIER.

With reference to the letter from the Office of Public Works dated the 11th November, regarding certain repairs to Clogherhead Pier, the following report from Mr. Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyor, was read, and the Secretary

was directed to send copy of same to the Board of Works—

Dunleer, 28th November, 1913.

Dear Sir—In reply to your inquiry, I beg to report that the scoured-out portion of the approach road at the point of junction with Clogher Head Pier was attended to during the month of August last, by laying down sufficient concrete, and the air vents thoroughly cleared out at the same time. Where the concrete has lifted on the surfaceway, patching has been done, but the minor cracks I consider of no importance, and may act as air vents. The missing timber curb has not been replaced, as there is a difficulty in getting a mason or stone cutter to punch the holes for bolts. I have not lost sight of the matter, and hope to have all the defects pointed out by the Commissioners of Public Works remedied in about 10 days' time.

Yours faithfully,

JAMES DROMGOOLE,
Acting County Surveyor.

ROAD BOARD GRANTS AND EXPENDITURE.

The following circular letter from the Local Government Board, dated 28th November, No. 56183—1913, was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

No. 56183—1913.

Miscellaneous.

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 28th November, 1913.

Sir—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state for the information of the Council, that inquiries have been addressed to them as to whether grants made by the Road Board to local bodies in Ireland should be taken into account in determining the limit of expenditure on roads under Section 27 (2) of the Local Government

(Ireland) Act, 1898; and the Local Government Board desire to state that they have taken legal advice in the matter, and they consider that only expenditure out of the rates should be taken into account for the purpose of calculating the limit of expenditure under the Sub-section above referred to.

I am Sir, your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

NURSE FOR TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 2nd November, No. 62911—1913, approving of the appointment of Miss O'Hagan as Nurse for the Central Dispensary to be established by the Louth County Council at a salary of £50 per annum, with a temporary allowance of £34 per annum for maintenance pending the completion of the Dispensary.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT ELECTIONS, 1914, AND APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER.

Circular Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 2nd December, No. 132—1913, was read. The circular stated with reference to the approaching elections of County and Rural District Councillors in 1914, that the County Council should appoint a Returning Officer at the earliest possible date and fix the day of election in accordance with Section 94 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

It was decided to refer the matter to the next ordinary meeting of the County Council.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

Letter was read from Mr. P. J. Kerley, Solicitor, Dundalk, requesting payment of malicious injury claims due to Thomas Maguire, Lannet, and Michael Kelly, Dungooley.

The Secretary was directed to write Mr. Kerley that the claims would be paid when the levy for them was collected.

OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

A circular letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 4th December, No. 133M—1913, stating that the Board had decided that they will not authorise in future extensions of time for the payment of overdue accounts unless satisfactory evidence is produced showing that the delay which has occurred has been unavoidable.

TUBERCULOSIS MAINTENANCE GRANTS.

A further circular letter on this matter was read, dated the 5th December, No. 64201—1913, from the Local Government Board, stating that the Tuberculosis Scheme should extend to the whole population of the County, and that the services of the officers and use of the institutions to be provided under the Scheme should be available for the treatment of all classes of the community, whether insured or non-insured, and that half the net expenditure will be defrayed out of the maintenance grant, and requesting that a statement of the expenditure of the Council's Scheme for the treatment of Tuberculosis during the period from the 15th July, 1912, to the 31st March, 1913, be furnished before the 31st December, 1913.

The Secretary was directed to have the necessary statement furnished to the Local Government Board.

PAYMENTS THROUGH SUBSIDIARY ACCOUNT.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,
4th December, 1913.

No. 63896—1913.

Louth County.

Sir—With reference to your letter of the 28th ultimo, I

am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they will raise no objection to the payments being made by the Louth County Council through the Subsidiary Account in respect of all insurance premiums, refunds of fidelity bond premiums, irrecoverable arrears of rate, and any salaries of rate collectors that may be sanctioned.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

PATHWAY AT BALLYMASCANLON.

Letter was read from Miss Plunkett, Ballymascanlon, dated 6th December, complaining of the state of the pathway between the Village of Ballymascanlon and the Newry Road.

The Acting County Surveyor, Mr. Lyons, was directed to make an inspection and have the matter attended to, and the Secretary was directed to write Miss Plunkett that the necessary repairs to the pathway would be done at once.

MR. FINEGAN'S ILLNESS.

Two certificates were received from Dr. J. J. Clarke certifying that Mr. Finegan was suffering from bronchial catarrh, and was unable to attend his work.

The Secretary was directed by the Committee to employ Mr. M. McGahon, at the usual rate of wages during Mr. Finegan's illness, as required.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of proceedings of Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, on Thursday, the 18th day of December, 1913..

Present:—

In the Chair—W. A. Doran, Esq., J.P.

Other members—Messrs P. Byrne, J.P.; P. Callan, J. Connolly, J.P.; John Dolan, P. Donegan, J.P.; L. J. Elcock, J. Halpenny, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, P. Kearney, M. Meade, J. McCarthy, J.P.; L. McKeon, J. F. Murphy, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, P. O'Connell, M. O'Meara, J.P.; D. J. Rath, W. T. Skeffington, J.P.; Wm Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P.

The Council were summoned for the purpose of considering applications for the position of County Surveyor, and the Secretary read the following letter received from the Local Government Board:—

No. 66431—1913.

Louth County.

Local Government Board, Dublin,
16th December, 1913.

Sir—I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 11th instant, submitting the 19 applications received for the position of County Surveyor in Louth County; and, in reply, I am to state for the information of the County Council, that Messrs J. Caffrey and T. Walsh, existing County Surveyors, and Messrs S. Gaffney, R. H. King, J. J. Murphy and G. H. Fleming, who have already been certified by the Civil Service Commissioners, are eligible for appointment by the Council, subject to the Board's approval. The Board desire to add that Messrs R. Davidson, J. A. Main, E. M. Savage, and W. Stuart are not eligible for appointment, as they have not been certified by the Civil

The Board are not in a position to express any opinion with respect to the training and experience of the remain-

Service Commissioners. They are entered for an examination which commences on the 6th proximo, and the result will probably not be announced for some weeks yet.

In connection with vacancies in the post of County Surveyors in other Counties, for which Messrs J. A. McAnulty, C. H. Watson and R. Nunan were applicants, the Board after making the necessary inquiries, were satisfied that their training and practical experience did not render them eligible for examination by the Civil Service Commissioners.

Being candidates, as they have not been furnished with sufficient evidence relating thereto, but even if their qualifications were known to be satisfactory in this respect, the Board fear that it would not be possible to have them examined by the Civil Service Commissioners for some months.

The applications, etc., forwarded by you are enclosed.

I am, Sir, your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN, Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

On the reading of this letter a discussion took place as to the names of other candidates, who had made application for the position of County Surveyor, and who were not referred to by the Local Government Board in their letter.

Mr Skeffington stated that Mr. T. J. Delahunty, Borough Surveyor, Drogheda, had made application for the position, and his name should be considered, and Messrs O'Meara and Elcock stated that under the terms of the advertisement all the names applying should be considered. Messrs Hamill and Byrne objected to the consideration of any names except those approved by the Local Government Board.

The Solicitor, Mr. O'Connell, was requested by the Chairman to advise the Council on the matter, and Mr. O'Connell stated that the Council could at their discretion decide

what names they would consider, and the Chairman ultimately ruled that only those gentlemen who were approved by the Local Government Board should be voted on.

The Secretary then read the applications from the six gentlemen approved by the Local Government Board as follows:—

Messrs J. Caffrey, Donegal;
G. H. Fleming, Downpatrick;
S. Gaffney, Dublin;
J. H. King, Dublin;
J. J. Murphy, Cork; and
Thomas Walsh, Maryborough.

The Chairman took a vote of the Council on these names, and the following was the result:—

For Caffrey—Messrs Hamill, Johnson, Meade and M'Keon—4.

For Murphy—Messrs John Dolan, Elcock, P. Kearney, McCarthy, N. T. Murphy—, Rath, Skeffington, and Wm. Woods—8.

For Walsh—Messrs P. Byrne, Callan, Connolly, Doran, Donegan, Halpenny, J. F. Murphy, O'Connell, O'Meara, and Wynne—10.

The Chairman then took a vote between Messrs Walsh and Murphy, which resulted as follows:—

For Walsh—Messrs P. Byrne, Callan, Doran, Donegan, Halpenny, Hamill, Johnson, Meade, McKeown, J. F. Murphy, O'Connell, O'Meara and Wynne—13.

For Murphy—Messrs Connolly, Dolan, Elcock, P. Kearney, McCarthy, N. T. Murphy, D. J. Rath, Skeffington, and William Woods—8.

The Chairman declared Mr. Walsh duly elected, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Patrick Byrne, J.P.;

Seconded by Mr. Patrick O'Connell; and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Thomas Walsh, C.E., as County Surveyor for the County of Louth, at a salary of £300 per annum, with an allowance of £100 per annum for travelling expenses, where certified and vouched for, and a further annual allowance of £50 for Clerk in Office.

Mr. Walsh having been called before the Council, the Chairman informed him that he had been duly appointed County Surveyor, and requested to know when he could commence his duties. Mr. Walsh thanked the Council for the appointment, and stated he could commence his duties on 1st of April next, or sooner if his Council would permit him to do so.

The Chairman directed that the Acting County Surveyors would continue to perform the duties until Mr. Walsh was prepared to take up duty.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, on Monday, the 22nd December, 1913, at one o'clock p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other members—James Connolly, J.P.; E. Goodman, and James Wynne, Esquires.

Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council, was also in attendance.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own Office, which on examination were passed by the Committee:—

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d		£	s	d
J. Durmin	...	0	10	8	B. M'Kenna	...	0 17 2
P. Jennings & Co	1	11	7	J. M'Cabe	...	0 14 10	
P. Carroll	...	0	3	0	P. M'Gee	...	0 14 10
C. Morgan	...	0	4	0	T. Murray	...	1 9 8
P. Callan	...	0	8	9	J. O'Hare	...	1 9 8
J. M'Kenna	...	0	7	3	T. Clarke	...	1 5 8
J. Durmin	...	0	15	0	A. O'Hare	...	1 5 6
B. Grogan	...	1	9	8	T. Berry	...	0 14 8
P. Byrne	...	1	3	11	J. M'Shane	...	1 8 0
T. Byrne	...	1	3	11	J. Boyle	...	1 3 5
A. Callan	...	1	3	11	O. Rice	...	0 19 2
J. Ward	...	1	0	0	H. Reilly	...	0 19 2
C. Morgan	...	0	1	0	P. Boyle	...	10 14 10
P. Jennings & Co.	0	18	9	J. Kavanagh	...	1 9 8	
Gaskin Bros.	...	0	14	3	T. Reilly	...	1 5 8
T. Williamson	...	5	3	0	W. Reilly	...	0 6 2
M'Court and Greenlee	...	1	13	6	J. Garland	...	0 6 2
F. M'Dermott	...	1	5	6	J. Craven	...	1 5 8
P. M'Connon	...	10	0	0	J. M'Geough	...	2 2 0
					P. Rafferty	...	1 0 0

Amount—£61 9s. 7d.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s.	d.
Mary Dillon, Scholarship Account	...	3	0 0
E. Connellan do. ...	...	1	11 0
Sister de Ricci do. ...	...	4	0 0
J. Louden ...	...	3	0 0
M. M'Gahon ...	...	3	0 0
P. M'Namee, Billposting ...	...	2	0 0
P. Gaffney, Education Account	...	7	5 6
T. P. Harmon do. ...	...	3	11 8
P. M'Kenna do. ...	...	0	4 0
T. Faulkner do. ...	...	0	2 0
Thomas Kearney do. ...	...	9	5 10
Patrick Garvey do. ...	...	0	5 0
D. O'Meara do. ...	...	18	10 0
P. J. Campbell do. ...	...	1	5 0
"Dundalk Democrat" do. ...	...	0	4 6
P. S. Donegan, Refund Arrears	...	23	5 11
Patrick M'Donnell ...	...	23	15 7
Patrick M'Cullough ...	...	30	12 3
John J. Kelly ...	...	2	15 1
Patrick Hughes ...	...	17	19 3
Patrick Cluskey ...	...	56	13 1
Peter M'Donnell ...	...	50	17 1
John Woods ...	...	45	12 1
J. V. Johnston ...	...	15	14 6

Amount. ... £324 9 4

Letter was read from the Advertising Manager of the "Leader," Dublin, asking for a share of the Council's advertisements, but no order was made.

TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY AT DROGHEDA.

The following letter from the Local Government Board was read, and it was decided to refer same to the County Council:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 8th December, 1913.

No. 65,229—1913.

Sir,—I am directed by the Local Government Board for

Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 5th instant, relative to the proposed allocation of a sum of seven hundred pounds for the erection and equipment of a Tuberculosis Dispensary at Drogheda, and I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish particulars of the objects to which this expenditure is to be devoted.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

Letter was read from Mr. J. B. Connolly, Town Clerk, Drogheda, asking what provision the County Council have decided to make for the Borough of Drogheda under their amended County Tuberculosis Scheme.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had replied to Mr. Connolly, and informed him that the County Council had decided to allocate a sum of £700 under the County Louth Tuberculosis Scheme to erect and equip a Tuberculosis Dispensary in Drogheda.

RATE COLLECTORS.

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

Local Government Board, Dublin,
8th December, 1913.

No. 64,552 | 1913.

Louth County.

Sir—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 2nd Instant relative to the collection of rates in Louth County, and, in reply, the Board desire to point out that they do not agree in the view expressed therein that "the County Council are in duty bound to pay the Rate Collectors their poundage fees in respect of the half-year ended 30th September, 1913."

It is obligatory on the Collectors to lodge the whole

of the first moiety of their collections on or before the 30th September in each year, and if they fail to do so, they cannot be paid any poundage fees without the sanction of the Board. If, therefore, the County Council direct that the Collectors should be paid poundage fees without the Board's sanction, the members authorising the payment would render themselves personally liable to be surcharged by the Auditor.

The Board in their letter of the 7th October last set out fully their reasons for refusing to extend the time for the closing of the first half-year's collection in the County, and they now direct me to point out that Louth was the only County in Ireland where the Collectors as a body failed to close their collections on the 30th of September, and that in the majority of the Counties all the Collectors closed within the prescribed time.

In these circumstances the Local Government Board are not prepared to re-consider their decision.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Secretary
Louth County Council.

WOTTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The following letters were read and referred to the County Council:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,
10th December, 1913.

No. 65,466/1913.
Louth County.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward, to be laid before the Louth County Council, the enclosed copy of a letter which they have re-

ceived from the Commissioners of Public Works relative to the question of transferring the business of the Board of Trustees for the Wottonstown Drainage District to the County Council, and I am to request that you will be good enough to furnish the Board with the views of the Council on the matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant.

A. R. BARLAS.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.
Copy Letter from Board of Works,

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
5th December, 1913.

No. 65,466 | 1913.

Louth County.

No. 5186

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Sir—I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to state that in the year 1851 the Wottonstown Drainage District in the County of Louth was constituted under the provisions of the Act 5 and 6 Victoria, Chapter 89, and the sum of £1,102 13s was expended on the requisite arterial drainage works. For some years the Board have been desirous of securing the Election of Trustees for the proper maintenance of the drainage. The last election took place in 1902, the elected Trustees being:—

Mr. W. D. Filgate, Lisrainey, Ardee
Sir Henry Bellingham, Bart., Bellingham Castle
Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., Glyde Court, Ardee
Mr. J. Ripton Garston, Bragganstown, Castlebellingham
Mr. J. T. Gibbings, Shirley House, Carrickmacross
Mr. J. J. McCaul, Carrickmacross
Mr. W. J. O'Reilly, Knockabbey, Louth
Mr. J. Wetrington, Ballymackney, Dundalk
Mr. P. D. Caraher, Maine, Castlebellingham
Mr. M. C. E. Fortescue, Stephenstown, Dundalk
Mr. Denis Brown, Arthurstown, Ardee

These trustees, according to the law of the matter, remain responsible until successors are elected, but in point of fact there is no apparent likelihood of any election, as some of the proprietors have sold their lands, and others who have been approached have either declined to facilitate an election of new trustees or ignore the Board's representations on the subject. The District is a small one, the drained or improved area being about 316 acres, as shown in the Award copy herewith.

The case is one in which the Local Government Board may deem it expedient and necessary in the interests of the district to make provision under Section 20 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, for the transfer of the business to the County Council of Louth.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

H. WILLIAMS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board.

QUALIFICATIONS OF RATE COLLECTORS.

A General Order of the Local Government Board, dated the 5th December, 1913 (No. 134 M), setting out the qualifications of rate collectors, was read and intialled by the Chairman.

REGULATION FOR SPEED LIMIT OF MOTORS.

Letter from the L. G. Board was read, relating to the speed of Motors in the vicinity of the towns of Drogheda, Ardee and Dundalk, and the villages of Castlebellingham, Dunleer, Carlingford, and Omeath, and the matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor.

DEEDS OF CASTLELUMNEY, RATHDANIEL, AND ALMONDSTOWN ROADS.

The following letter from Mr. D. O'Connell, Solicitor,

in above matter, dated 12th December, 1913, was read :

Dear Sir—I have a letter from the Estates Commissioners in which they inform me that the Land Registry are not prepared to act on the several Conveyances from the tenants in this matter, dated the 4th October, 1912, as the landlord did not execute his Conveyances to the Council until November, 1912, and the Estate became vested in the Land Commission on the 24th October, 1912.

They further state that if the Deeds are now re-executed by the tenants so as to cover their interest in the lands, the Land Registry will act on the Conveyances, and register the Council as owners of the plots conveyed.

You might bring the facts before the Council that I may have their formal authority to proceed to have the Deeds perfected in the way suggested.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles McAlester, Esq.,
Secretary Louth Co. Council.

After a discussion, Mr. O'Connell was instructed to have the deeds perfected as suggested by the Estates Commissioners.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

The following communications from the Louth C Committee of Agriculture were read and referred to the County Council :—

Louth Co. Committee of Agriculture,
Dundalk, 11th December, 1913.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Dear Sir—The appended resolutions were unanimously adopted at Monday's meeting of the above Committee,

and I was directed to forward them to you for the consideration of your Council.

Faithfully yours,
 JAMES HUGHES,
 Secretary.

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr James Marmion, and resolved :—

That we recommend the Louth County Council to negotiate for the purchase of Omeath Park, to be maintained by the Department of Agriculture under the Forestry Scheme, and that the purchase of same, if effected, be made under the Land Purchase Acts; that meanwhile, pending the next meeting of the County Council, the following prepare a report to be submitted to them detailing all the circumstances and matters in connection with the matter :—Messrs. James Wynne, Thomas F. M'Gahon, Joseph M'Gee, William Brennan, Joseph M. Johnson, Jas. Connolly, Rev. M. J. Quinn, P.P., and the Secretary,

Proposed Purchase of Omeath Park.

17th December, 1913.

Dear Sir—The report enclosed herewith was unanimously adopted at to-day's meeting of the Committee appointed by the County Committee of Agriculture to consider the question of the proposed purchase of Omeath Park by the County Council.

Faithfully yours,
 JAMES HUGHES.

The Secretary
 Louth County Council.

Copy Report on Omeath Park.

The Committee have made inquiry as to the amount of arable and grazing land included in Omeath Park, and as to the annual value of same. They find that £40 to £50 per annum may be expected from annual lettings of land; in addition, the house, which is a fine building and in fair con-

dition, was let last year for £16 for the summer months. If put in thorough repair the house would command a good rent, or it might be let on repairing lease for a higher figure than above named.

If the Council acquire the property, at even the outside figure mentioned in the report of the Department's expert, the annual returns from sub-letting would more than meet the annual instalments under the Land Purchase Acts. There would thus be no loss to the County Council on the purchase.

The Committee have no means of checking the estimate of value placed on standing timber, and would recommend a valuation of both land and timber by an expert, as a means of arriving at a fair value of the property as it stands, and as a basis of an offer for purchase.

As regards costs of maintenance, management and re-planting, the Committee estimate that a figure of £200 to £250 per annum would cover these costs, and would recommend, if the Council decide on purchase, that application be made for a grant from the Development Commissioners to cover this. If such a grant be obtained there will be no cost to the County, either on account of purchase or maintenance, including re-planting, and the County will thus acquire a property of considerable future value at a little or no present cost. The timber cut on the park during the past few years realised, we are informed, over £1,500. With scientific planting and proper management, the re-established plantations should yield a very much higher figure after a period of years.

T. F. M'GAHON.
 J. CONNOLLY.
 WILLIAM BRENNAN.
 MICHL. J. QUINN, P.P.

SHEEP DIPPING PROSECUTIONS.

Letter was read from Mr. D. O'Connell, Council's Solicitor, reporting that three persons, who were prosecuted at Dunleer Petty Sessions on the 9th December, for exposing sheep for sale at Dunleer fair on the 3rd November, without

having the requisite declaration in respect of the dipping, were each fined 1s. and 3s. 6d. costs.

BEDS IN PEAMOUNT SANATORIUM.

The following letter from Sir Wm. J. Thompson, M.D., was read and initialled by the Chairman :—

Peamount,
Hazelhatch, Dublin,
19th December, 1913.

Dear Sir,

My attention has been drawn to a report of the County Louth Insurance Committee in one of the Dundalk papers, in which it is stated that the 12 County Louth beds are not reserved for their patients. I beg to say that this report is not correct, as we can at any moment take in and accommodate 12 patients from the County Louth.

Yours very truly,
WM. J. THOMPSON, M.D.

The Secretary,
County Council,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

PROSECUTIONS BY SCHOOL ATTENDANCE OFFICER FOR DUNDALK RURAL DISTRICT.

Letter was read from Mr. D. O'Meara, Secretary, Dundalk Rural District School Committee, requesting the permission of the Finance Committee for the Solicitor of the County Council to advise as to certain prosecutions at Petty Sessions under the Education Act.

After a discussion, the Committee decided to grant the services of the Council's Solicitor to advise in the matter.

ROAD BOARD GRANTS TO DUNDALK URBAN DISTRICT.

Letter was read from the Road Board, dated 17th

December, enclosing cheque for £179, final payments under grants for improvements made to road surface in the town of Dundalk, and payable to the Urban Council of Dundalk, through the Louth County Council.

The Committee directed that a cheque should be drawn in favour of the Dundalk Urban Council for the amount of this grant, viz., £179.

SOLICITORS' TAXED COSTS.

Letter was read from Mr. P. L. Macardle, solicitor, Dundalk, dated the 9th December, 1913, enclosing certificate from the Taxing Master of the amount of Mr. Daniel O'Connell's costs, amounting to £126 11s 11d. The amount claimed was :

		£131	6	7
Deductions	...		4	14
			<hr/>	
Amount certified	...	126	11	11

WATER FOR ARDEE DIPPING TANK.

The following letter from Mr. Laurence Callan, Ardee, for water supplied to Ardee tank was read and referred to County Council :—

Ardee,
10th December, 1913.

Dear Sir—In reply to your letter of the 9th December I beg to state since the sheep dipping commenced in Ardee it was I did the work of carting the water, and I had no complaint till the present one. It was Messrs. T. F. Filgate and J. Meade I arranged with at 1s. 3d. per load. The journey is twice as far now, as the sheep dipping tank was removed to the far end of the town. I should be looking for more money instead of being reduced, as I often had to take my horse from other work and send it for one load of water, which was very in-

convenient to me. Therefore, I cannot accept any less than the full amount of my bill—£4 1s. 3d.

Respectfully yours,

LAURENCE CALLAN.

The Secretary County Council.

The account referred to in above letter was for 65 loads of water at 1s 3d per load—£4 1s 3d.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

The following communications from the County Louth Insurance Committee and the Louth County Committee of Agriculture were read and referred to the County Council :—

Insurance Committee for the Co. of Louth,
Clerk's Office, Dundalk,
21st December, 1913.

Dear Sir—I am directed by the Insurance Committee for Louth to forward to the Louth County Council a copy (as attached) of a resolution unanimously adopted at their meeting held on the 17th Inst.

Yours faithfully,

V. WARREN, Sec.

C. McAlester, Esq.,
Secretary Louth Co. Council.

[Resolution.]

That we again draw the attention of the Louth County Council to the great existing need for County Offices in Dundalk ;

That owing to our duties being considerably increased and will be further increased from the 15th January next, we are now compelled to seek suitable permanent offices, as the rooms temporarily provided by the Council in Earl Street are both inadequate and undesirable for a County Public Body.

From inquiries made, it is now clear we must pay a very high rental for offices, although our income for administrative purposes is very limited, to avail of a non-recurring Treasury Grant of £100, available up till the 12th January next, for furnishing and equipment ;

That we therefore trust the County Council will lose no time to have this important matter dealt with, in order that the business of public bodies may be conducted under conditions in keeping with their positions.

Louth County Committee of Agriculture.—Resolution passed at meeting of above Committee at their meeting held on the 8th December, 1913 :—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara, and resolved :

That we desire to bring under the notice of the County Council the inconvenience under which the County Committee of Agriculture labour in respect of Office accommodation and for meetings ; and that we would strongly urge upon the Council the absolute necessity that exists for a Committee Room and Office for the proper carrying out of their business.

PROPOSALS COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 5th January, 1914.

In the chair—C. A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—J. M. Johnson, M. Meade, B. Hamill, J.P.; J. F. Murphy, J.P.; James Connolly, J.P., and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

Messrs. James Dromgoole and J. M. C. Lyons, Acting County Surveyors, also present.

The following Proposals were considered by the Committee:—

APPLICATIONS BY THE COUNTY SURVEYOR.

- No. 1.—To Repair Ardee Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915. £12 0 0
Approved
- No. 2.—To Repair Drogheda Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915. £40 0 0.
Reduced to £30 0 0.
- No. 3.—To Provide a Watering Cart for Ardee, with Pump attached, and 20 feet Steel Armoured Hose.
£30 0 0. Approved.
- No. 4.—To Repair the County Courthouse, Dundalk, for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915. £30 0 0. Approved.
- No. 5.—To Supply on Carts at Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk, Best Scotch Coal (screened) for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, as required for use of Road-Rollers. Approved.

APPLICATIONS BY THE SECRETARY.

- No. 6.—To Supply Printing and Stationery for County Pur-

poses for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, including the Printing to be done for the Clerk of the Crown and Peace under Jurors' and Registration Acts. Approved.

No. 7.—To Supply for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk Courthouses with Best Wigan Coal at £—per ton, delivered. Contractor to supply Coke, Bogwood, Fire lighting materials at Market Prices as required. Approved.

No. 8.—To Prepare the Courts and Court Rooms for Assizes, Quarter Sessions, and Revision Sessions, in County Courthouse for One Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, not to exceed £15 0 0. Approved.

No. 9.—To insert the County Advertisements, etc., in one Dundalk and Drogheda Paper for one Year, from 1st April, 1914, to 31st March, 1915, not to exceed 3d per line. Approved.

Mr. J. M. Johnson drew attention to the unsatisfactory manner in which the present contractor for printing and stationery was carrying out his contract, and complained of the great delay in getting orders executed.

The Secretary was directed to have advertisements issued for tenders for the above, and

The Meeting adjourned until Monday, the 19th January, 1914.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber on Monday, 5th January, 1914.

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

Also present—J. M. Johnson, M. Meade, B. Hamill, J.P.; J. F. Murphy, J.P.; Jas. Connolly, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P., and P. O'Connell, Esquires.

Messrs. J. M. C. Lyons and James Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

The Minutes of the previous Finance Committee were taken as read.

The following accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors and the Secretary's Office were examined, and payments ordered:—

	£	s	d		£	s	d
B. Grogan ...	1	4	8	Thos. Murray ...	1	4	8
P. Byrne ...	0	19	11	John Byrne ...	0	13	9
T. Byrne ...	0	19	11	John Lanney ...	0	15	0
A. Callan ...	0	19	11	John O'Hare ...	0	17	2
J. Ward ...	0	16	0	Thos. Clarke ...	0	14	10
J. Brannigan ...	1	1	6	Arthur O'Hare ...	0	14	8
T. M'Kenna ...	1	0	0	P. Jennings & Co.	1	4	5
Jas. Hanlon ...	0	19	3	M. Mathews ...	5	0	0
Robt. Brown ...	0	2	9	Jas. Boyle ...	1	0	11
John Fearon ...	0	9	0	Owen Rice ...	0	15	11
P. Jennings & Co.	13	3	6	Hugh Reilly ...	0	8	4
F. M'Dermott ...	1	3	4	Patk. Grimes ...	0	2	0
B. M'Kenna ...	1	4	8	Patk. M'Kenna ...	0	2	0
Jas. M'Cabe ...	1	1	4	P. Jennings & Co.	0	11	6
Patk. M'Gee ...	1	1	4	Jas. Kavanagh ...	1	4	8
P. Jennings & Co.	0	12	0	Thos. Reilly ...	1	1	4
Wm. Reilly ...	1	1	4	P. Jennings & Co.	1	0	0
John Craven ...	0	19	2	P. Jennings & Co.	0	8	8
Thos. O'Rourke ...	1	16	0	Mrs. R Dolan ...	1	15	6
Thos. Martin ...	0	12	0	Joseph Louden ...	3	0	0
Matthew M'Gahon	2	19	0				

REFUND FIDELITY BOND PREMIUMS.

Patk. M'Donnell ...	...	£2	10	0
John J. Kelly ...	...	1	10	0
Patk. Cluskey ...	...	2	15	0
Peter M'Donnell ...	...	2	10	0
John Woods ...	...	2	5	0

Amounting in all to the sum of £68 11s. 11d.

The Secretary read notice from R. J. Newell, Esq., Local Government Board Auditor, dated 31st December, 1913, of his intention of attending at the Courthouse, Dundalk, on Wednesday, the 7th day of January, 1914, at ten o'clock, for the purpose of Auditing the Accounts of the Louth County Council for the half-years ended 31st March, 1913, and 30th September, 1913.

WILLISTOWN PLANTATION:

The following letter from Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, with enclosure from the Estates Commissioners, in connection with the purchase of the Willistown Plantation, were read, and referred to the County Council:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,
12th December, 1913.

RE WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

Dear Sir,

I enclose herewith copy letter, dated 11th inst., received from the Estates Commissioners, intimating their acceptance of the Council's offer of £75 (Seventy-five Pounds) for the purchase of the above plantation.

The form of undertaking to purchase appears to be in order, and you might obtain a resolution of the Council authorising the Seal of the Council to be affixed, as required.

The Draft Scheme I shall approve of in due course, when I have the views of the Council thereon.

I shall submit both those documents to you when you desire to bring them forward for perusal.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

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

Copy Letter.
E. 32004/13.

Estates Commissioners Office,
Irish Land Commission,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin
11th December, 1913.

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

Sir,

With reference to the Estates Commissioners' letter of 22nd ult., in reply to yours of 19th idem, I am directed to state that the Commissioners accept the offer of £75 for the purchase by your Council of the plantation in question, and I am directed to forward, for execution by them, an undertaking to purchase same on these terms, which, it is requested, may be duly executed, and returned to this office as soon as possible.

I am to draw your attention to Section 18 (2) of the Irish Land Act, 1909, by which you will see that the scheme for the user of the lands shall be framed, or approved, by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland, and to request that the necessary steps may be taken to have this done as soon as possible after the execution of the undertaking to purchase.

I enclose for your guidance a draft scheme framed to meet the requirements of the Irish Land Acts referred to.

Your obedient Servant,

B. J. O'DONNELL.

D. O'Connell, Esq.,
Solicitor, Dundalk.

STEAMROLLING OF ROADS.

The following resolution passed by the Clare County Council was read, and referred to the County Council:—

(COPY.)

“That in view of the increasing demand for steam-rolled roads, and the willingness of the Road Board to co-operate financially and otherwise in the execution of Approved Schemes, we consider the time has come when the whole procedure in connection with proposals and the borrowing of money under this heading should be considerably simplified and accelerated.

We accordingly request the Local Government Board to take the earliest opportunity of amending the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899 in this respect, so as to enable Rural District Councils at any specially summoned meeting to formulate and adopt proposals for steamrolling of roads, and to empower County Councils at any meeting thereafter to authorise the carrying out of same by contract or otherwise, due regard being had to the recommendations of the Rural District Councils on the several proposals.”

Adopted.

SALARIES OF VETERINARY INSPECTORS.

The following letter from the Department of Agriculture, dated 30th December, 1913, No. 6284/13, was read and initialled by the Chairman, and the Secretary informed the Committee that he had sent the returns asked for:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction
for Ireland.
(Veterinary Branch),
50 and 51 Upper Mount Street,
Dublin.

No. 6284/13.

30th December, 1913.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of 23rd instant, indicating that the County Louth Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts had recommended the continuance for a further period of six months of the application to the Local Authority's Veterinary Inspectors of the special scale of fees for duties under the Tuberculosis Order, I have to state that before considering the question of issuing their approval in regard thereto the Department will be glad to be furnished with a return showing the extent of the work under the Order discharged by each of these Inspectors during the first six months to which the scale was made to apply.

I am Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

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

Department of Agriculture, and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
50 and 51 Upper Mount-st, Dublin,
18th December, 1913.

No. 6147/13.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 16th instant, and to previous correspondence in the matter, I have hereby to convey this Department's approval to your appointment by

the Louth County Council as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts. The Department also approve of the proposal to attach a salary of £100 per annum to the office, but it is deemed desirable to stipulate, at the same time, that this approval may be subject to revision in the event of a cessation of work under the Tuberculosis (Ireland) Order of 1913.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

RICHMOND ASYLUM PATIENTS.

Letter was read from Richmond Asylum, dated 3rd January, enclosing return of admissions of patients charged against County Louth for the quarter ended 31st December, 1913. The number was seven, which included one patient, who had since died, and one patient who was paying £20 per annum.

TRAVELLING INSPECTORS FROM DEPARTMENT

Circular letter from the Department, dated 24th December, 1913, No. 6111/13, was read, stating that they had recently appointed Superintending Veterinary Inspectors to investigate conditions which may seem to call for action by the Central Authority, and that these inspectors would travel through the country, and requesting the Local Authority to apprise their officers regarding the course proposed, so that due facility may be afforded to the Superintending Veterinary Inspectors.

The Secretary informed the Committee that he had officially notified the Veterinary Inspectors Messrs. Clinton, Donnelly, and Maxwell—of the Department's

instructions in the matter, and the Committee approved of this course, and the letter was initialled by the Chairman.

MR. FINEGAN'S ILLNESS.

Two certificates from Dr. J. J. Clarke were read, dated the 29th December, 1913, and 5th January, 1914, certifying that Mr. Joseph Finegan was still unfit to resume work and was suffering from debility after bronchitis.



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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 22nd day of January 1914, at one o'clock, p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—**PETER HUCHES, Esq., J.P.**

Others present—Patrick Byrne, J.P.; J. Connolly, J.P.; John Dolan, W. A. Doran, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; L. J. Elcock, B. Hamill, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, Patrick Kearney, Michael Meade, James McCarthy, J.P.; J. F. Murphy, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, D. J. Rath, Wm. Woods, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

Mr. Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor, and Messrs. Thomas Walsh, B.E., County Surveyor; J. M. C. Lyons and James Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr. Wm. Woods, J.P.,
Seconded by Mr. John Dolan, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their meetings held on the 27th November, 1913, and the 18th December, 1913, a printed copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P.;
Seconded by Mr. B. Hamill, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the 8th December, 1913, 22nd December, 1913, 5th January, 1914, and 19th

January, 1914, a printed copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE
COMMITTEE MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. James Wynne, J.P.;
Seconded by Mr. William Woods, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 8th day of December, 1913, a printed copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and are hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF PROPOSAL COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. John Dolan,
Seconded by Mr. Wm. Woods, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meetings held on the 5th January, 1914, and the 19th day of January, 1914, a printed copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council be and are hereby approved of

PROPOSALS FOR PAYMENTS.

ARDEE.

The following resolutions were passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Wm. A. Doran,
Seconded by Mr. Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting, held on 6th January, 1914, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £835 1s 1d.

DROGHEDA.

Proposed by Mr. James McCarthy, J.P.;
Seconded by Mr. Denis J. Rath, and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their last Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th day of January, 1914, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £559 17s 1d.

DUNDALK.

Proposed by Mr. Wm Woods, J.P.;
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th day of January, 1914, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1663 10s 5d.

COUNTY-AT-LARGE PAYMENTS.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.;
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and

Resolved—That the Proposals for Payments for the County-at-Large formulated by the Proposal Committee at

their Meeting held on the 19th day of January, 1914, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to £4893 17s 11d, be and are hereby approved of by this Council.

DATES OF QUARTERLY MEETINGS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS AND PROPOSAL COMMITTEE.

Proposed by Mr. James Wynne,
Seconded by Mr. N. T. Murphy, 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 and the Proposal Committee:—Ardee, Tuesday, 7th April, 1914; Drogheda, Tuesday, 14th April, 1914; Dundalk, Monday, 6th April, 1914. The Proposal Committee to meet on Monday, the 6th day of April, 1914.

The next item on the Agenda was consideration of Report of the County Committee of Agriculture on Omeath Park.

A protracted discussion took place on this subject, in which Messrs Johnson, Doran, Wynne, Elcock, N. T. Murphy, McCarthy and Rath took part, and ultimately the following resolution was unanimously adopted—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,
Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, and

Resolved—That the resolution of the Committee of Agriculture at page 32 of the printed Minutes, and the Report of the Sub-Committee of that body at pages 32 and 33 of Minutes of Proceedings, be and are hereby adopted, and that steps be at once taken to ascertain the purchase price of Omeath Park under the Land Purchase Acts, and to ascertain the amount the Department of Agriculture and Development Commissioners are prepared to advance the County Council for its maintenance and management.

The following is the resolution of the Committee of Agriculture and the Report of the Sub-Committee of that body referred to in the above resolution of the County Council:—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,
Seconded by Mr. James Marmion, and

Resolved—That we recommend the Louth County Council to negotiate for the purchase of Omeath Park, to be maintained by the Department of Agriculture under the Forestry Scheme, and that the purchase of same, if effected, be made under the Land Purchase Acts; that meanwhile, pending the next meeting of the County Council, the following prepare a report to be submitted to them detailing all the circumstances and matters in connection with the matter:—Messrs James Wynne, Thomas F. McGahon, Joseph M'Gee, William Brennan, Joseph M. Johnson, James Connolly, Rev M. J. Quinn, P.P., and the Secretary.

Copy Report on Omeath Park.

The Committee have made inquiry as to the amount of arable and grazing land included in Omeath Park, and as to the annual value of same. They find that £40 to £50 per annum may be expected from annual lettings of land; in addition, the house, which is a fine building and in fair condition, was let last year for £16 for the summer months. If put in thorough repair the house would command a good rent, or it might be let on repairing lease for a higher figure than above named.

If the Council acquire the property, at even the outside figure mentioned in the report of the Department's expert, the annual returns from sub-letting would more than meet the annual instalments under the Land Purchase Acts. There would thus be no loss to the County Council on the purchase.

The Committee have no means of checking the estimate of value placed on standing timber, and would recommend a valuation of both land and timber by an expert, as a means of arriving at a fair value of the property as it stands, and as a basis of an offer for purchase.

As regards costs of maintenance, management and replanting, the Committee estimate that a figure of £200 to £250 per annum would cover these costs, and would recom-

mend, if the Council decide on purchase, that application be made for a grant from the Development Commissioners to cover this. If such a grant be obtained there will be no cost to the County, either on account of purchase or maintenance, including re-planting, and the County will thus acquire a property of considerable future value at a little or no present cost. The timber cut on the park during the past few years realised, we are informed, over £1,500. With scientific planting and proper management, the re-established plantations should yield a very much higher figure after a period of years.

T. F. MCGAHON.

J. CONNOLLY.

WILLIAM BRENNAN.

MICHAEL J. QUINN, P.P.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT FROM THE LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY COMMITTEE OF MANAGEMENT.

The above item on the Agenda was next considered, the principal matters discussed being the question of the recasting of the Tuberculosis Scheme and the establishment of a Sanatorium in and for the County of Louth. In the Report of the Tuberculosis Dispensary Committee the proposal was made to acquire Annaverna House, Ravensdale, for the purpose of a County Sanatorium at a sum of £750. A protracted discussion ensued in which a number of Councillors took part, and the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. J. M. Johnson,
Seconded by Mr. N. T. Murphy, and

Resolved—That the report of Tuberculosis Committee be referred back to the Committee for further report, to come up for consideration at next adjourned meeting of the Council, and that a committee consisting of all the members of the County Council, and Dr. McQuillan, be appointed to visit, and have their report embodied in the further report of the Committee. Meeting of this Committee to be held

this day week, 29th inst., and that Dr. O'Brien, Medical Officer, L.G.B., be asked to be in attendance.

MR. O'MEARA'S NOTICE OF MOTION TO CHANGE THE HOUR OF MEETING.

In the absence of Mr. O'Meara, the Notice of Motion on the Agenda fell through.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER AND FIXING DATE FOR THE ELECTION OF CO. COUNCIL AND RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The following Resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, J.P.;

Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, J.P., and

Resolved—That we decide on appointing a Returning Officer for the election of County and Rural District Councils at the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 26th day of February, 1914, and at the same time to fix the date of the said elections.

APPOINTMENT OF SCHOOL ATTENDANCE COMMITTEES.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Michael Meade,

Seconded by Mr. James Wynne, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to act as School Attendance Committees for the several Districts as follows, for the period ending the 31st March, 1917:—

ARDEE No. 1.

Patrick Byrne, Mooremount.

Richard Stokes, Ardee.

J. R. Garstin, D.L., Braganstown.

James Magrane, Dunleer.

John Kieran, jun., J.P., Ashville.

DROGHEDA (LOUTH).

Joseph Dolan, Gaulstown.
 Patrick Donegan, J.P., Monasterboice.
 James McCarthy, J.P., Newfoundwell.
 Nicholas T. Murphy, Hill of Rath.
 D. J. Rath, Clogherhead.

DUNDALK.

T. J. Byrne, J.P., Rosmakea.
 C. A. Duffy, J.P., Dundalk.
 Peter Hughes, J.P., Castlering.
 J. H. McArdle, J.P., Rampark.
 Michael O'Meara, J.P., Omeath.

Consideration of Resolutions from the County Committee of Agriculture and the Louth County Council Tuberculosis Dispensary Committee relative to the necessity for increased Office Accommodation for the Committees under the jurisdiction of the Council.

A discussion ensued on the subject matter of these resolutions, which were sent forward from the County Committee of Agriculture and the Louth County Council Tuberculosis Dispensary Committee, as to the necessity for the County Council to provide better Office Accommodation or the various Committees under its jurisdiction.

The following resolution was passed:—

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

Resolved—That in order to meet the pressing demand for proper office accommodation for the discharge of the County business, we request the Finance Committee to formulate a Report, to be submitted at the next meeting of the County Council on the subject, and said Report to embody details as to the terms and conditions under which a loan can be obtained for the purpose.

PURCHASE OF WILLISTOWN PLANTATION.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr. Michael Meade,
 Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne, J.P., and
 Resolved—That the Seal of the Council be affixed to the undertaking to purchase Willistown Plantation from the Irish Land Commission. Price arranged, £75.

WOLTONSTOWN DRAINAGE.

The Letters from the Local Government Board, No. 65466/12, of the 10th December, 1913, and from the Board of Works, No. 5186, of the 5th December, 1913, were considered by the Council, and on the motion of Mr. Meade, seconded by Mr. P. Byrne, it was decided to refer the matter to Mr. O'Connell, Solicitor, for his report.

ARDEE SHEEP DIPPING TANK.

A disputed account in connection with the supply of water for the Sheep Dipping Tank at Ardee, was considered by the Council and referred back to the Finance Committee.

ROAD ROLLING.

A letter from the Clare County Council enclosing copy of a resolution adopted by that body in connection with the steam-rolling of roads, was marked "read."

NOTICE OF SURRENDER OF PREMISES IN
EARL STREET, DUNDALK.

Letter was read from the Insurance Committee for the County of Louth, informing the County Council that the Committee had acquired new offices at 90 Clanbrassil Street, Dundalk, and asking that the Council would be good enough to have notice served on the landlord of the old premises in Earl Street.

It was directed by the Council that the necessary Notice would be served on Mr. Richard T. O'Neill of the surrender of the premises three months after the 1st February, 1914, by the Council's Solicitor, Mr. O'Connell.

PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS.

On the motion of Mr. J. M. Johnson, seconded by Mr. James Wynne, the Secretary was empowered to employ the extra staff to prepare the New Rate Books.

RESIGNATION OF COUNCILLOR.

The following letter was read:—

Dear Sir—I beg to hand in my resignation as a member of the Louth County Council, in consequence of the Rule adopted by the Department of Agriculture.

(Signed), PATRICK BYRNE.

On the motion of Mr. John Dolan, seconded by Mr. Hamill, it was unanimously decided to request Mr. Byrne to reconsider his decision, which he consented to do.

NOTICE OF MOTION.

The following Notice of Motion was handed in:—

That, at the next meeting of the Louth County Council, the Trustees of the Ruxton Estate, Ardee, be written to by the Secretary of the Council as to whether they would consider offering the land and house in their possession for sale to the County Council, and, if so, what their terms for sale would be; and on receipt of their answer, if favourable, to purchase, the same steps to be taken as are being taken in connection with the proposed purchase of Omeath Park; and to ascertain if the money will be advanced.

(Signed), W. A. DORAN.

22nd January, 1914.

FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, on Monday, the 2nd day of February, 1914.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. DUFFY, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—B. Hamill, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, J.P.; M. Meade, and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Finance Committee meeting were confirmed.

The Secretary submitted the following Accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those in connection with his own Office, which were examined and payments ordered.

On the motion of Mr. Johnson, J.P., seconded by Mr. Hamill, J.P., it was decided to pay Mr. Finegan, who was still unable to resume duty, owing to illness, his salary for the month of January.

is suggested, which would reduce the amount of the estimated expenditure from £22,409 to say, £18,685; and the Board will be glad to have the observations of the Louth County Council upon the proposed modifications. At an interview with the Chairman on the 14th October last representatives of the Louth County Council put forward a scheme, the provisional estimate for which was £10,800.

The Chairman then stated that the Board would be prepared to finance an approved scheme costing this sum in such a way that the Local Authorities concerned would not have to provide more than £1,600 per annum during a period of six years, including expenditure on maintenance during that period. In order to give effect to this undertaking, it would have been necessary for the Board to make a grant from the Road Improvement Fund of about £2,550, but in view of the increase of expenditure, which is necessitated by the revised scheme now estimated at £18,685 (or including maintenance for six years at £20,260), the Board are prepared to increase their grant to £5,450, and to advance on loan £10,800 free of interest, repayable by five equal annual instalments in lieu of a loan of £6,650.

The Council will observe that the grant and loan of the Board are increased by £2,900 and £4,150, respectively, and the annual expenditure which will fall on the County Council and other Authorities concerned, is increased from £1,600 to £2,435 in the first year, and £2,475 in the five remaining years.

A copy of the proposed financial scheme is enclosed, and the Board will be glad to learn if the County Council are prepared to proceed with the above-mentioned works of improvement, with the assistance of the Board as indicated therein. The Board, of course, leave the County Council to make their own financial arrangements with the Borough of Drogheda and the Dundalk Urban District.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,
W. REES JEFFREYS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.
To the Secretary,
Louth County Council.

NEWRY-DUNDALK-DROGHEDA ROAD.

Total length, including U.D.C.'s, 31½ miles.

In the rural districts, it is proposed that the roads shall be 21 feet wide for a length of 13¼ miles, and 24 feet for 13½ miles.

I suggest that 18 feet is ample for a road of this character. If the same price per super yard is allowed as in the estimate, and the reduced width is agreed upon, the estimate will be reduced to £14,535.

In the Dundalk Urban District, the road is stated to vary between 19 and 50 feet in width, or an average of 35 feet. The estimate provides for making up the whole width of carriage-way and surface, tarring the same at an estimated cost of £2,048.

Personally, I do not know the road, but should think that if a strip 24 feet in width were made up properly and surface tarred, and the sides shaped, it would be all that is necessary. This I estimate would cost, roughly, £1,800. The estimate, as sent in, should be amended in any event, as the amount of shippings allowed is excessive, and should be reduced to 470 tons, making the total estimate £1,954. In the Drogheda U.D. the average which is 30 feet. I remember this road, and it will not make a satisfactory job unless the whole width of the street is done. The amount of pit sand or gravel allowed for binding is excessive, and should be reduced to 492 tons, making the total estimate £2,104.

No surface tarring is allowed. If this is added it will mean an additional £246, making a total of £2350.

Summary of Revised Estimates:—

Rural Districts	...	...	£14,535
Dundalk U.D.C.	...	...	1,800
Drogheda U.D.C.	...	...	2,350

£18,685

SPECIFICATION.

The whole of the work should be carried out in accordance with the specification supplied by the Acting County Surveyor with slight amendments, with the exception that in the Drogheda U.D. 2-inch gauge stone shall be used.

With regard to the surface tarring, the Acting County Surveyor states that the work shall be done in accordance with the specification of the Dundalk Urban Surveyor, but no specification has been sent by him. The work should be done in accordance with Road Board Specification No. 1.

J. S. KILLICK.

13th January, 1914.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL, (On behalf of the Louth County Council, Drogheda Borough, and Dundalk Urban District Council) FINANCIAL SCHEME.

Year.	Road Board.				Louth County Council.			Estimated Total Cost excluding Maintenance.
	Grant.	Loan.	For work.	Maintenance estimated for six years at £1,575	Repayment of Loan.	Total Cost to County and other Councils.		
1914-15	£ 5,450	£ 10,800	£ 2,435	£ —	£ —	£ 2,435	£ 18,685	
1915-16	—	—	—	315	2,160	2,475	—	
1916-17	—	—	—	315	2,160	2,475	—	
1917-18	—	—	—	315	2,160	2,475	—	
1918-19	—	—	—	315	2,160	2,475	—	
1919-20	—	—	—	315	2,160	2,475	—	
	£ 5,450	£ 10,800	£ 2,435	£ 1,575	£ 10,800	£ 14,810	£ 18,685	

23rd January, 1914.

H. R. W.

LOCOMOTIVE BYE-LAWS FOR CO. LOUTH.

Letter was read from Mr. D. O'Connell as follows:—

Francis Street, Dundalk,

19th January, 1914.

RE DRAFT BYE-LAWS (LOCOMOTIVES).

Dear Sir,—I enclose draft of new Bye-Laws with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County, which I have prepared and settled by counsel.

You might submit the draft to next Committee Meeting, and, if approved, you should have same printed and brought before the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting next month, at which a resolution will require to be passed making the Bye-Laws and affixing the seal and entered in the minutes. When the Common Seal of the Council has been affixed and attested and signed by you as Secretary, I shall make the necessary arrangements for submitting the Bye-Laws to the Local Government Board for confirmation.

Yours faithfully,

DANIEL O'CONNELL.

Charles McAlester, Esq.,

Secretary, Louth County Council,

Dundalk.

The following Draft Bye-Laws were then read and approved by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to have same printed and submitted to County Council in accordance with the advice of Solicitor.

(Copy Bye-Laws).

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

42 and 43 Vic., Cap. 57, Sec. 6.

BYE-LAWS

With respect to the use of Locomotives in the County of Louth,

1. No Locomotive propelled by steam, or by other than animal power, shall be drawn, conducted, or driven, or pass or be allowed to pass, on, through, or over any road or highway within the Co. of Louth (exclusive of the Urban Districts of Dundalk and Drogheda) between the hours of 10 o'clock in the evening and 5 o'clock in the morning of any day, provided that this prohibition shall not apply to Locomotives known as Steam Road Rollers when in use for the purpose of making or repairing roads.

2. No Locomotive shall be driven upon or pass over the following Bridges, namely:—

- (1) The Obolsk Girder Bridge across the River Boyne.
- (2) Piedmont Bridge, across the Glenmore River.
- (3) The Steel Deck Bridge, across the Glenmore River, between Benagh and Glenmore.
- (4) The Steel Deck Bridge, across the Ballymascanlon River, between Proleek and Bellurgan.
- (5) Jonesborough Bridge between Carrickaneena and Feede.

3. Any person in charge of a Locomotive acting contrary to any of the foregoing Bye-Laws shall be liable for every such offence to a penalty of Five Pounds; provided, nevertheless, that the Justices or Court before whom any complaint may be made, or any proceedings may be taken in respect of any such offence, may, if they think fit, adjudge the payment as a penalty of any sum less than the full amount of the penalty imposed by this Bye-Law.

4. From and after the date of the confirmation of these Bye-Laws, the Bye-Laws with respect to the use of Loco-

motives in the County of Louth which were made on the 28th day of July, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, and were approved by the Local Government Board for Ireland on the 17th day of August, in the year one thousand nine hundred and ten, shall be repealed.

5. These Bye-Laws do not apply to Light Locomotives, as defined by the Locomotives on Highway Act, 1896.

(Seal)—Made and Sealed with the Common Seal of the Louth County Council, this day of One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fourteen, in the presence of

(Seal)—The foregoing Bye-Laws numbered 1 to 5, are hereby confirmed by us, the Local Government Board for Ireland, this day of 1914.

BONUS TO COURT KEEPER.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board, dated 29th January, No. 1879—1914, stating that it did not appear to them that the Courtkeeper was entitled to anything beyond the salary fixed by Statute for his office.

After discussion the Committee directed the Secretary to write the Local Government Board and point out that the bonus was granted for increased work in connection with the Courts, and requesting the Board to consent to the payment of the bonus.

OFFICE ACCOMMODATION.

The resolution of the County Council directing the Finance Committee to formulate a report on the question of Office Accommodation for the County Council and other bodies working in conjunction therewith, was before the Committee. After discussion, the Secretary was directed to write to the Board of Works and ask on what terms a loan would be granted for the purpose of erecting new offices for the County Council.

OMEATH PARK.

The resolution passed at the meeting of the County Council, held on the 22nd January, was under discussion by the Committee, and the Secretary was directed to write the Department of Agriculture and find out the purchase price of Omeath Park under the Land Purchase Acts, and also what grants the Development Commissioners would make the County Council for its upkeep and management.

ACCOUNT FOR ARDEE DIPPING TANK.

The account for the supplying of water to the Ardee Sheep Dipping Tank, referred back by the County Council, was again under consideration of the Committee, and after discussion, on the motion of Mr. Wynne, J.P., seconded by Mr. Hamill, J.P., it was decided to recommend payment of the Account.

COUNTY LOUTH INSURANCE COMMITTEE AND THE COUNTY COUNCIL FINANCIAL RELATIONS.

A skeleton scheme of a proposed basis of financial arrangements between the County Council and the Insurance Committee was laid before the Committee, but as the matter was entirely without official sanction, it was decided that a special meeting of the Tuberculosis Dispensary Committee of Management would be convened for Monday, the 9th February, 1914, by Mr. Warren, Secretary, and the whole question discussed, and a report be prepared and submitted to the County Council, at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting.

RATES FOR 1914-15.

The Demand for Richmond Asylum for the year 1914-15, amounting to the sum of £12025, was laid before the Committee and initialled by the Chairman, and the Committee authorised the Secretary to include in his Estimate of Rates for the coming year the penny in the £ for the Tuberculosis Scheme.

CLOGHER HEAD PIER.

The following letter from the Board of Works was read and referred to Mr. Dromgoole, Acting Co. Surveyor, for his report:—

Office of Public Works, Dublin,
30th January, 1914.

16693/13.

Sir—I am directed by the Commissioners of Public Works to refer to your letter of the 12th ultimo, relative to Clogher Head Pier, and to inquire whether all the repairs have been completed as anticipated in the Acting County Surveyor's report of the 28th November, 1913.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. WILLIAMS, Secretary.

The Secretary, Louth Co. Council,
Dundalk.

COLLECTOR CLUSKEY'S BOND.

The following letter was read:—

Mansfieldstown, 2nd February, 1914.

To the Secretary,
Louth County Council

Dear Sir—Kindly bring under the notice of the Finance meeting to-day the amount of my Bail Bond, as I am over-charged, according to my salary. Take for instance the case of P. McCullough, salary £110, bond, £1,000; Patrick Cluskey, salary £100; bond, £1,100. This is not fair. Get same revised and oblige.

Your obedient Servant,

PATRICK CLUSKEY.

The Secretary was directed to have a note of the figures of the various Bonds, with Premiums and Salaries, for the next meeting of the Finance Committee.

The question of the purchase of a Typewriter and Duplicator for the Secretary's Office was under discussion, and on the motion of Mr. Johnson, seconded by Mr. Wynne, it was recommended that a Typewriter and Duplicator be purchased, and the Secretary was directed to get quotations for both.

EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE.

Minutes of Proceedings of above Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 2nd February, 1914, in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, at 1.30 p.m.

Present:—

In the Chair—C. A. DUFFY, Esq., J.P.

Other Members present—B. Hamill, J.P.; J. M. Johnson, M. Meade, and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

The Secretary read the following reports from the Veterinary Inspectors, which were initialled by the Chairman:—
Mr. CLINTON'S REPORT.

Dundalk,
31st January, 1914.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Sir,

I beg to report that the sheep which was found on the Great Northern Railway Company's premises affected with scab is now cured of the disease. As the owner is unknown I have the animal detained on my premises pending instructions from the Department of Agriculture. I have had the sheep dipped periodically since it was found at the railway.

I employed a man to carry out the dipping at a charge of six shillings.

Owing to the outbreak of Foot and Mouth Disease it will be necessary for your Veterinary Inspectors to be very particular in the inspection of all animals in the district at present. I am arranging for a meeting with Messrs. Donnelly and Maxwell in the matter.

Your obedient Servant,

J. T. CLINTON.

MR. DONNELLY'S REPORT.

Drogheda,

9th January, 1914.

Gentlemen, — During the month of December, 1914, I had five outbreaks of Sheep Scab in this district. The animals in each case had been sent to Drogheda port for shipment, and came either from the Dublin market or County Dublin. I had the diseased sheep slaughtered with the permission of the owner, and the incontact animals treated. The restrictions in all cases have now been withdrawn. There were two cases reported under the Tuberculosis Order. I dealt with both these, and furnished your Secretary with the necessary report on the prescribed forms for each suspected case. No other outbreak of contagious disease in animals occurred during the month in this district.

Yours respectfully,

ANDREW DONNNLLY.

To the Louth County Council.

Executive Committee.

MR. MAXWELL'S REPORT.

Ardee,

6th January, 1914.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

Sir,—I beg to report that I examined the usual fairs, markets, auctioneers' sales of live stock for the month of December.

The diseased cow at Drumcashel, which the Department stated did not come fully under the scope of the Tuberculosis Act, was sold by owner for slaughter.

I am, Sir,

Faithfully yours,
W. E. MAXWELL.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The following letter from the Department, dated 1st February, No. D 1, was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copies to each of the Veterinary Inspectors, with instructions to afford every assistance possible to the Officers of the Department, if called upon :—

Department of Agriculture and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
(Veterinary Branch),
50 & 51 Upper Mount Street, Dublin,
1st February, 1914.

No. D 1.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

Sir,

The Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland desire to bring specially to the notice of Local Authorities under the Diseases of Animals' Acts the fact that Foot and Mouth Disease has appeared again in Ireland, an outbreak having been confirmed at Naas, County Kildare, on the 30th ultimo, and another, on this date, at Ballysax, in the same county.

In these circumstances, so gravely affecting the interests of the live-stock trade, the Department trust that all Local Authorities will instruct their Inspectors to exercise special vigilance, and to impress on stockowners throughout their districts the importance of like watchfulness, so as to secure that there shall be no avoidable delay in recognising any additional cases of the disease, should such unhappily occur at other places, and reporting them forthwith as the law requires.

With a view of facilitating the efforts for eradication of the malady the Department also hope that your Local Authority will instruct their Veterinary Officers to be ready to furnish expert assistance if called upon.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

The Clerk of each Local Authority

15th April 1914

Louth County Council.

Minutes of proceedings of Louth County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 26th day of February, 1914, at one o'clock p m.

Present:—

In the Chair—William A Doran, Esq, J P.

Others present—Laurence M'Keown, John Dolan, Charles A Duffy, J P; Michael Meade, Patk Kearney, Luke J Elcock, James Connolly, J P; Ed Goodman, Joseph H M'Ardle, J P; Joseph P Kearney, Richard Mathews, Patk O'Connell, Patk Donegan, J P; James S Kelly, James M'Carthy, J P; Denis J Rath, Wm T Skeffington, J P; Michael O'Meara, J P; Joseph M Johnson, J P; and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

Mr Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor; and Messrs John M C Lyons, James Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors; and Dr M'Quillan were in attendance.

CONFIRMATION OF GENERAL MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P;

Seconded by Mr Wm T Skeffington, J P; and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council, at their Meeting held on the 22nd day of January, 1914, a printed copy of which has been furnished to each Member of the Council ge, and are hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF FINANCE COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P ;
Seconded by Mr Joseph P Kearney and,

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee, at their Meetings held on the 2nd February, 1914; 16th February, 1914, and their Adjourned Meeting held on the 17th February, 1914, a copy of which has been furnished to each Member of the Council be, and are hereby approved of.

CONFIRMATION OF EXECUTIVE COMMITTEE
MINUTES.

Proposed by Mr James Wynne, J P ;
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Executive Committee, at their Meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 1914, a copy of which has been furnished to each Member of the Council be, and are hereby approved of.

ACTING COUNTY SURVEYORS' REPORTS.

Proposed by Mr Denis Rath,
Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

Resolved—That the reports of the Acting County Surveyors, as appearing on the schedule of proposals for the 26th day of February, 1914, a copy of which has been furnished to each Member of the Council be, and are hereby approved of.

CANCELLATION OF CONTRACTS.

Proposed by Mr Denis Rath,
Seconded by Mr Michael Meade, and

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

ARDEE RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 11—Patrick Corbally, 832 perches, Ardee to Slane.

No. 14—Peter Cassidy, 460 perches, Castlebellingham to Louth.

No. 15—Peter Cassidy, 491 perches, Tallanstown to Corderry.

No. 115—Thomas Durnin, 821 perches, Arthurstown to Wildgoose Lodge.

No. 117—Peter Sharkey, 1777 perches, Tallanstown to Dratheally Bridge.

DROGHEDA RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 163—John Boyle, 460 perches, Drogheda to Collon.

No. 188—Joseph Boyle, 714 perches, Drogheda to Collon.

No. 226—Thomas M'Juillan, 518 perches, Ballymackenny to Milltown.

DUNDALK DISTRICT.

No. 285—Owen Neary, 1389 perches, Lurgangreen to Christianstown.

No. 312—James Nixon, 989 perches, Corderry to Darver.

No. 315—Thomas Magee, 435 perches, Whitecross to Castlering.

No. 333—Patrick Reilly, 838 perches, Commons to Wottonstown.

No. 366—Peter Markey, 1428 perches, Bellew's Bridge to Ballybinaby.

No. 411—John M'Galey, 824 perches, Dundalk to Newry.

No. 412—Terence Boyle, 1005 perches, Carlingford to Mucklagh.

No. 421—Stephen Lennon, 750 perches, Bridge-a-Chrin to Marmion's Cross.

No. 424—Bryan Coyle, 993 perches, Grange to Whitestown.

No. 429—Patrick M'Guinness, 494 perches, Dundalk to Ardee.

No. 440—Patrick Murray, 976 perches, Bellew's Bridge to Ballsmill.

No. 467—Owen M'Gahan, 488 perches, Louth to Mills of Louth.

No. 468—Thomas Mathews, 697 perches, Priorstate to Toomes.

No. 469—Thomas Matthews, 254 perches, Stonecroft to Essexford.

TENDERS FOR WORKS NOT SET BY CONTRACT AT ADJOURNED MEETINGS OF RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

The following tenders being the lowest were accepted:—

Ardee—No. 223—Thomas Molloy, Stabannon—£9 2s 8d.

Dundalk—No. 10—Patrick Mulroy, Mullavalley, Louth—£13 15s.

Dundalk—No. 13—Patrick Mathews, Mountpleasant—£58 17s 6d.

WORKS TO BE PLACED IN CHARGE OF CO. SURVEYOR.

In reference to these the following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,

Seconded by Mr Wm T Skeffington, J P; and

Resolved—That the proposals for works passed by the Rural District Council and Proposal Committee, at their last Quarterly Meeting, and for which no contracts are entered into, be placed in charge of the Co. Surveyor.

LIST OF WORKS FORMULATED BY RURAL DISTRICT COUNCILS.

ARDEE WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Michael Meade,

Seconded by Mr John Dolan, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, the 6th day of January, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council; and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, the 27th day of January, 1914, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the contract entered into.

DROGHEDA WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Donegan, J P ;

Seconded by Mr James S Kelly, and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 13th day of January, 1914, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 3rd day of February, 1914, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be now authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

DUNDALK WORKS.

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P ;

Seconded by Mr James Connolly, J P ; and

Resolved—That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 5th day of January 1914, and set out on Form No. 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting, held on Monday, 2nd day of February, 1914, be and are hereby approved of, and that the Secretary be authorised to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

COUNTY LOUTH SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1914.

Proposed by Mr Wm T Skeffington, J P ;

Seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara, J P ; and

Resolved—That the Louth County Council hereby approve of the conditions of the Louth County Council Scholarship Scheme for 1914-15 as follows:—

Two Scholarships of £50 a year each, tenable at the Dublin, or other College of the National University for the Session, October, 1914, to June, 1915, and renewable for the two succeeding years, and a fourth, if the student follows a course in Agriculture, or in Industrial or Commercial Science.

The conditions to be similar to those for the 1913-14 Scholarships Scheme.

The following is a copy of the Scheme:

CONDITIONS OF LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL
SCHOLARSHIP SCHEME, 1914- 15.

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, 1914, to June, 1915, and renewable for the two succeeding years, if the student follows a course in Agriculture, or in Industrial or Commercial Science. The Scholarships will be open for Competition 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 in 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 1914—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 1914, and attend regularly the first year's course in some faculty of the University, and reside in a hostel or other residence approved of by the County Council and 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.

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, 1914, and the Council shall meet to consider applications and award Scholarships, at end of September, 1914.

APPOINTMENT OF RETURNING OFFICER.

Before the applications received in response to the advertisement were opened, the Secretary read the following letter received from Mr Francis P Johnston, Solicitor, Dundalk:—

Francis Street,
Dundalk,
25th February, 1914.

RETURNING OFFICERSHIP.

Dear Sir,—

I understand that for the position of Return-

ing Officer for the County Council Elections there are two applicants, Mr Patrek Roe and myself. I learn, however, that Mr Roe is not and will not be of age until April next, and I take it the L G B would not sanction the appointment of a person who is a minor on the date of appointment. I need hardly say that personally I have nothing whatever against Mr Roe, but merely wish to point out that in my view he is not qualified. I presume the L G B have hardly thought it necessary to include this disqualification in their usual circular, but it is elementary law that a minor could not in the first place enter into the necessary contracts pertaining to the duties of R O, which could be made binding.

Your Solicitor, with whom Mr Roe served his apprenticeship, will, I think, bear me out as to Mr Roe's age, and also as to the danger of appointing a minor.

Should the Council in the circumstances still allow Mr Roe's name to go forward, then I desire that my name be withdrawn.

Yours faithfully,

FRANCIS P JOHNSTON.

Charles M'Alister, Esq,
Secretary Louth Co. Council,
Dundalk.

The Chairman having requested the advice of the Solicitor on the matter, Mr O'Connell advised the Council that Mr P J Roe had been an apprentice of his, and would reach his majority by the 11th April, 1914, and

inasmuch as that he would not be doing any of the actual duties of Returning Officer before that date, that the Council could safely elect him to the position of Returning Officer.

The following application was then read:—

Francis Street,
Dundalk,
13th February, 1914.

Dear Sir,—

Pursuant to your advertisement of the 7th inst, I beg to make application for the position of Returning Officer at the forthcoming Local Government Elections.

Yours faithfully,

PATRICK J ROE.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.

This being the only application before the meeting, owing to Mr Johnston's withdrawal, the following resolution was then passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Charles A Duffy, J P;
Seconded by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P, and

Resolved—That we hereby appoint Mr Patrick J Roe, Dundalk, as Returning Officer for the Election of County and Rural District Councillors for the County of Louth, according to the advertisement issued.

DATE OF COUNTY ELECTION.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :—

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr James S Kelly, and

Resolved—That we hereby fix Thursday, 4th June, 1914., as the date for the holding of the Elections for County and Rural District Councillors for the County of Louth, according to Section 94 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

CONSIDERATION OF REPORT FROM TUBERCULOSIS DISPENSARY COMMITTEE OF
MANAGEMENT.

The next item on the agenda was as above.

After a discussion on the question of the proposed acquisition of Annaverna House, Ravensdale, for the purposes of a Sanatorium for County Louth, the following motion was

Proposed by Mr L J Elcock, and
Seconded by Mr James M'Carthy :

That we do not acquire the house and premises at Annaverna, Ravensdale, for the purpose of a Sanatorium, and that we do not erect in either Dundalk or Drogheda Observation Dispensaries; but only small Consulting Dispensaries in these places, at a cost not to exceed £300.

The following Amendment was

Proposed by Mr J M Johnson, and
Seconded by Mr James Wynne :

That the project of a Sanatorium for County Louth be postponed for six months.

The Chairman took a vote on the latter, with the following result :—

For the Amendment—Messrs James Connolly, C A Duffy, J M Johnson, J P Kearney, Patk Kearney, and James Wynne—6.

Against the Amendment—Messrs John Dolan, W A Doran, P Donegan, L J Elcock, J S Kelly, M Meade, J H M'Arde, J M'Carthy, R Mathews, L M'Keown, P O'Connell, M O'Meara, D J Rath, and W T Skeffington—14.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the original motion was carried by a majority of 14 to 6.

It was unanimously decided to refer the proposed financial arrangement between the Insurance Committee and the County Council to the Finance Committee for their report.

MR LYONS' REPORT ON THE PROPOSED
GRANT and LOAN FROM THE
ROAD BOARD.

After a discussion on this report, printed on pages 24 to 26 of the Minutes of Finance Committee Meeting of the 16th February, 1914, it was unanimously de-

cided to submit the following proposal to the Road Board, viz:—That the Council request that the Road Board should give the following grant:—

For Rural Districts,	£7,270
For Dundalk Urban District,	900
For Drogheda Urban District,	1,175
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	£9,345

and a loan for Rural Districts only, the sum of £7,270, to be repaid in six years..

SECRETARY'S ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR THE
FINANCIAL YEAR FROM 31st MARCH, 1914,
TO THE 31st MARCH, 1915.

The estimate of Rates for the ensuing financial year to the 31st March, 1915, and a copy of which had been sent to each member of the County Council, and to the Clerks of the Urban Councils of Drogheda and Dundalk, and the Clerks of the Unions of Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk, was submitted to the Meeting. After the Secretary had answered several queries on the Estimate, the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Joseph M Johnson, Esq, J P, seconded by Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P, and resolved—"That the General Estimates of Rates, and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges, as set out on Forms 45 and 46, with the various rates in the £1, as set out therein, and adopted by the Finance Committee, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council."

DEMANDS ON URBAN COUNCILS.

The Chairman then signed the Demands on the Urban Councils, which were as follows:—

Drogheda,	£3,509 8 0
Dundalk,	5,266 17 9

PROPOSED NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The recommendation from the Finance Committee was next considered. The following is the recommendations.

That we recommend the County Council to issue an advertisement for plans for building new Offices, and to offer a substantial prize for the successful competitor, whose design may be accepted, and that a committee be appointed for the purpose of drawing up a memorandum of the Offices required, and arranging such other details as may be found necessary for the carrying out of the project.

After a short discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P
Seconded by Mr Edward Goodman, and

Resolved—That the recommendation of Finance Committee, as at page 10 of Minutes of proceedings, be adopted, and that the following Committee be appointed—Chairman and Vice-Chairman, Messrs Wm T Skeffington, J P; Luke J Elcock, Denis J Rath, Jas Wynne, J P; Joseph M Johnson, J P; Bernard Hamill, J P; C A Duffy, and Wm Woods, J P.

FORESTRY SCHEME.

PROPOSED PURCHASE OF OMEATH PARK.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:—

Proposed by Mr Joseph M Johnson, J P;
Seconded by Mr Michael O'Meara, J P, and

Resolved—That we decide on adopting a Forestry Scheme, as suggested by the Department of Agriculture, for the purpose of acquiring suitable woodlands in County Louth with a view to their preservation, and that the Finance Committee of the Council be requested to prepare a list of the woodlands in the County, whose acquisition is desirable, and that in accordance with a resolution of the Council at Meeting of 22nd January, 1914, that our Solicitor be instructed to proceed with the purchase of Omeath Park.

NOTICE OF MOTION RE RUXTON ESTATE
HOUSE AND GROUNDS, ARDEE.

The following Notice of Motion on the Agenda for this day's Meeting, standing in the name of W A Doran, Esq, J P, was adopted as a resolution unanimously:—

Proposed by Denis J Rath, Esq;
Seconded by Edward Goodman, Esq, and

Resolved—That the Trustees of the Ruxton Estate, Ardee, be written to by the Secretary of the Council as to whether they would consider offering the land and house in their possession for sale to the County Council, and if so, their terms for same, and on receipt of

their answer, if favourable, to purchase, and that the same steps be taken, as are being taken in connection with the proposed purchase of Omeath Park; to ascertain if the money will be advanced.

ADOPTION OF BYE-LAWS AS TO THE USE OF
LOCOMOTIVES IN COUNTY LOUTH.

The following resolution was passed:—

Proposed by W T Skeffington, Esq;
Seconded by John Dolan, Esq, and

Resolved—That we hereby approve of, and adopt the Bye-Laws as prepared by our Solicitor, with respect to the use of Locomotives in the County of Louth, and that we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the said Bye-Laws.

APPROVAL OF RESOLUTION OF ARDEE DISTRICT COUNCIL AS TO ADOPTION OF PART 1 OF THE TUBERCULOSIS PREVENTION (IRELAND) ACT.

Proposed by James M'Carthy, Esq, J P;
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq, and

Resolved—That we approve of the resolution of the Ardee No. 1 District Council as to the adoption of Part 1 of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, which relates to Notification and Disinfection.

CONSIDERATION OF THE QUESTION OF THE
APPOINTMENT OF AN ASSISTANT IN THE
SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The above matter, caused by the death of the late Assistant Secretary, Mr J F Finigan, was next considered by the Council, and it was decided to refer the whole question of the Office Staff to the Finance Committee for a report thereon for the next meeting of the County Council.

OBSTRUCTION AT CLOGHERHEAD HARBOUR.

Letter was read from the Harbour Master, Clogherhead, complaining of an obstruction of an old yawl at the Harbour and also as to the non-payment of fees by some parties using the pier for their boats, and requesting the Council to instruct the Solicitor to proceed against the offenders.

On the motion of Mr Rath, seconded by Mr Wynne, it was decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to have proceedings instituted if found necessary.

CLAIM OF MRS. GOGARTY, DROGHEDA, FOR
RENT AND REPAIRS TO PREMISES TAKEN
FOR DROGHEDA TUBERCULOSIS DIS-
PENSARY.

Letter was read from Secretary Tuberculosis Committee of Management enclosing claim for rent and costs of repairs and alterations to premises rented for a Dispensary in Drogheda and requesting the Council to deal with same.

It was decided to refer the account to Messrs Elcock, Skeffington, M'Carthy, Dolan, and Kelly, to arrange the matter on the best terms possible.

BLACKROCK PIER.

The following letter from the Department was read, and the Secretary was directed to ask them when funds would likely be available for the project:—

Department of Agriculture and Technical
Instruction for Ireland,
Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,
19th February, 1914.

1,073/14—F.B.

Sir,

With reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the proposed improvement of the lauding accommodation at Blackrock, County Louth, I have to state for the information of the Louth County Council that the Department have received Mr Oliver's report on the matter; but owing to the present condition of their funds the Department are unable to offer any contribution towards the cost of the project.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Courthouse, Dundalk.

FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

The following resolution, submitted by the Meath Farmers' Association, was, on the motion of Mr J Dolan, seconded by Mr M'Carthy adopted:—

"In view of the frequent outbreaks of Foot-and-Mouth Disease in both Great Britain and Ireland for the past two years and the great inconvenience and hardship which feeders of Irish live stock are subject by the present regulations, an immediate Parliamentary Inquiry is necessary and a new set of regulations suitable to the altered conditions is urgently needed."

THE FETHARD LIFEBOAT DISASTER.

The following resolution was passed and a subscription list opened towards the Fund for the Widows, Orphans, and Dependants of the brave men who lost their lives in their efforts to save the shipwrecked crew.

Proposed by Mr Edward Goodman,
Seconded by Mr Denis J Rath, and

Resolved—That we beg to tender our deepest sympathy to the relatives and friends of the gallant men of Fethard who lost their lives in an heroic attempt to rescue the shipwrecked sailors of the "Mexico," recently wrecked off the Wexford coast, and that a subscription list be opened from the Members of this Council in aid of the funds now being raised for the sustenance of the bereaved families of these brave men; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the County Council of Wexford and the District Councils of that County.

The following amounts were handed in, and the Secretary was directed to take charge of the Fund and transmit same to the proper quarter when closed:—

LIST OF SUBSCRIBERS.

	£	s	d
W A Doran, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
E Goodman, Esq	...	1	0 0
Jas Wynne, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
P Donegan, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
Michael Meade, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
Denis J Rath, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
J H M'Ardle, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
Jas Connolly, Esq, J P	...	1	0 0
Patk O'Connell, Esq	...	1	0 0
Jas Halpenny, Esq	...	1	0 0
Michael O'Meara, Esq, J P	...	0	10 0
Daniel O'Connell, Esq, Solicitor	...	1	0 0
Chas M'Alister, Secretary	...	1	0 0

DEATHS OF MRS. WOODS, CARLINGFORD;
MRS. MURPHY, STONETOWN, AND J.
HALPENNY, ARDEE.

The following resolutions of sympathy were passed in silence:—

Proposed by Edward Goodman, Esq;
Seconded by Wm A Doran, Esq:

Resolved—That we tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr James Halpenny, our sincere sympathy on the loss sustained by the death of his son; and that our Secretary be directed to convey to him this expression of sympathy in his bereavement.

Resolved—That we tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr John Francis Murphy, our sincere sympathy on the death of his mother; and that our Secretary be directed to convey this expression of sympathy to him in his bereavement.

That we beg to tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr William Woods, our sincere sympathy on the death of his mother; and that our Secretary be directed to convey to him this expression of sympathy in his bereavement.

DEATH OF MR. J. F. FINIGAN.

The following letter was read:—

Douglas Place,
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

Will you please convey to the members of the Louth County Council my most sincere thanks to them for their kind resolution of sympathy in my bereavement, and oblige,

Yours very sincerely,

MARY ANNE FINIGAN.

To

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

Finance Committee.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on Monday, the 2nd day of March, 1914, at one o'clock p.m.

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Other Members present—J M Johnson, J P; P O'Connell, J H M'Ardle, J P, and Peter Woods, J P, Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of his own office, which, on examination, were passed and payments ordered:—

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
Patrick Wogan	...	0	13 1
Thomas Reilly	...	2	18 10
James Durnin	...	1	5 8
Matthew Murtagh	...	6	1 6
A Murdock and Sons	...	7	15 3
Thomas M'Donald	...	44	4 0
Bernard Grogan	...	1	9 8
Patrick Byrne	...	1	3 11
Thomas Byrne	...	1	3 11
Arthur Callan	...	1	3 11
Mrs M Lynch	...	0	5 7
Thomas M'Donald	...	5	0 0
Bernard M'Kenna	...	1	9 8
John O'Hare	...	1	9 8
Thomas Clarke	...	0	14 10

Patk M'Connon	...	12	0	0
Arthur O'Hare	...	1	5	6
Thomas Reilly	...	1	9	8
William Reilly	...	1	5	8
John Craven	...	1	5	8
Joseph Harkins	...	0	2	0
Thomas Murphy	...	4	3	6
Thomas Murphy	...	1	15	9
Patrick Malone	...	0	16	11
James Fearon	...	0	15	11
Michael Breen	...	0	17	11
James M'Kevitt	...	0	11	11
Francis Quinn	...	0	15	11
John Smith	...	0	17	11
Owen Rice	...	0	11	11
P Jennings and Co	...	1	8	7
		£107	4	3

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d	
L Branigan, Student	...	3	0	0
H Rogan, do	...	1	16	0
J M'Parland, do	...	2	0	0
P A Hanratty, do	...	2	0	0
M M'Gahan, Clerk	...	5	19	0
J Louden, do	...	6	0	0

£20 15 0
107 4 3

Total £127 19 3

The following letters from the Local Government Board were read and initialled by the Chairman:—

Local Government Board, Dublin,

23rd February, 1914.

No. 7162/1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 7th instant,

relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to grant a bonus of £10 to Mr T Murray, Courtkeeper of the Dundalk Courthouse; and, with reference thereto, the Board desire to state that in view of the facts now brought before them they will raise no objection to this proposal.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council.

TUBERCULOSIS SCHEME.

Local Government Board, Dublin

20th February, 1914.

No. 7920: 1914.

Louth County.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 11th instant, relative to the claim of the Louth County Council for recoupment from the Exchequer Grant in respect of their expenditure on the treatment of Tuberculosis for the period to the 31st March last; and I am to inform you that the net deficiency of expenditure after exclusion of the items borne by the Insurance Committee, has been certified to be £62 9s 4d. The Board have, accordingly, given directions for the issue of a paying order for £31 4s 8d.

As regards the question of the amount of the contribution by the Insurance Committee towards the

salary of the Tuberculosis Officer, I am to observe that the matter is one for the consideration of the County Council, having regard to the extent of the services rendered, but so far as the Board are concerned they see no objection to a contribution on the basis of one-half or two-thirds of such salary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

Assistant Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council, Dundalk.

DEDUCTIONS FROM DEATH DUTY GRANT.

Local Government Board, Dublin

27th February, 1914.

No. 4,908 : 1914.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acquaint you that they have now received copies of certificates of the Irish Land Commission and the Commissioners of National Debt showing the actual arrears in purchase annuities, etc., under the Irish Land Acts; and I am to state, for the information of the County Council, 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 next month, is a sum of £81 7s 3d.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

VETERINARY SURGEONS AND LICENCE DUTY.

Local Government Board

Dublin, 27th February, 1914.

No. 10063/1914.

Miscellaneous.

MOTOR CAR LICENCE DUTIES.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that it has been brought to their notice that some diversity of practice obtains as to the enforcement of the payment of motor car licence duties by Veterinary Surgeons using motor cars for the purpose of their profession, and I am to acquaint the County Council that the Board are advised that Veterinary Surgeons are not entitled to the abatement under Section 86 (4) of the Finance (1909-10) Act, 1910. The Board have been informed that the Lords Commissioners of his Majesty's Treasury take the same view.

The Board deem it well to communicate this decision to the County and County Borough Councils in Ireland in order to remove any doubt which may have hitherto existed on this point.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Secretary of each County Council.

The Town Clerk of each County Borough.

MOTOR LICENCE DUTY.

Letter was read from Mr. T. L. M'Gee, Ardee, stating that he did not consider he was liable for the payment of Motor Licence Duty as his cars were for hire purposes.

The Secretary was directed to obtain the opinion of the Council's Solicitor as to this question, and any other matter bearing upon the collection of the duties.

BUSINESS DELEGATED BY COUNTY COUNCIL TO FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The Secretary brought under the notice of the Committee the following matters, which had been referred to the Finance Committee for report, viz. :—

- Forestry Scheme.
- Proposed County Offices.
- Financial arrangement with Insurance Committee.
- Assistant in Secretary's Office.

After a discussion on the matter, it was decided, on the motion of Mr. Johnson, J.P., seconded by Mr. O'Connell, to ask the Department of Agriculture to send down their Chief Forestry Inspector to the next ordinary meeting of the Finance Committee, on the 16th instant, to assist the Council in drafting a Forestry Scheme for the County of Louth.

It was also decided to convene a special meeting of the Finance Committee for Monday, the 9th instant, on special notice, to consider the other three matters, viz. :—

- Proposed New County Offices.
- Financial arrangement with Co. Louth Insurance Committee,
and
- The Clerical arrangements in the Secretary's Office.

LAMP AT CARLINGFORD HARBOUR.

Mr. Peter Woods, J.P., brought under the notice of the Committee the trouble experienced in connection with the lighting of the new Lamp at Carlingford Pier. He stated that the Harbour Master had extreme difficulty in lighting the lamp, as it required to be taken out of the standard to light and fill, and being an ordinary duplex lamp with an

open chimney, it was practically impossible to keep it lighted while it was being replaced in the frame.

Mr. Lyons, the acting County Surveyor, on being requested by the Chairman to explain the matter, stated that he had procured this lamp specially and at considerable expense; that it was recommended specially for a Harbour light, and that in his opinion there was no difficulty in the lighting of same.

A very lengthened discussion ensued on the matter, in which very conflicting views arose, but no order was made by the Committee.

Finance Committee.

SPECIAL MEETING.

Minutes of proceedings of Finance Committee at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, the 9th day of March, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

In the Chair—C A Duffy, Esq, J P

Others Present:—E Goodman, J M Johnson, J P; James Connolly, J P; M O'Meara, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; P O'Connell and James Wynne, J P, Esquires.

FINANCIAL ARRANGEMENTS WITH INSURANCE COMMITTEE.

The Committee discussed the figures of the proposed provisional arrangement suggested between the Insurance Committee and the County Council, whereby treatment for tubercular Insured persons and their dependants will be provided by the Council on payment of the following sums by the Insurance Committee, pending the completion of the County Louth Tuberculosis Scheme:—

	Per An.
For Dr M'Quillan's services acting as Committee's Medical Adviser	£250
For the use of not less than Six of the Council's Beds at Peamount Sanatorium, i.e., 26 patients would receive 12 weeks' treatment each	312
For treating Surgical cases in Surgical Hospital, say, Louth Infirmary, at 10s per week, if 20 cases received 2 weeks each	20

For Nurse O'Hagan to attend domiciliary cases in Dundalk and Carlingford	40
For the services of one District Nurse in each District of Drogheda, Ardee and Castlebellingham in connection with domiciliary treatment	30
For the use of at least Six of the Council's Shelters, cost of removal, repairs and disinfecting, etc, to be borne by the Council	35
For treating patients at Dispensaries at 9s per annum, say	15
For treating Chronic cases in Advanced Hospital, £1 1s per week	36
Patients' travelling expenses	13
Total	£751

On the motion of Mr Goodman, seconded by Mr Johnson, J P, the following motion was passed unanimously:—

“That we recommend, that pending the completion of the County Louth Tuberculosis Scheme, that the County Council accept the sum of £800 per annum as the contribution of the Insurance Committee to the County Council for the services of Dr M'Quillan as medical adviser; the use of Six of the Council's Beds in Peamount; 20 cases of surgical treatment in Louth Infirmary of two weeks each at 10s per week, the services of one Nurse to attend domiciliary treatment in Dundalk and Carlingford; the services of one District Nurse in Drogheda, Ardee and Castlebellingham in connection with domiciliary treatment; for the use of at least Six of the Council's Shelters, costs of removal, repairs and disinfecting inclusive; for treating patients at dispensaries, cost not to exceed £15 per annum; for treating chronic cases in Advanced Hospital, cost not to exceed £36 per annum; and patient's travelling expenses, cost not to exceed £13 per annum.”

CLERICAL STAFF IN THE SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

The question of the vacancy in the Council's offices was next discussed, and it was the view of the Committee that the whole question of the staffing of the office should be put on a permanent basis, so that the various departments of the Council's complex work should be done in a thoroughly efficient manner. The various heads of the work were under review, namely—The checking of the Rate Collectors' abstracts, the ordinary accountancy of the office, the correspondence, taking and recording of minutes, road payments and county-at-large payments, work under the Diseases of Animals Acts (including work under Sheep Dipping Order and Cattle Tuberculosis Order), Motor Licences and Registrations and accounts therewith, various and intricate returns for Recoupment Claims to the several Government Departments, special account keeping in connection with the Tuberculosis Scheme, the details of the valuation work, etc; preparation of the complicated schedules required by Acts of Parliament, and the general heavy work in connection with the half-yearly audits under the Local Government Board.

It was ultimately unanimously decided to recommend the County Council to make the following appointments, viz:—

Mr Joseph Loudon, at a salary of £1 10s per week.

A Senior Clerk at a salary of £80 per annum, increasing to £120 maximum, by annual increments of £5.

A Junior Clerk at a salary of £50, increasing to £80 maximum, by annual increments of £5.

That the two latter appointments be made by competitive examination, conducted, as in other counties, by the Local Government Board, and that, in the case of the Junior Clerk, proficiency in Shorthand and Typewriting be compulsory.

PROPOSED NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

The Committee next considered the question of the proposed

New Offices, and after discussion it was decided, on the motion of Mr Johnson, J P, seconded by Mr Goodman.

“That our County Surveyor be directed to prepare a map of the premises available at the Old Jail site for building new offices; that he ascertain the details of the additional accommodation required to be provided for, and submit same for consideration at a meeting of the Finance Committee.”

The following correspondence in connection with the matter was read and initialled by the Chairman:—

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland,
31 South Frederick Street, Dublin,
5th March, 1914.

The Secretary,

Louth County Council, Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I notice in the report of a recent meeting of the County Council that it is proposed to hold a competition among Architects for the design of the Council's new offices.

I am instructed to send you the enclosed regulations for architectural competitions issued by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland, which may be of assistance to the Council in drawing up such conditions and instructions as will be acceptable to Architects of good standing, and thus ensure fuller and better competition.

My Institute will be very pleased to give further particulars or any other assistance in drawing up instructions and conditions on lines equitable to the Council and our profession.

Yours faithfully,

FREDK. G. HICKS,
Hon. Sec.

Regulations of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland
For Architectural Competitions.

It is assumed that the object of the Promoters is to obtain the best design for the purpose in view. This object may best be secured by conducting all Competitions upon the lines laid down in the following Regulations, which have been framed with a view to securing the best results to the Promoters with scrupulous fairness to the competitors.

Members of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland and Allied Societies do not compete excepting under conditions based on these Regulations.

The Conditions of a Competition shall contain the follow Regulations (A) to (F) as essential:—

- (A) There shall be appointed for every Competition one or more fully qualified professional Assessors, to whom the whole of the designs shall be submitted.
- (B) No Promoter of a Competition, and no Assessor engaged upon it, nor any employee of either, shall compete or Assist a Competitor, or act as Architect, or joint Architect, for the proposed work.
- (C) Each design shall be accompanied by a declaration, signed by the competitor, or joint competitors, stating that the design is his or their own personal work, and that the drawings have been prepared under his or their own supervision. A successful competitor must be prepared to satisfy the Assessor that he is the bona-fide author of the design he has submitted.
- (D) The premiums shall be paid in accordance with the Assessor's award, and the author of the design placed first by the Assessor shall be employed to carry out the work, unless the Assessor shall be satisfied that there is some valid objection to such employment, in which case the author of the design placed next in order of merit shall be employed, subject to a similar condition.

The award of the Assessor shall not be set aside for any other reason.

(E) If no instructions are given to the author of the design selected by the Assessor to proceed within twelve months from the date of the award, then he shall receive payment for his services in connection with the preparation of the Competition drawings of a sum equal to 1½ per cent on the amount of the estimated cost. If the work is subsequently proceeded with, the 1½ per cent previously paid to him shall form part of his ultimate commission.

(F) The selected Architect shall be paid in accordance with the Schedule of Charges sanctioned and published by the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland.

- 1.—The Promoters of an intended Competition should, as their first step, appoint one or more professional Assessors, architects of established reputation, whose appointment should be published in the original advertisements and instructions. The selection of an Assessor should be made with the greatest possible care, as the successful result of the Competition will depend very largely upon his experience and ability.

The President of the Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland is always prepared to act as honorary advised to Promoters in their appointment of Assessors.

- 2.—The duties of an Assessor are as follows:—

- (a) To confer with and advise the Promoters on their requirements, and on the questions of cost and premiums to be offered.
- (b) To draw up instructions for the guidance of competitors, and for the conduct of the Competition, incorporating the whole of the clauses of these Regulations which are applicable to the particular Competition.

NOTE.—It is essential, in drawing up the Instructions, to state definitely which of the conditions must be strictly adhered to, under penalty of disqualification from the Competition, and which of them are optional.

- (c) To answer queries raised by competitors within a limited time during the preparation of the designs, such answers to be sent to all competitors.
- (d) To examine all the designs submitted by competitors, and to determine whether they conform to the conditions, and to exclude any which do not.
- (e) To report to the Promoters on the designs not so excluded, and to award the premiums in strict adherence to the Conditions.

3.—Competitions may be conducted in one of the following ways:—

- (a) By advertisement, inviting architects willing to compete for the intended work to send in designs. For Competitions for public works of great architectural importance this method is recommended.
- (b) By advertisement, inviting architects willing to compete for the intended work to send in their names by a given day, with such other information as they may think likely to advance their claims to be admitted to the Competition. From these names the Promoters, with the advice of the Assessor, shall select a limited number to compete, and each competitor thus selected shall receive a specified sum for the preparation of his design.
- (c) By personal invitation to a limited number of selected architects to join in a competition for the intended work. Each competitor shall receive a specified sum for the preparation of his design.

NOTE —Where a deposit is required for supplying the

Instructions, it shall be returned on the receipt of a bonafide design, or if the applicant declines to compete, and returns the said Instructions within a month after the receipt of replies to competitors' questions.

- 4.—The number, scale, and method of finishing of the required drawings shall be distinctly set forth. The drawings shall not be more in number or to a larger scale than necessary clearly to explain the design, and such drawings shall be uniform in size, number, mode of colouring, and mounting. As a general rule, a scale of 16 feet to 1 inch will be found sufficient for plans, sections, and elevations, or in the case of very large buildings a smaller scale might suffice.

Unless the Assessor advises that perspective drawings are desirable, they shall not be admitted.

- 5.—No design shall bear any motto or distinguishing mark; but all designs shall be numbered by the Promoters in order of receipt.

6.—A design shall be excluded from a Competition—

- (a) If sent in after the period named (accidents in transit excepted);
- (b) If it does not give substantially the accommodation asked for;
- (c) If it exceeds the limits of site as shown on the plan issued by the Promoters, the figured dimensions on which shall be adhered to;
- (d) If the Assessor shall determine that its probable cost will exceed by 10 per cent the outlay stated in the Instructions, or the estimate of the competitor should no outlay be stated. If the Assessor be of opinion that the outlay stated in the Instructions is inadequate, he shall not be bound in the selection of a design by the amount named in such Instructions, but the question of cost shall nevertheless be a material element in the consideration of the award;

(e) If any of the Conditions or Instructions other than those of a suggestive character are violated;

(f) If a competitor shall disclose his identity or attempt to influence the decision.

7.—All designs and reports submitted in a Competition for a public building, except any excluded under Clause 6, shall be publicly exhibited after the award has been made, which award shall be published at the time of exhibition; and all designs and reports submitted in a competition for a private building shall be similarly exhibited to the competitors.

8.—All drawings submitted in a competition, except those of the design selected to be carried out, shall be returned to the competitors.

The usual R.I.A.I. Scale of Charges for Assessing Competitions, whether by jury or otherwise, is the sum of Thirty Guineas, plus one-fifth per cent upon the estimated cost of the proposed building.

F. G. HICKS,
Hon. Secretary R.I.A.I.

The Royal Institute of the Architects of Ireland,
31 South Frederick Street, Dublin.

POOR RATE COLLECTION.

The following letter was read, and the Secretary was directed to send copy to each of the Poor Rate Collectors:—

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 3rd March, 1914.

No. 11122.
Louth County.

Sir,

With reference to the collection of the Poor Rate in Louth County for the current half-year, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have received a report from their Inspector, Mr E A Saunderson,

from which they note that at this advanced stage of the collection (the 28th ultimo), only £3,644 out of a total of £16,368 had been collected.

The Collectors are, no doubt, aware that the question of the extent to which their remuneration in respect of last half-year's collection can be paid, remains undecided, and their failure to proceed diligently with their collections in the present half-year must be regarded as seriously prejudicing their claim to lenient treatment.

The Board have noted especially that the following Collectors are extremely backward in their collections:—Patrick Hughes, Peter M. Donnell, Patrick Donegan, John Kelly and Patrick Cluskey.

I am to add that at the close of the year the Board will be compelled to consider whether Collector Hughes can be allowed to retain his position.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Finance Committee.

Minutes of the Proceedings of the above Committee at their Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Monday, the 16th March, 1914, at one o'clock, p m.

In the Chair—Chas A Duffy, Esq, J P.

Others present:—James Connolly, J P; E Goodman, J M Johnson, J P; J H M'Ardle, J P; J F Murphy, J P; P O'Connell, M O'Meara, J P; and Wm Woods, J P, Esquires.

Mr Forbes, Chief Forestry Inspector for the Department of Agriculture, and Messrs Lyons and Dromgoole, Acting County Surveyors, were also present.

The following accounts for works in charge of the Acting County Surveyors, and those of the Secretary's Office, were examined and payments ordered:—

SURVEYOR'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
John C Kieran	6	0	0
Bernard Grogan	1	9	8
Thomas Byrne	1	3	11
Arthur Callan	1	3	11
Thomas M'Kenna	0	10	0
Patrick Kirk	12	0	0
Timothy Murray	0	10	0
E Gallacher	4	11	10
P Rice	5	8	6
E Gallacher	1	16	5
Philip Clarke	0	7	6
E Gallacher	1	7	2
Bernard M'Kenna	1	7	2
P Jennings and Co.	0	5	0
Patrick Mulroy	0	13	11
John O'Hare	1	9	8
Thomas Clarke	1	5	8
Arthur O'Hare	1	5	6
Peter Cumiskey	0	8	0

Michael Mathews	10	0	0
James Boyle	0	2	6
P Jennings and Co.	0	3	10
T Reilly	1	9	8
Wm Reilly	1	5	8
P Jennings and Co.	0	7	3
John Craven	1	3	6
Patrick Carroll	1	5	8
P Jennings and Co.	0	3	4
F M'Dermott	2	11	0
Patrick Hanlon	2	11	4
John Byrne	6	17	7
	£71	5	2

SECRETARY'S OFFICE.

	£	s	d
Thos Martin (Education Act)	1	15	0
Miss Callan (Scholarships)	12	0	0
Miss M'Parland, do.	8	6	8
H Rogan, do.	1	16	0
L Branagan, do.	3	0	0
P A Hanratty, do.	3	0	0
Joseph M'Parland, do.	2	0	0
P M'Namee, Bill Posting (Valutn)	3	18	2
P J Clarke (Rate Books)	3	6	2
J M'Guinness, do.	3	10	5
J Kindlon, do.	2	18	1
F Money Penny, do.	2	13	0
Chas M'Carthy, do.	2	8	1
H J Palmer, do.	2	0	9
E French, do.	1	11	10
J O'Mahony, do.	1	10	3
F M'Ardle, do.	0	18	2
Thomas Gorman, do.	2	19	6
M M'Gahan, do.	3	0	0
J Loudon, do.	3	0	0
	£64	12	1

The Bank Books were inspected and initialled by the Chairman.