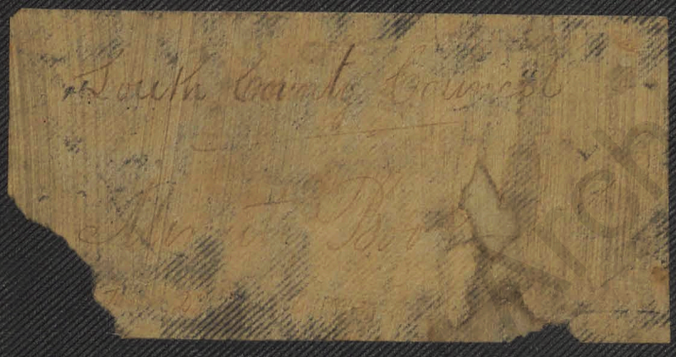
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Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

County Council of Louth.

Minutes of proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their first Meting held in the Council chambers of the Court House, Dundalk on Saturday, the 22nd day of April, 1899.

Present:- Messrs. Thomas Dolan, Peter Hughes, James Dunn JP. Stephen Segrave. Thomas J Byrne JP. Denis J Kelly. Patrick Murray. Wm. P. Carnes JP. Francis Fogarty. JP. Kelly. Laurence Moore. James McCarthy. Thomas Kinahan. Michael O'Meara. Charles A Duffy. Bernard Hamill. Thomas Callan. Macardle JP.; Joseph Norwell. James Moore. Thomas Roe. Patrick Byrne. James McCourt. Nicholas B King. Patrick Callan. Joseph Dolan. Joseph H McArdle. John Johnston JP. Thomas Maguire, Patrick Donegan. Wm. De Sales Filgate JP. John Lewis Neary. Henry J Daly JP.; J R Garstin JP DL; and John Quin JP.

Each member having duly signed the Statutory Declaration of acceptance of office it was

Proposed by Mr. James McCarthy;

Seconded by Mr. J P Kelly and unanimously

Resolved. That Mr. Thomas Roe be elected Chairman of the meting.

Mr. Roe having taken the chair: it was

Proposed by Mr. Thomas C Macardle JP

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy

That the Rt. Honorable J A Dickson P.C. be co-opted a member of the Council under Section 3. Sub. section 2 of the act.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara and

Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill

That - Messrs. James Carroll and John Hamill JP be co-opted.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Murray and

Seconded by Nicholas B King

That - Mr. Thomas Carney be co-opted.

Proposed by Mr. J C Macardle JP and

Seconded by Mr. Peter Hughes JP

That Mr. Henry O'Connell be co-opted.

On a division there voted:-

For Dickson:- Messrs. T. J Byrne JP. Carnes, Callan, Daly, Dolan, Donegan, Duffy, Filgate, Garstin, Fogarty, Hamill, Johnston, Kelly, Macardle, Maguire, Norwell, McCarthy, Moore (J) Moore (L) Neary, Quin (John) Kelly and Segrave - 23.

For Carroll. Messrs. Callan, Donegan, Kinahan, King, Maguire, Norwell, McArdle, McCarthy, Murray, O'Meara, Quinn (James) Kelly and Roe - (13)

For Carney. Messrs. Byrne P. Dolan, Hughes, Kinahan, King, and Murray (6)

For Hamill. Messrs. Byrne (J J) Carnes, Daly, Dolan, Duffy, Garstin, Fogarty, Hamill, Johnston, Kelly, McArdle, Moore (J) McCourt, Moore L. Quinn (James) Quin (John) and O'Meara - 17

For O'Connell. Messrs. P. Byrne, Dolan, Filgate, Hughes, Macardle, McCourt, Neary, Segrave and Roe - 9.

Messrs. Dickson and Hamill having received the highest number of votes the Chairman declared them duly elected members of the Council under Section 3, sub Section 2, of the Act.

The Council next proceeded to the election of Chairman of the Council for the ensuing year and it was

Proposed by Mr. John L Neary; Seconded

by Mr. Francis Fogarty

That Peter Hughes Esquire JP. Castleroy be elected Chairman of the Council

Proposed by Dr. J. C Teeadale JP.
Seconded by Mr. O J Kath.

That Thomas J Byrne Esquire of Rosmakea be Chairman

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara
Seconded by Mr. James McCourt

That Dr. Bernard Hamill of Park Street, Dundalk be elected Chairman

On a division there voted.

For Hughes. Messrs. Byrne P. Callan, Dolan, Donegan, Filgate, Fogarty, Kelly, Kinahan, King, Seaward, McCarthy, Moore J. Moore L. Murray, Neary, Segrave Dickson and Poe. = 18.

For Byrne. Messrs. Caimes, Daly, Dolan, Duffy, Farrelly, McArdle, Maguire Quin (John) and Rath = 9.

For Hamill. Messrs. Johnston, Macardle McCourt, O'Meara, Quinn (James) and Hamill = 6.

Mr. Hughes was therefore declared duly elected Chairman of the Council for the ensuing twelve months.

Proposed by the Rt. Hon J. A Dickson PC.
Seconded by Henry J Daly JP. and unanimously Resolved. That Thomas J Byrne Esquire JP. be elected Vice-Chairman of the Council for the ensuing twelve months.

The following series of resolutions were then proposed by Dr. John L Neary Seconded by Dr. John Hamill JP.; and approved:-

1st. That we, the Members of the County Louth County Council, assembled at this our First Meeting, demand as Irishmen the right to be given to our countrymen to make laws for their own Nation in a native Parliament.

2nd. That as the young and the strong are leaving our country, to seek in foreign lands what is denied them at home, we call upon the Government to develop the resources of Ireland in order to obtain Employment for our labour population.

3rd. That as there has been a warfare between the owners of land and the occupiers in Ireland for years - the owners for mastery: the occupiers for right to live - therefore we call upon the Government to end the struggle and to make the tiller of the soil owner of the lands he tills..

4th. That we demand a measure to reinstate the evicted tenants; and until such an event occurs our motto will be "Forget not our wounded companions"

5th. That as the majority of the citizens of this country are debarred from the benefits of "Higher Education" for conscience sake, we call on the Government to allow the majority the same privilege in this matter that the minority now enjoy.

6th. That we denounce the system of Government whereby the poorest country in Europe is compelled to pay millions of pounds (Stirling) annually as over-taxation to one of the richest countries in the world - England -

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The Council then proceeded to appoint the following Committees :-

Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr James P. Kelly
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill and
Resolved. That Messrs Thomas C Macardle JP. Thomas Kinahan. Thomas A Dickson &c John Johnston JP. W.P. Carnes JP. Charles A Duffy and Richard O'Meara be appointed the Finance Committee of this Council.-

Proposals Committee.

Proposed by Mr Thomas C Macardle JP.
Seconded by Mr James McCarthy and
Resolved. That the following be appointed the Proposals Committee of the Council - viz - Messrs Francis Fogarty. John Hamill JP. Thomas Dolan. Wm McCalls Talbot JP DL. Stephen Segrave. James Quinn JP. and John Lewis Neary.

Proposed by Mr John Lewis. Neary
Seconded by Mr James Quinn JP and
Resolved. That the following be appointed to represent the Council on the Committee of Management of the Louth County Infirmary - viz - Messrs. Revd Bernard Donnellan Revd D. Ramsford A.M. & Revd J H C Macaulay M.A. - Messrs John Johnston JP. James McCourt. James Moore. Patrick Byrne. Charles A Duffy. John Hamill JP. and Richard O'Meara.

Proposed by Mr James Moore
Seconded by Mr J. C Macardle JP and
Resolved. That the following be appointed a Committee to draw up Standing Orders and By. Laws - viz - Messrs Henry J Daly JP. John Quin JP. Thomas Roe. Denis J Pack. Charles A Duffy James P. Kelly. and Thomas C Macardle JP.

Proposed by Mr Henry J Daly JP.
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill and
Resolved. That the following gentlemen represent the Louth County Council on the Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum - viz - Messrs Philip Callan. Thomas A Dickson &c John Pilsbon Gerstin JP DL. Joseph Hascorth. and Thomas J Byrne

Proposed by Mr John R Gerstin JP DL.
Seconded by Mr James McCarthy and
Resolved. That three members shall form a quorum of each Committee appointed by the Louth County Council

Proposed by the Rt. Hon J. A Dickson &c
Seconded by J C Macardle JP. and
Resolved. That the County Surveyor's report and report on Main Roads be printed and circulated amongst the members of the County Council together with the minutes of this the First Meeting of the Council.-

Proposed by Mr John R Gerstin JP DL
Seconded by Mr J. C Macardle JP and
Resolved. That the Secretary be authorised until further orders to procure such Stationery Account Books, and printing as may be required.

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Proposed by Mr John K Gerstin JP DL
Seconded by Mr James Mc Carthy and
Resolved. That the Secretary be authorised until further orders to employ such clerical help as may be necessary

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr J C Macardle JP and
Resolved. That the following dates be fixed for the holding of the First Meetings of the Rural District Council - viz -

Dundalk Rural District. Monday the 8th day at 12 noon.

Ardee Rural District. Tuesday the 9th day at 10.30 a.m

Drogheda Rural District. Thursday the 11th day at 11 oclock a.m.

Proposed by Mr J.C Macardle JP.
Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne and
Resolved. That the this the First Meeting of the Council do adjourn until Saturday the 13th day of May 1899. at 11 oclock a.m.; and that the Finance Committee do meet on Thursday the 4th May 1899 at 11 oclock a.m.

Proposed by Mr John K Gerstin JP DL
Seconded by Mr Thomas J Byrne JP and
Resolved. That the Finance Committee be requested to report to the County Council at its adjourned meeting as to what arrangements are advisable in the case of the Poor Rate Collection

Proposed by the Rt Hon T.a Dickson PC
Seconded by Mr J.C Macardle JP. and
Resolved. That the County Surveyor be instructed to supply each County Councillor in the Electoral of each Rural District, and the clerks

of each Urban District in the County with a copy of the map submitted to us by said County Surveyor shewing roads proposed by him to be classed as main Roads in this County.

It was unanimously resolved to postpone the consideration of the salaries of existing officers and the appointment of new officers until the First Quarterly Meeting.

The County Surveyor Mr T J Lynam CE presented to the Council his general report and report on main roads as follows

General Report.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen.

Contracts for the maintenance of roads set for periods of 5 years each and amounting to £10,108 per annum are all now dated from Spring Assizes or from Summer Assizes dates which are all now meaningless.

When these Contracts expire from time to time during the next four years, short Contracts might be set for one month or for nine months respectively so as to expire on the next ensuing April 1st the beginning of the financial year. Maintenance Contracts might then be set for 5 years as usual, but dated from April 1st. This course would simplify accounts and Estimates, and would also be a convenience to Road Contractors. When a new Contractor takes a Contract in July he may have to take proceedings at Law to enter a Quarry, and he may be unable to supply the specified quantity of broken Stone for the year, piled along the road for measurement

On October 1st a matter of most serious importance

Roads over railway bridges and over railway embankments now maintained at the expense of the County ought by law, I think, to be maintained at the expense of the railway companies.

Compared with the other County Piers, a large export trade is carried on at Carlingford where the quays are overcrowded. A large portion of the quay at Carlingford Old Pier is occupied by a quarry owner, who claims a squatters title to this place although he makes no use of it. Proceedings at law ought, I think, to be taken to recover possession of this quay.

I am, Gentlemen, Your Obedient Servant
(Signed) P. J. Lynam

Report on Main Roads.

To Chairman and Gentlemen,

Under the Grand Jury Act 40 miles (nearly) of "Post Roads" in this County were maintained at an Expense of £1,410 per annum; and one-half of the expenses of maintenance, £705 per annum, were levied off the County at Large - the other half being levied off the Baronies or Districts in which the Post Roads were situated. The "Post Roads" System is abolished under the above Act, and this Council may substitute a System of Main Roads.

If any road in this administrative County, including the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk, is declared by this Council to be a Main Road, then one-half of the expenses of maintenance of that road will be levied

off the County at-large, and the other half of the expenses will be levied off the District or Districts in which the Main Road is situated.

Seventeen Roads which (to the best of my judgment) are of greatest importance to this County are shown on the accompanying one inch scale Ordinance map by red lines Nos 1 to 17. The other County Roads are shown on the map by yellow lines.

Annexed to this Report are five tables:-

Table I. Is a list of the 17 Roads above referred to; numbered to correspond with the numbers on the map, with a full description, the length of each road, and the expenses of maintenance per annum. This Table includes 144 miles 7 furlongs and 6 perches of roads; the expenses of maintenance of which amount to £6380:12:6 per annum. In the three Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, all the roads are set by contract and the expense of maintaining a road is the contract price per annum. In the Urban District of Drogheda nearly all the roads referred to are now set by contract but I understand that in the future as in common with the other roads in the District will be maintained by hired labor. In the Urban District of Dundalk, for the last twenty years; all roads have been maintained by hired labor; and the expenses of maintenance of any one road cannot be ascertained. In adopting the prices in Table I I have taken as a basis the prices at which the Dundalk roads or Streets were set by contract in the years 1872-5 with some necessary alterations; and with an increase of 12 per cent for increased traffic.

The term (Expenses of Maintenance) would, I think, include the cost of reconstructing and

concreting footpaths on which large sums of money have been expended by the two Urban Districts; at the rate of about £2:10:0 to £4:0:0 per lineal perch; or £5 to £8 per perch of road where there are footpaths on both sides of a road. Such occasional expenditure is left out of account in Table I; the prices in which provide only for ordinary surface repairs.

The majority of the roads described in Table I are situated in two or more Districts. Table II shows the length in perches and the expenses of maintenance per annum for each of these roads in each of the five Districts.

Table III based on information supplied to me by the Grand Jury Secretaries, and by the Clerks of the Unions shows the Valuations of the Districts. Roughly, when £100 is levied off the County at Large, then towards this levy Drogheda Urban District pays £10; Dundalk Urban District pays £12; and the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk pay respectively £29; £16; and £33- Total £100. Table III shows the proper proportions to five decimal places.

On the supposition that any one of these 17 roads is to be declared a main Road Table IV shows the one half of the expenses of maintenance to be levied off the County at Large in aid of the District or Districts in which the road is situated, the total to be levied off the County at Large, the necessary County at Large rate (pence in the £) on the Valuation of the County at Large) and the

amounts contributed under this rate by each of the Districts.

The declaration of any one Road to be a main Road will cause either a gain or a loss of money to each District. For instance; if No1 Road - Drogheda to Dundalk and Flurrybridge (a part of the Old Dublin to Belfast mail Coach Road) is declared a main Road; The 739 perches of this road in Drogheda Urban District are maintained at an expense of £466:17:2 per annum; One half of this expense; £233:8:7 (as shown in Table IV) would be levied off the County at Large; but towards the County at Large Rate in aid of this main road the Drogheda Urban District will contribute in proportion to its Valuation only £95:12:8 - (Column 10 Table 4) the difference £137:15:11 per annum, being a net gain to this District. Similarly; this same road No1 will also; if declared a main road cause a gain to the Urban District of Dundalk of £76:14:10 per annum; while the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk would lose respectively £177:6:10; £29:18:10, and £7:5:1 per annum. The gains to the two Urban Districts; £214:10:9 per Annum exactly balance the losses in the three Rural Districts.

Table V shows the gain or loss per annum to each District by the declaration of any one of the above 17 Roads to be a main Road.

Any further information which you may require I will endeavour to supply as soon as possible.

I beg to suggest that it is open to the Council not to declare any main Roads; in which

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case each District would pay for its own roads; and I beg to point out that-

First. It would be a difficult matter to declare a system of Main Roads which would satisfy the Ratepayers of each District.

Second. If a system of Main Roads could be declared such that no District would incur a money loss or gain; the only advantage of such a system would be that each District Council might be expected to deal in a liberal spirit with applications on its own Main Roads.

Third. The most important roads in the County are situated in the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk, where all roads will be maintained by hired labor; and where there would be room for endless differences as to what is, or what ought to be, the expenses of maintenance of Main Roads.

In each case of failure to agree there must be a reference to the local government Board.

Four. The Borough, or Urban District, of Drogheda instead of paying directly for its own Reformatories and Lunatic Asylums as must now pay a County at large rate for the same purposes. But if there are to be no Main Roads, the Borough of Drogheda will continue to pay for its own Roads; and will not be called on to pay for any other Roads; a state of things has existed for a very long time and to which I think no person concerned has ever objected.

Five. For twenty years the Dundalk Urban District (or Borough of Dundalk) has paid for its own Roads, and in addition has paid about

£90 per annum in the shape of a County at large rate in aid of the Post Roads throughout the County. The abolition of the Post Road system abolishes this grievance; a system of Main Roads would probably set up the contrary grievance.

Sixth. The Ardee Rural District has comparatively a big Valuation and cheap Roads; and, consequently must suffer a heavy loss under any rational system of Main Roads; and a part of the District is now paying, and must continue for many years to pay, a heavy tax for its main line of communication - the Ardee Branch Railway.

Seventh. When the system of Post Roads came into operation there was no Railway in this County. The Mail Coach Roads and some other roads were then maintained under Turnpike Trusts, not directly at the expense of the South Ratepayers, but at the expense of people who paid tolls, and, therefore, to a great extent at the expense of people who lived in Dublin, or in Belfast, or in Derry, or in other places outside this County. When the Dublin and Belfast Junction Railway was constructed, the main roads of this County ceased to be of National importance. Shortly afterwards the last turnpike was abolished and for more than forty years the roads of this County have been maintained at the expense of the County.

Each of the five Districts has now a fairly good railway service, and, therefore, I think that there is a debatable question as to whether it would, or would not be advisable to declare a system of Main Roads in this County.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant
(Signed) P. J. Lynam
County Surveyor

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The following communications were read, and orders made thereon as follows:-

Circular Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 10th instant, No. 143/m - 1899 - containing instructions and suggestions as to the transaction of business by the Council, together with copies of the Orders in Council made under Sections 104 to 106 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, under which the Council will have to perform their various duties.

Letter from the Local Government for Ireland, dated 19th instant, No. 162/m - 99 stating that in compliance with Section 15 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, they have fixed the number of the Joint Committee of Management of the County Louth Infirmary at sixteen, of whom ten are to be appointed by the County Council, and six by the "Governors and Governesses" of the Infirmary. This arrangement will, the Local Government Board state, take effect on the 22nd May, 1899, unless objections thereto, which may be made to them by persons interested, remain undisposed of on that day.

Letter from same of same date, enclosing an extract from the Notice of Result of Elects of County Councillors in this County, and stating that the Clerk of each Rural District Council in the County has been requested to transmit to the Secretary the name of the Chairman or other person selected by the District Council in accordance with Section 3 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, to act as additional Members of the County Council, and

pointing out that it would be advisable for the Secretary to read out the names of all Councillors before the business of the first meeting is proceeded with.

Circular Letter from same, dated 20th instant, No. 160/m - 1899. forwarding to be laid before the Council copies of the Board's General Order relating to the collection of Rates and to the forms of Accounts to be kept by the Officers of the Council.

Letter from Sir D Harel, CB: pointing out that it will be necessary under Section 9, sub-section 2, that the Council should appoint their proportion of a Joint Committee for the management of the District Lunatic Asylum at Richmond.

Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 20th ultimo transmitting a negotiable receipt for one half-years payment in respect of the Agricultural Grant amounting to £6391: 15: 0.

- the Board also enclose a Statement showing the yearly amount of the Grant payable to the County Council, and also to each Board of Guardians and each District Council in your County.

"His Excellency has decided that the Joint-Committee
"of Management shall consist of 46 Members,
"to be appointed by the County Councils of the
"administrative Counties of Dublin City,
"Dublin County, Wicklow and Louth.
"The proportion of the Joint-Committee to be
"appointed by this Council will be 5, and of the
"number so appointed, one-fourth may be persons
"not Members of the Council"

Letter from Mr Thomas Carpenter Jr. Secretary to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, dated 21st instant, applying to

be appointed Secretary or Clerk to the Urban District Council of Drogheda under Section 115 of the Local Government Act 1898.

Letter from the Town Clerk, Drogheda Urban Council, dated 21st instant, stating that his Council are prepared to undertake the maintenance of all roads in their district.

Letter from Mr. J J Russell, dated 22nd instant, enclosing his account for the expenses incurred in relation to the recent Local Government Elections in this County and applying for an instalment of £200, to meet pressing expenses.

Letters were read from the several Rate and Cess Collectors of the County, expressing their willingness to act in similar positions under the Council, with the exception of Mr. James O'Hare, who applies for a gratuity.

The following demands were received from the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils in the County to meet their requirements during the ensuing three months:

Dundalk Board of Guardians		£2.000
Ardee	Do.	Do.	975
Drogheda	Do.	Do.	1600
			4575.
Dundalk Rural District Council			800
Ardee	Do.	Do.	500
Drogheda	Do.	Do.	600
		Total £	6475

Next Meeting of the Council will be held at Court-House, Dundalk, on Saturday, 13th day of May 1899 11 o'clock a.m.

Peter Hughes Chairman of the Meeting.
J F Filgate Secretary to the Council.

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County Council of Louth.

Minutes of proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their adjourned meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, Dundalk on Saturday the 13th day of May 1899.

Present: In the Chair Peter Hughes Esq JP.
Other members. Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne JP. Wm P. Carpenter, Patrick Callan. Henry J Bagy JP. Rt Hon J A Dickson P.C. Joseph Dean, Thomas Bolan, P Donegan, C A Duffy, Wm A Salis Filgate JP. &c. John R Garstin JP. J Fogarty, B Hamill, John Johnston JP James P Kelly, Thomas Minahan. N B King. Thomas C Macardle JP. J Maguire, J Mascwell. J H McCabe. J McCarthy. J McCourt. J Moore. L Moore. P Murray. John L Neary. M O'Meara. James Quin JP. John Quin JP. Denis J Rath. Thomas Roe and Stephen Seymore Esquire

The Secretary having read the minutes of proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 10th instant the following Resolutions ~~were~~, after considerable discussion, were passed by the Council.

Proposed by Rt Hon J A Dickson P.C
Seconded by Mr. J. C Macardle JP.

That the Minutes of the Financial Committee be referred back to the Committee for the purpose of having all the figures and facts upon which their recommendations were based; same to be printed and circulated amongst

the members of the Council and that it come up for consideration at an adjourned meeting and that the Committee be empowered to employ an accountant.

Proposed by Mr. John R Garstin JP
Seconded by Mr. N. B. King and
Resolved. That the minutes be referred back to the Finance Committee to reconsider the question of how best to deal with the collection of rates and the arrangements affecting the Collectors, and to furnish a report thereon to be issued to the Members in print, with such tables, and legal opinion as they may obtain, and that they be instructed to consult an accountant.

The applications for compensation received from Messrs. Lynam, Steel, and Mr. Carthy were referred to Mr. Rogers with instructions to obtain Counsel's opinion, as also Mr. Carpenter's application for employment as Secretary or Clerk to the Drogheda Urban District – Mr. Rogers was instructed to submit Counsel's opinion on these matters to the Finance Committee at their meeting on the 16th instant –

The following correspondence was then read by the Secretary.

Letter from the Clerk of the Council, dated Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle 15th instant on the subject of the transfer to County Councils of the business of the Boards of Guardians as Local authorities under the Diseases (Animals) Act 1894 and inquiring what steps have been taken for the appointment of an Executive Committee in accordance with the provisions of Section 31 of that Act.

On the Motion of Mr Johnston

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Seconded by Mr J J Byrne it was

Resolved. That the following Members constitute the Executive Committee for the ensuing year - Messrs. King, Segrave, Johnston, Joseph Nolan, Joseph H. Nolan, Arde bon Dr S Tilgate and John Quin -

Letter from same dated 12th instant notifying an outbreak of Swine Fever on the premises of Mr John Mc. Cahon, Newtownbalk.

Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 4th instant No. 194/M - pointing out that it is of the utmost importance that the new rate to be struck by the County Councils should be placed in course of collection at the earliest possible date

Letter from same dated 11th instant No. 26.505/Br/99 stating in reply to Secretary's letter of the 8th instant that the County Council may with the consent of the Local Government Board borrow money from their Treasurer or in the open market for providing Gratuities to locating officers.

Circular Letter from same dated 12th instant stating that in future it will be necessary to arrange that all contracts for works shall be taken and all payments made for a period ending on the last day of one of the Quarters of the financial year - viz - 30th June, 30th September 31st December and 31st March As the financial quarters end at these dates the Local Government Board think it would be convenient that the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council should be held as soon after the termination of these quarters as is possible after allowing sufficient time for each Rural District Council in the County to hold their Quarterly Meetings after the expiration of the Quarter and before the Meeting of the County Council.

General Order from same dated 9th instant laying down certain rules relative to the compulsory acquisition of land by a County Council for the purpose of widening an old road or making a new one.

General Order from same of same date relative to the adjustment between Counties of Cities or Towns becoming by virtue of the Local Government Act 1898 parts of Counties at Large and the rest of the County at Large of which each becomes a part.

Letter from Clerk of Union Dundalk dated 11th instant forwarding a copy of a resolution passed by the Rural District Council ~~Meeting~~ relative to the condition of the roads at Bush - Carlingford -

Letter from the Clerk Drogheda District Council dated 13th instant enclosing a copy of the following resolution on the subject of Main Roads. which was adopted by that body at their Meeting on the 11th instant.

"That it is the opinion of the
"Drogheda District Council No. 1 that no road within
"the County Louth should be declared a "Main Road"

Letter from Mr J. B. Drumgoole. Clerk of the Ardee Rural District Council forwarding Minutes of Proceedings of his Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th instant — the Minutes contain the following resolution.

"That the District Council having gone into

"the question of roads in this District, and
"considering the heavy assessment for which it is
"already liable for Railway Guarantee and other
"Contingencies, unanimously request the County
"Council not to allow the taxation of the District
"to be increased by declaring the roads as Main Roads

Letter from Mr. W.S. Roberts
dated 7th March 1899 forwarding a certificate
specifying the amount as Arbitrator to be contributed
by the rateable District in the Barony of Ardee for
the deficiency in the gross earnings of the Ardee
Branch of the Great Northern Railway for the half
year ended the 31st December 1898. – Mr Roberts
states the amount to be contributed is £400. –

Letters were read from the following
Cess Collectors as follows:-

In reply to yours of the 4th inst.
"I beg to inform you that as I have been unable
"to obtain particulars of the collecting districts
"to be appointed by the County Council, I can
"now only state I am willing to act as Collector.
"provided I am appointed over a district approximating
"to that over which I have hitherto acted or only
"the collection of which I could personally undertake
"to carry out efficiently. Otherwise I desire to
"express my unwillingness to serve:-

Signed:- Patrick Mc Donnell.
Samuel Russell
James Clusky.
Patrick Clusky
Thomas Burn.

Subsequently the following letters
were received from the same Collectors:-

"I beg to inform you that as it appears it would
"not have the same district or amount to collect as
"heretofore I hereby agree to withdraw and receive
"the gratuity provided under the Local Government
"Act

Signed James Clusky
Patrick Clusky
Thomas Burn
Samuel Russell.

Letter from Mr. John Mc Cryons dated 12th inst. notifying
his willingness to act as an assistant to the
County Surveyor under the County Council and
expressing the hope that his position may soon improve

Letter from Mr. James Drumgoole, dated
8th instant stating that he has been an assistant to the
County Surveyor for the past fifteen years and that
he is still willing to act in the same capacity under
the County Council.

The following resolution from the
Drogheda Teachers association was read
"That knowing as we do from experience
"the great want of education to the people of Ireland
"– Ireland that was once the home of learning –
"– the School of Europe- the Store-house of the
"past- the birthplace of the future-; believing in
"the principle that a Nations greatness depends upon
"the education of its people; and being fully alive
"to the fact that in the race of progress our friends
"across the Channel are considerably ahead of
"our people- a people famed for the brightness

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"of their intelligence and stores of genius,
"we respectfully but earnestly recommend to
"the Louth County Council the advisability of
"impressing on the Irish Members of Parliament
"the necessity for extending the Compulsory
"Clauses of the Irish Education Act of 1892 to
"the Rural districts"

Signed. M Hurley Chairman
J. P Harmon Secretary

Ordered. That this communication be read at the first quarterly meeting.

~~The Secretary read two claims for malicious to property - one from Mrs. Nannie Gertrude Brennan of Dromin - and the other from Mr John Hurley Kirk~~

The Secretary read three claims for malicious injury to property from the following persons:-

Mrs. Nannie Gertrude Brennan. Dromin - two picks of Straw destroyed by fire - amount claimed £20.-

Mr. P. J Collier, Cruicetown - One portable steam Engine and threshing machine destroyed by fire - amount claimed - £150.

Mr John Hurley Kirk Clogher. - Two picks of barley straw, 2 cocks of barley s[traw] three cocks of oatenstraw, a threshing machine a[nd] the woodwork of an Engine - amount claimed = £[illegible]

On the motion of Mr John Johnst[on]

Seconded by Mr. Joseph Boland it was.

Resolved. That Mr. Wm A Rogers Solicitor be instructed to represent the County Council re the claims for malicious injuries at the next Quarter Sessions.

The following series of resolutions were then duly proposed and Seconded

Proposed by Mr. J. J Byrne
Seconded by Mr. J. C Macardle and
Resolved. "That we the Louth County Council
"hereby record our disappointment and disapproval
"of the financial proposals of the Agricultural
"and Industries Bill which we believe to be entirely
"inadequate for the accomplishment of the objects in
"view and that we are of opinion that the Representatives
"of the people should have a more direct influence
"and responsibility in the control and direction of
"the Department"

Ordered. That the Secretary forthwith have a copy of the above Resolution printed and forwarded to all the Irish Members of Parliament so as to reach them before the second reading of the Bill on Monday night - a copy also to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.-

Proposed by Mr J J Byrne
Seconded by Mr J C Macardle and
Resolved. That our Solicitor be directed to ascertain our legal position and powers with regard to Locomotive traffic on the County Roads and Bridges and special damage thereto.-

Proposed by Mr M Murray
Seconded by Mr. John L Neary and

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Resolved. "That in the opinion of
"this Council the old aged Labourers of
"Ireland are entitled to State aided pensions
"that we ask the present Government to push
"forward with the least possible delay a
"measure which will at least bring simple
"justice to this much neglected Section of
"the Irish people.

Notices of Motion.

I hereby give notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council we shall proceed after giving him due notice to withdraw all monies lodged with the Treasurer with the view of appointing a different Treasurer.

Signed Michael O'Meara.

I hereby give notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I shall move that all the Banks having a branch in Dundalk be asked to send in their best terms in the event of their getting the account of this Council – the banks to state as to Interest on over-drafts and allowances on credit balances.

Signed John Johnston.

I hereby give Notice that at the next Meeting of this Council I shall move that no road in the County be considered a main Road

Signed H J Daly.

The applications received for compensation from Messrs. Lynam, Sled and Mr. Carthy were referred to Mr. Rogers with instructions to obtain Counsels opinion as also Mr. Carpenters application for employment under the Drogheda Urban District.

On the Motion of Mr. Thomas J Byrne Seconded by Mr Henry J Daly Negotiable Orders were ordered for the following accounts. & demands.

Dundalk Board of Guardians		£2,000
Dundalk Rural District Council		800.
Drogheda Board of Guardians		1600
Drogheda Rural District Council		600
Ardee Board of Guardians		975
Ardee Rural District Council		500
J J Russell.	On account of expenses incurred with the recent County and Rural District Councils	500.
J J Russell	Attending to Jurors there was no Criminal business at last Quarter Sessions	£3:10:0

John Money Penny.	General Printing & Stationery		94:13:8
Same	Printing under Registry acts		80:18:10
Same	Do.	Do.	419:6:3
Same	Do under Jurors acts		11:2:0

Peter Hughes Chairman.
24th May 1899.
J F Filgate Secretary.

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County Council of Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their adjourned meeting held in the Chamber Courts of the Court House, Dundalk on Wednesday the 24th day of May 1899.

Present:- In the Chair. Peter Hughes Esq J.P.
Other members:- Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne J.P. Wm P. Carnes J.P. Rt Hon J A Dickson P.C. Joseph Dolan, Thomas Donegan, Patrick Donegan, Charles A Duffy, Wm de Salis Filgate, John Kelton Gerstin J.P.C. Bernard Hamill, John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King, Thomas Callan Macardle J.P. Thomas Maguire, Joseph Mascoll, Joseph H McCann, James McCarthy, James Moore, Lawrence Moore, Patrick Murray, John Lewins Neary, Michael O'Meara, James Quinn J.P. John Quin J.P. Denis J Rath, Thomas Roe and Stephen Sigerson Esquires.

The Minutes of Proceedings of the previous Meting having ben read and confirmed the Secretary read the following correspondence

Letter from Mr John P. Hayden M.P. dated 17th instant stating that he was in receipt of the Council's Resolution re the Agricultural and Industries Bill and that when the opportunity offers it will receive his earnest support.-

Letter from Mr John Dillon M.P. dated 19th instant acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution respecting the Agriculture and Industries Bill and stating

he shall do all in his power to impress the Council's views on the House of Commons and the Government.-

The following Statement of claim from Mrs Margaret Clinton, of Stabannon Co Louth was read.

"I live at Stabannon County Louth. "I hold a farm of about four acres at Dromin under "Mr Wm Cartney Filgate. The new road which is now "being opened to the Dromin Station runs through "our land and takes away about three roods of "this small farm.

"Going through ignorance as to "what I was to do in the way of applying for "Compensation &c and not having any knowledge "as to where claims for compensation would be "heard and considered I find I am now late for "doing so, but pray your Honourable Council may "take our claim into consideration for our loss "as our farm is actually destroyed and will "hereafter be practically useless.

"I have a large family and "solely depend on this farm for a living."

Proposed by Mr Mascoll
Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne and
Resolved. "That we recommend "that the claim of Mrs Clinton of Dromin be referred "to the Orde No. 1 Rural District Council as we believe "she is entitled in equity to be paid fair compensation "for the loss she will sustain by the new road "going through her farm"

General order from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 15th day of May 1899 Ordering and directing as follows:-

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where the Council of any County arrange for the immediate repair of sudden damage to any public work, the expense of the repair of which is wholly triable off any rural district, and the said expense is estimated to exceed fifty Pounds, the right of objection given by Sub Section (1) of the said Section 11 of the said Act shall be exercised by the District Council, or by a Committee appointed by them for the purpose of dealing with such objections, specially summoned and held within seven days of the receipt by the clerk of the said Council of a notification from the County Surveyor setting forth particulars of the damage proposed to be repaired, and the estimated cost of repairing the same. And the said right of objection so given by the said Sub-Section (1) of the said Section 11 of the said Act shall remain in force until such notification is received by the clerk of the said District Council, and shall continue until the expiration of seven days from the day of the receipt by him of the said notification

General Order from same of same date Ordering that the following provisions shall take effect as on, from, and after the First day of April 1899, with regard to the area of charge for rural Sanitary expenses in respect of which any ratepayer or ratepayers remained liable on that date:-

Article I. Rural District Areas.

Subject to the exceptions set forth in Article II of this Order, the area of charge shall be rural district, or rural district

in which the rural area is comprised

Article II. Exceptions.

(1) Where the original area consisted of, or included, a town, or towns (other than an urban district or districts) under municipal government, the original area shall continue to be the area of charge &c. &c.

Letter from same dated 17th instant No. 28641: 1899 acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 15th instant and stating that the Board sanction the transfer of the balance in the hands of the Treasurer to the credit of the former account of the County of Louth to the new account opened in the name of the County Council.

Circular Letter from same dated 18th instant pointing out that existing Officers whose services will be continued must receive remuneration as far as possible equivalent to that which they have heretofore received. The Board state that they are advised that in fixing the area of each collector's district and rate of poundage which he is to receive, the Council must provide that his total emoluments are as nearly as possible equal to what he has hitherto received, and that although the Council might fix a lower poundage if, owing to the increase of the amount to be collected, such rate of poundage will ensure to the collector a sum substantially equivalent to that hitherto paid to him, it would not be competent for them to reduce the poundage rate if the amount to be collected is not correspondingly increased.

Letter from same dated 20th instant acknowledging the receipt of Secretary's letter

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of the 15th instant in reference to the area of charge in respect of loans obtained in connection with the piers of Carlingford and Cloghar Head in this County, and in reply to the Secretary's inquiry the Board state that they are advised that the words of Section 57 (2)(b) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, would not authorise the imposition of a separate charge on an area larger than that named in the act or order by which the charge was created, so long as the order or Act in question remains in force.

The Council then proceeded to discuss the report of the Finance Committee setting forth a Scheme for the future collection of rates in this County — a copy of this report is herewith enclosed for the information of the Local Government Board

On the Motion of Mr. James McCarthy Seconded by Mr James Woods the Council decided that the recommendation of the Finance Committee dividing the County into Eight Collecting Districts be adopted.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas J Byrne
Seconded by Mr. Thomas C Macan and

Resolved. That we receive the report of the Finance Committee and that the Council proceed to consider and deal with its general recommendations in the order set out on the report.

Carried unanimously

Proposed by Rt. Hon J.a Dickson P.C.
Seconded by Mr. John Quin JP and
Resolved. That Messrs Patrick J Smyth Peter McDonnell and John Woods be elected Rate Collectors of this Council on the terms recommended by the Finance Committee.

Carried unanimously

— these Collectors appear as No. 1. 3. and 4 on the Committees report.-

Proposed by Rt Hon J a Dickson PC
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and
Resolved. That Mr. Patrick Clusky be appointed a Rate Collector of this Council on the terms recommended by the Finance Committee.

Carried unanimously

Proposed by Dr. William P Carnes
Seconded by Dr J R Garstin and
Resolved. That Dr. Patrick McDonnell be appointed a Rate Collector of this Council on the terms recommended by the Finance Committee

Carried.

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston
Seconded by Mr. Thomas J Byrne
That Mr. Patrick McCullough be appointed a Rate Collector of this Council at the poundage fees recommended by the Finance Committee - viz - 5d. in the £

Amendment moved by Mr. W P. Carnes
Seconded by Mr Joseph Dolan — That Mr. McCullough be appointed Collector at a poundage of 6d. instead of 5d. in the £.

On a division the Amendment was declared lost by 14 to 15 votes.

The original motion was then put to

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the Council - viz - that Mr. Wm. Callaghan be appointed Rate Collector at 5d. in the £ and carried

Proposed by Wm. P. Carnes
Seconded by Mr J J Byrne and
Resolved. That Mr Patrick Moonan be appointed Collector to the district recommended by the Finance Committee but at a Poundage of 5d. instead of 4d. in the £

Opposed. and Mr Thomas Dolan

Mr Roe then proposed, Seconded by Mr Thomas Dolan that the rate of Poundage to be paid Mr Moonan be fixed at 6d. in the £.

On a division Mr Roe's proposition was declared lost by 19 votes to 11.

Proposed by Mr. J J Byrne
Seconded by Mr W E Carnes and
Resolved. That Mr. E. E. McCann be appointed Rate Collector of this Council on the terms recommended by the Finance Committee

Carried unanimously

Payment of Gratuities

Proposed by Mr W.P. Carnes
Seconded by Mr J J Byrne and
Resolved. That the recommendation of the Finance Committee with reference to the Gratuities payable to Collectors be adopted the amount being spread over 10 years.-

Opposed.—

Proposed by Mr J K Garstin
Seconded by Mr. N B. King and
Resolved. That the Collectors be required to send in the names &c of their

Sureties to the Finance Committee ~~at their~~ for consideration at their Meeting to be held on Friday the 2nd day of June next.

Respecting the claim of Mr Lynam BE for the abolition of his office as County Surveyor to the County of the Town of Drogheda the Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Committee - viz - to allow Mr Lynam a superannuation allowance of £30 a year.-

Proposed by Mr N B King
Seconded by Mr James Dunn JP and

unanimously

Resolved. That the best thanks of the Council be tendered to the Gentlemen on the Finance Committee for their very able report.-

The following Notices of motion were then considered by the Council.

"I hereby give notice of motion "that, at the next meeting of this Council I shall "proceed after giving him due notice, to withdraw "all moneys lodged with the Treasurer with the view of "appointing a different Treasurer" (Signed) "Michael O'meara"

The Chairman having put this motion to the meeting it was declared lost by 14 to 13 Votes.

The following notice of motion from Mr John Johnston was then considered:-

"I hereby give Notice that at "the next Meeting of this Council I shall move "that all the Banks having a branch in Dundalk "be asked to send in their best terms in the event of "their getting the account of this Council; the Banks "to state as to interest on overdrafts, and allowances

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on Credit Balances"

Ordered. That the Secretary write to ~~the~~ all ~~the~~ Banks having a branch in Dundalk and request them to state their best business terms in the event of this Council transferring the County account to them. This information to be laid before the Council at their next Meting on Wednesday the 7th June nex

The following Communicat was read from Mr. W.K Rogers Solicitor to the Council

"Re Main Roads.

"In pursuance of the powers conferred "upon the County Council by the Local Governm "(Ireland) Act 1898 Section 8 Sub Section (3) an "upon the Report of the County Surveyor it is "hereby declared that none of the roads in the "County of Louth shall be main Roads."

This is a provisional declaration and must be submitted to each District Council who have right of appeal to the Local Government Board.

~~Council~~ The Chairman having put this in the form of a Resolution to the Council it was carried — Mr. James P Kelly and Mr. Bernard Hamill dissenting —

Mr. Carpenter, Secretary to Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda which Office is now abolished, attend ~~before~~ the Meeting and inquired what action the Council intended taken with reference to the application made by him for Compensation

Ordered. That the Secretary

write to the Local Government Board requesting them for instructions as to Mr. Carpenter's claim.-

Mr. Kehoe B L attended ~~that~~ the Meting and requested to be heard on behalf of the Urban authorities of Dundalk on the question of Main Roads.

Proposed by Mr Garahan JP DC
Seconded by Mr Patrick Murray
That Council be not heard on this question.-

Proposed by Mr. Thomas Roe
Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne
That Counsel be allowed to address the Council on behalf of Urban authorities of Dundalk

On a division the Council decided not to hear Mr Kehoe by 15 Votes to 9.-

The following Notices of Motion were handed to the Chairman by Members of the Council.

"I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of the County Council I shall move that a Committee be appointed to go into the question of the Agricultural Grant and other Grants heretofore allocated towards the reduction of County Charges and to take the necessary steps to protect the interests of the County.-

(signed) Thomas J Byrne.

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of the Council I shall move that Hill Street, Dublin Street, Park Street Earl Street, Clantrassil Street, Bridge Street, and Borough boundary roads in Dundalk

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"be declared Main Roads under the "provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898

Signed J Callan Macardle

I beg to give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of this Council I shall move that having regard to the admitted results that have been derived from the Industrial Schools under the decisions heretofore given by the Magistrates under the Industrial Schools (Ireland) Act we are strongly of opinion that it is advisable that the Act should continue to be administered in the future as hitherto.

(2) – that we respectfully urge upon the Chief Secretary the advisability in the interests of the many poor chidren affected to reconsider his Circular of October last and cause it to be withdrawn

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary and to the Member for North Louth

Signed J Callan Macardle.

"I beg to give notice that I shall move at the next meeting of this Council that the resolution as to no Main Roads passed to day (24th May 1899) be rescinded

(Signed) James P Kelly

The Letter of Mr James Smyth, Solicitor to the Grand Jury to the County of the Town of Drogheda was referred to the Local Government Board for their instructions

On the Motion of Mr John L Neary Seconded by Mr N B King it was

Ordered. That the report of the Standing orders Committee together with the Standing Orders drafted by them be printed and distributed amongst the Members of the Council

Proposed by Mr J C Macardle
Seconded by Mr John Johnston and
Resolved. That this Meting stand adjourned until Wednesday the 7th June.

Peter Hughes
Chairman

T J Filgate Secretary

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Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898.

County Council of Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council at their adjourned Meeting, held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, Dundalk, on Wednesday, the 7th day of June 1899.

Present:

In the Chair. Peter Hughes Esq JP.

Other Members. Patrick Byrne, J J Byrne, William P. Carnes JP. Patrick Callan, H. J Daly JP, Joseph Dolan, Thomas Dolan JP. Patrick Donegan, Charles A Duffy, William Fr Sabi Fitzgerald JP, John Ribton Garstin JP DL. Francis Hoey, Bernard Hamill, John Hamill JP. John Johnston, James P Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, J Callan Macardle, Thomas Maguire, Joseph Norwell, Joseph H McCann, James McCarthy, James McCourt, Patrick Murray, John Lennis Neary, Michael O'Meara, James Quinn JP. John Quin JP. Denis J Rath, Thomas Roe and Stephen Taggart Esquires.-

The Minutes of Proceedings of the previous Meeting having been read and confirmed the Secretary read the following correspondence.

Letter from the Veterinary Department Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, dated 23rd ultimo, acknowledging the receipt of Secretary's letter of the 20th instant, enclosing a Copy of a Resolution adopted by the County Council at their

Meeting on the 15th May last, appointing an Executive Committee for the ensuing year.

Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland, dated 26th ultimo, No. 255 M/99 with reference to their Certificate of the 29th April as to the expenditure on roads in each Rural District in Ireland, and stating that as some questions have been raised in regard to the apportionment of the expenditure on main roads borne by the County at Large, the Board deem it right to explain that they will shortly issue a further certificate as to the expenditure in each Rural District in respect of main roads borne by the County at Large. This Certificate the Board state, has occupied some time in preparation, and pending its issue, the existing Certificate must be regarded as provisional.

The Local Government Board add that if the County Council or their Officers see any reason to dissent from the apportionments as made in the Certificate of the 29th ultimo, any communications on the subject requiring consideration by the Board should be made to them not later than the 1st July next.

Letter from same, of same date. transmitting statements prepared by the Commissioners of Public Works giving particulars of the balances outstanding in the County of Louth and County of the Town of Drogheda, together with a Schedule showing in the Standard year the valuation of the guaranteeing areas for Light Railways (if any) and requesting the Secretary to mark copies of these documents, and to return the originals to the Local Government Board at his earliest convenience.-

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Letter from same, dated 27th ultimo, No. 240 M/99 with reference to their Circular of the 19th April last, relating to the appointment of a Joint Committee of Management for the County Louth Infirmary, and stating that as several communications on the subject are still under consideration the Board cannot make a final order at present. The Local Government Board add there will be no avoidable delay in the matter.

Letter from same dated 29th ultimo No. 257 M/99 with reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the Scheme for the Collection of Rates, and pointing out that as it appears to be that considerable delay may arise in determining the poundage rate which Collectors must receive in order that the provisions of Section 115 (11) of the Act until the amount included in each warrant is ascertained.

Letter from same, dated 1st instant No. 31,823, 1899, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 29th ultimo, with reference to payments in respect of malicious injuries in the County of Louth, and stating that the Local Government Board consider that these expenses will have to be levied off the hereditaments comprised in the area corresponding with that of the Barony.

Letter from same dated 2nd instant No. 32,042 acknowledging Secretary's letter of the 31st ultimo, with enclosures relative to certain payments to officers of the County Council of Louth, and stating that in accordance with Article (17) - (1) of the Local Government Transitory Provisions (No. 2) - order 1898, the Board

approve of the scale upon which payments are proposed to be made out of the County fund to County officers for expenses incurred, and extra services rendered, by them in bringing the Act into operation.

Letter from same, of same date, No. 31,244, 1899 acknowledging the receipt of Secretary's letter of the 27th ultimo, with enclosure relative to the position under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, of the Secretary of the late Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, and in reference thereto the Board state that they have been advised that his case appears to be governed by Section (115) - (9) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and that consequently Mr. Carpenter should be employed to perform, under the Secretary to the Louth County Council, the like duties as he has hitherto performed. The Local Government Board at the same time refer the County Council to Sub-Section (4) and (5) of Section 119 of the Act, and state that this arrangement might be carried out until Mr. Carpenter becomes entitled to retire.

The Secretary then read the following communication from Mr. Carpenter:-

"I beg you to bring under the notice "of your County Council my letters of April 27th, "and May 9th, claiming appointment to the "position of Clerk to the Urban District Council "of Drogheda as successors to the Grand Jury; "and to refer them to Sub-Section 1, 2, 9, of Section "115 of the Local Government Act 1898"

Proposed by Mr. J. Callan Macardle JP
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and
Resolved "That the correspondence

"from the Local Government Board on
"Mr. Carpenter's letters be sent to the Drogh
"Corporation and the Drogheda Urban Dist
"Council for reports thereon."

Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 3rd. inst. No. 31.465. 1899 acknowledging the receipt of Secretary's letter of the 29th. ultimo, with enclosure relating to the position under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, of the Solicitor to the late Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, and stating that the Board have been advised that this case is governed by Section 115-(9) of the Act, and that consequently Mr. Smyth should be employed to perform, under the County Solicitor, the like duties as he has hitherto performed.

Letter from same, dated 5th. instant, No. 31.270. 1899 Stating that they have had before them the proposal of the County Council at their meting on the 24th ultimo, to grant Mr. Lynam a superannuation allowance of £30 a year in respect of his office of County Surveyor of the late County of the Town of Drogheda. The Board state that they have given the Council's resolution careful consideration, and they are of opinion that the case of Mr. Lynam is governed by Sub-Sections 2 and 9 of Section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.
"By Sub-Section (2) he, as an existing officer of the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, becomes an officer of the Louth County Council, and Sub-Section 9,

"provides that he shall perform under the like
"Officer of the Council of that County at Large the
"like duties as he has hitherto performed as respect
"the County of a City, or County of a Town"

The question of the abolition of his office does not therefore arise, and the Board consider that his case should be dealt with as if the offices of County Surveyor of the County at Large and of the County of the Town had been held by different persons.

The Local Government Board therefore suggest to the County Council the desirability of reconsidering the question in order to determine what salary should be allowed to him in respect of his increased duties, owing to his having to act in the capacity of an Officer transfered from the County of the Town of Drogheda to the Louth County Council

Proposed by Mr. Henry J Daly JP.
Seconded by Mr. Wm P. Carnes JP and
Resolved. "That the correspondence
"respecting Mr. Lynam's appointment as Engineer
"to the County of the Town of Drogheda be
"referred to the Drogheda Urban District Council,
"and that they be requested to furnish a report to
"the County Council thereon"

Letter from Mr. Thomas Fleming, County Inspector, dated 6th. instant stating that "Drogheda Town having ceased to exist as a separate County, and the late Grand Jury there having provided separate Standard Weights and Measures and a Sand Blast Machine he would suggest if those Weights and Measures &c. could be utilized, that the Sub. Standard weights and measures &c.

"the following Petty Sessions Districts
"sent here for annual comparison, under
"my supervision, instead of as at present being
"sent to Dundalk, - viz - Mell, Drogheda,
"Collon, Dunleer and Termonfeckin; also, that
"the Sand Blast Machine and standard ton
"weights be sent to those Petty Sessions districts
"when required. These arrangements, if adopted
"would save the County Council considerable
"expense"

Proposed by Wm. J K Carstin JP. DL
Seconded by Mr. J. J Byrne JP and
Resolved. "That the recommendations
of the County Inspector be adopted."

The Secretary then read Counsel's
opinion respecting the position under the Local
Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, of Mr. John H.
McCann, Solicitor to the Drogheda Corporation
and Mr. James Smyth, late Solicitor to the
Grand Jury of the County of the Town of
Drogheda.

The following series of Resolutions
passed by the Wexford County Council, were
submitted to the Council:-

1st "That we appoint a delegation
"of three Members of this Council to meet in
"Dublin a similar delegation from each of
"the other Irish County Councils, and from
"each of the six County Borough Councils of
"Ireland, for the purpose of discussing, from
"time to time, such matters of public interest
"and of taking such action upon them as
"may be deemed advisable"

2nd That the foregoing Resolution
be placed on the Standing Orders of this Council

3rd "That the National Council do
assemble upon an early date"

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston JP.
Seconded by Mr. James Quirk JP and
Resolved. "That Messrs. Peter Hughes JP.
J. J Byrne JP. and Thomas Roe be appointed a
"Committee to represent the views of this Council at
"a National Council in Dublin."

Security of Collectors.

The Finance Committee reported that having carefully considered the question of the Collectors security, and the communications received relative thereto, recommend that a joint Bond for £10,000 be accepted from the Equitable Assurance Company for all the Collectors appointed by the Council

A division having been called for it was

Resolved by 21 votes to 8 that the Bond of a Guarantee Society be accepted.

Proposed by Mr. W.P. Cairnes JP
Seconded by Mr. Thos Daly JP and
Resolved. That the suggestion of the Finance Committee be adopted, and the Collectors secured by a Guarantee Society, half the premium to be paid by the Collectors, and half by the County Council; and that the tender of the Equitable Assurance Company be accepted to secure the Collectors for £10,000 at 6/- per cent per annum.

Appointment of Treasurer.

The following letters were read from the several Banks having branches in Dundalk

stating the terms on which they would be prepared to act as Treasurer to the County Council

Branch Bank Office, Bank of Ireland.
Dublin 6th June 1899

Dear Sir,

With reference to your communication of the 26th ult: to our Agent at Dundalk, I am desired by my Board to say in reply thereto

1st That interest at Deposit Rates would be allowed on the balances to credit of the account of the County Council from day to day.

2nd That interest at the rate of 4 per cent per annum would be charged by the Bank on over-drawings of the County Council.

Yours faithfully, A H Barlow.
Chief of Branch Bank Department

The National Bank, Limited
Dundalk, 7th June, 1899.

Dear Sir,

Referring to your letter of the 26th ulto; my Directors desire to say that it is not the custom of this Bank to tender for these accounts, but having been appointed Treasurer to the County Councils in several other Districts our terms are as follows:-

Deposit Rate, rising with same, allowed on all credit balances; 2½ per cent (fixed) charged on all advances

On my own part I take present opportunity to furnish the following corrective observations in answer to a gratuitous assertion made by a member of your Council

at a recent meeting - viz - a large proportion of our trade advance, which amounts to nearly £10,000,000. is for accommodation of Irish Customers, and the Bank has for past half-century afforded a liberal accommodation in this District, and may be relied on to continue such action as would be calculated to promote the prosperity of County Louth.

Yours faithfully
M. Corbyn, Manager.

The Hibernian Bank Limited
Dundalk, 6th June, 1899

Re Treasurer's account.

Dear Sir,

In reply to the Secretary's letter of the 26th ulto; with reference to above matter, I have to state that my Directors are willing to accept the Treasurership of your Council on the following terms - viz - To allow 2 per cent on credit balances, and to charge 3 per cent on over-drafts.

Yours faithfully, J. F. Flynn, Manager.

Ulster Bank, Limited
Dundalk, 7th June, 1899

Louth County Council Bank Account.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your recent circular our rates would be as follows:- 2½ per cent allowed on all daily credit balances, 4 per cent charged on over-drafts.

The Ulster Bank is by far the most convenient Bank to the Court House, which fact should, I think, count for something in our

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favor.

Yours faithfully,
Edward Ward. Manager.

Belfast Bank, Limited,
Dundalk Branch, 3rd June, 1899.
County Council of Louth.

Dear Sir,

I acknowledge receipt of your esteemed favor of 29th instant, and beg to say my Directors are confident that your present Bankers will offer you quite as advantageous rates as this Bank can; and under these conditions we will not compete for the account.

Yours faithfully,
John O'Hagan. Manager.

Proposed by Mr. J Mesworth
Seconded by Mr. M O'Meara and
Carried. That we withdraw our account from the Bank of Ireland.

Proposed by Mr. Byrne
Seconded by Mr. Duffy –
That the names of the Bank of Ireland, National Bank, Ulster Bank, and Hibernian Bank, be put to the Meeting, and a vote taken thereon

Amendment moved by Mr. B Hamill and Seconded by Mr. Fogarty.
That only the National and Hibernian Banks be considered.

On a division – Mr. Hamill's amendment was carried, by 20 votes to 12.–

A vote was then taken as between the National Bank and the Hibernian Bank, with the result that 25 voted for the Hibernian Bank, and 3 for the National Bank.

Proposed by Mr. H J Daly JP
Seconded by Mr. J J Byrne JP and
Resolved. That the Hibernian Bank be appointed Treasurer on the terms quoted in their letter of the 7th instant, and our account transferred thereto.

Letter from D. Moynagh, Solicitor, dated 23rd ult. enclosing a Statement of the case of the Dundalk Urban District Council for an adjustment of the County at Large charges payable by his Council.

Proposed by Mr. J. Callan McArdle JP.
Seconded by Mr J Mesworth and
Resolved. That D. Moynaghs letter be referred to the Finance Committee for consideration, and report, and that a copy of the Statement accompanying it be furnished to each member of the Council.

Estimate of Rates.

The Secretary submitted an Estimate of the Rates required to meet the requirements of the Council during the ensuing year.

Proposed by Mr. JK Barstin JP DK.; and
Seconded by Mr. McCarthy
"That the Secretary's Estimate be printed and copies issued to the Members, and that the Finance Committee be requested to report thereon in writing to the first Quarterly Meeting.

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Amendment moved by Mr. B Hamill and Seconded by Mr. James P. Kelly

"That as this is such a very "important question it be referred to a Committee "of the whole Board, to meet at a date when "the Secretary is prepared to give a full "Statement of the charges for the different "districts"

On a division Mr. Hamill's Amendment was lost by 18 Votes to 14.

It was then proposed by Mr. J. Callan Macardle JP.; Seconded by Mr J J Byrne JP and

Resolved. "That the figures showing Estimate of Rate and Report of Finance Committee thereon, be issued together seven days before next meeting."

Standing Orders and Bye-Laws

The Standing Orders and Bye-Laws as prepared by the Committee were submitted to the Council for approval.

Proposed by Mr. J Callan Macardle JP
Seconded by Mr. J.P. Garstin JP. D.L. and

Resolved. "That the Draft standing "Orders now submitted by the Standing Orders "Committee be adopted, pending revision; but "that each Member of the Council be requested "to forward to the Committee a Statement of "such alterations, amendments and additions "as he recommends; and that the Committee "be requested to consider same, and to send "out an amended code to be considered at "the next Quarterly Meeting but one"

Pursuant to Notice of the 24th ult it was proposed by Mr. J J Byrne JP. Seconded by Mr. O'Meara and unanimously

Resolved. "That a Committee be "appointed to go into the question of the Agricultural Grant and other Grants heretofore allocated "towards the reduction of County Charges and "to take the necessary steps to protect the "interests of the County"

Moved by Mr. Stephen Segrave Seconded by Mr. Denis J Kirk, and

Resolved. "That Messrs. Byrne, "Garstin, Daly, B Hamill, J C Macardle, "and Mr. Carthy be appointed a Committee "in accordance with the foregoing Resolution"

The consideration of the Notices of Motion relative to the question of main roads, which stood in the names of Messrs. Kelly and Macardle was postponed until next Quarterly Meeting.

Pursuant to Notice of the 24th ultimo it was proposed by Mr. J C Macardle JP. Seconded by Mr. E A Duffy, and unanimously

Resolved. That having regard to the admirable results that have been derived from Industrial Schools under the decisions heretofore given by the Magistrates, under the Industrial Schools (Ireland) Act, we are strongly of opinion that it is advisable that the Act should continue to be administered in the future as hitherto.

That we respectfully urge upon the Chief Secretary the advisability, in the interests of the many poor children affected, to reconsider his Circular of October

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last, and cause it to be withdrawn.-

"That copies of this resolution
"be sent to the Chief Secretary and the
"Member for North Louth."

Resolutions.

Proposed by Wm. H J Daly J.P. Seconded by Wm. C A Duffy and

Resolved. That the amount recommended by the Clerk of the Crown and Peace for expenses incurred by the Sub-Sheriff in connection with the recent County Elections -viz- £633: 16: 9. be passed by this Council.

Proposed by Wm. Thomas J Byrne J.P.
Seconded by Wm. Joseph Moorehead and

Resolved. That a Subsidiary account be opened with the Hibernian Bank for the purpose of paying off several small accounts which the Finance Committee have recommended for payment.

Proposed by Wm. Joseph Dolan:
Seconded by Wm. John L. Neary and

Resolved. That the Secretary request the Great Northern Railway Company to stop the 9 o'clock train from Dublin at Dunleer and Castlebellingham on days when the County Council met, for the convenience of Councillors of these districts.-

Notice of Motion

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move a resolution in regard to the finding of the Royal Commission on the Financial

relations between this country and England.

(Signed) Patrick Murray.

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that the Secretary be instructed to procure and file weekly copies of the several Newspapers printed and published in the County of Louth.

(Signed) Joseph Maxwell.

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that Members of the Council who attend the meetings of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum Board be allowed a reasonable sum towards train fares &c."

(Signed) J. Callan Lockwood.

Proposed by Wm. Bernard Hamill
Seconded by Wm. John L. Neary and

Resolved. That the First Quarterly Meeting of this Council be held on Tuesday, the 20th day of July, 1899 at Eleven o'clock Forenoon, and that the Proposals Committee do meet on the 1st July 1899 at Eleven o'clock in the Forenoon.-

Peter Hughes Chairman.

J J Filgate Secretary.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Chamber Council of the Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday the 20th day of July, 1899

Present:

In the Chair :- Peter Hughes Esq P.

Other Members :- P. Byrne, J J Byrne P. Wm P. Carnes, P Callan, Rt Hon J a Dechan P.C. J Dolan, C a Duffy, Wm de B Fegate D.L. P. John R Gerstin D.L. P. B Hamill, J Hamill P. J Johnston P. J Kinahan, N B King, J. C Macaulay P. J. Maguire, J Maxwell, J H McArdle, J McCarthy, J W Court, J Moore, L Moore, P Murray, J R Neary M Omeara, Jo Quinn P. John Quin P. D J Rath J Roe and Stephen Segrave Esquires.-

The Secretary having explained that the Minutes of Proceedings of the last Meeting of the Council were printed and circulated among the Members, the Council were unanimous in confirming them.-

The following Correspondence was read by the Secretary :-

Letter from Wm. H Hess, Secretary to the Gt. Northern Railway Company, dated the 26th ultimo, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 15th ultimo, and stating that he should be glad to arrange to Stop the 9 o'clock down Express

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train from Dublin at either Dunleer or Castlebellingham temporarily, on the days of the meeting of the Louth County Council but could not, however, arrange to Stop the train at two Stations. Mr. Hunt adds that he would be glad to know at which Station the Stoppage would afford the greater convenience.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan
Seconded by Mr J. L. Neary and
Resolved That Dunleer be the Station at which the train will Stop, and that the Secretary be requested to again write the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company and request them to be so kind as to reconsider their decision as to Stopping the train at Castlebellingham

Letter from the Town Clerk. Drogheda dated 24th ultimo, stating that the Secretary's communication relative to Main Roads, and the cases of Mr. F. J. Hynam, and Mr. J. Carpenter were placed before the Corporation and referred to a Committee.-

Letter from Sir D. Harrel, dated Dublin Castle, 4th instant, stating for the information of the Louth County Council that His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant in pursuance of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898 has been pleased to nominate the gentlemen named in the enclosed list to be additional members of the first committee for the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum the names and addresses are as follows:-

Richmond Asylum.

City of Dublin.

James Brozier Esq J.P. 26, Mountpelier Hill.
Rev Hy Evans D.D. Seamount Howth
Joseph J. McCarthy Esq J.P. 39, Henry Street
The Rt. Hon Sir Richard Martin Bart D.L. 61, Merrion Square
William J. Moore Esq. Lonsdale, Temple Rd., Rathmines
Colonel Robert Gale Saunders, Saundersgrove, Baltinglass
John A Wacker Esq J.P. 13, Trinity Street.

County Dublin.

Sir Percy R Grace Bart D.L. Gray, Lon Katown.
John Hely Hutchinson Esq D.L. Seafield, Donabate
The Rt. Hon Viscount Powerscourt K.P. Powerscourt Castle, Enniskerry
Edward Hamilton Cooke Esq D.L., Culverton Hall, Skerries,

County Louth.

Blayney R.T. Balfour Esq D.L., Townley Hall, Drogheda
Sir Henry Bellingham Bart D.L. The Castle, Castlebellingham

County Wicklow

Lieut-Colonel Francis S Stoney J.P. The Downs Delgany.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 10th instant No. 255 M/ 1899 transmitting their final certificates under Section 27 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, which showed be substituted for the provisional certificate issued on the 29th

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April last. The Board add that the final certificate has been prepared after considering the representations received from County Councils and their Officers on the subject.

Letter from same dated 20th instant stating that they can add nothing to their letter of the 5th instant relating to the proposed Superannuation allowance to Mr. Lynam in respect of his services as County Surveyor of the County of the Town of Drogheda.

Letter from Sir David Harrell, dated Dublin Castle, 10th instant, intimating that in order that Asylum Committees might not be short of funds during the transitory period, it has been advisable on the present occasion to remit to each Committee direct the amount of the year's capitation grant due the Asylum upon the Auditor's Certificate, but that in future payment will in every case be made to the County Council on behalf of the Asylum Committee.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 11th instant No. 89,857 forwarding a copy of a Report of their Auditor Mr. R J Nevell, on his audit of the Grand Jury Accounts of the County of the Town of Drogheda following Spring Assizes, 1899 together with a copy of the account for that period as audited, and certified or Declared by Mr. Nevell.

Copy of Mr. Nevell's Report.

I have the honour to report

that I have audited the Accounts of the Secretary to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda following the last Spring Assizes, and I enclose herewith, a duly certified abstract thereof in accordance with the requirements of the Order in Council of the 21st June, 1878.

In reporting on these final accounts of this Grand Jury I think it only right to observe that they have been prepared and rendered for audit by the late Secretary - Mr. Thomas Carpenter - in the highly creditable manner in which, in my experience, he has always discharged his duty in this respect.

Letter from Mr. J.B. Dougherty, dated Jury Council Office Dublin Castle, 19th instant forwarding a Certified copy of the Grand Jury Accounts of the County of Louth following the Spring Assizes 1899 as audited and certified or Declared by Mr. R J Nevell a Copy of whose report on the audit is enclosed.

Copy of Mr. Nevell's Report.

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Secretary to the Grand Jury of the County of Louth, following the last Spring Assizes, and I enclose a Certified Abstract hereof in compliance with the requirements of the Order in Council of the 21st June 1878.

In former Reports I have alluded to the neglect on the part of the Crown Solicitor Mr. Edward Carahen, to lodge to the credit of the County a sum of £2:2:0 disallowed by me in respect of the claim for prosecutors and witnesses expenses following Spring Assizes 1896, and I have now to report that this amount is still unpaid

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The accounts were prepared in accordance with the instructions conveyed in your memorandum to Grand Jury Secretaries of November last, and were submitted for audit by the Secretary - Mr. Townley J Fegate, in the thoroughly satisfactory manner in which I have always found him to discharge his duties in this respect.

(Signed) R J Nevell.

Ordered. That the Secretary call upon Mr. Carabet to refund the amount above referred to, viz - £2:2:0 before the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 19th instant No. 40 294 : 1899 referring to their Order of the 6th instant (a copy of which was transmited on the 11th instant) fixing the number of the Joint Committees of Management of the County Infirmaries named therein in pursuance of Section 15 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 and stating that they are of opinion that the County Council should proceed to the appointment of representatives on the Committee of Management at an early date in accordance with the terms of the Board's Order above mentioned.

The Board have addressed a similar communication to the Governors and Governesses of the County Infirmary.

Proposed by Mr. John R Gerstin
Seconded by Mr. N B King and
Resolved. That the election of the

10 Members of the Joint Committee of Management of the County Infirmary, whose names are set out on the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 22nd April last be confirmed.

Letter from Mr. J L Macardle, Solicitor, dated 17th instant, stating that he has been instructed by Mr. Anthony Byrne, of Charleville Dunleer, to lay certain facts before the Council as to the construction of a new road at Charleville. Mr. Macardle states "That the construction of this road was entrusted about 1895 to one Patrick Carroll under contract for the sum of £530, and his sureties were Anthony Byrne and Patrick McGee. An order having been obtained against Mr. Carroll against the second instalment, payable under contract to him, the sureties were compelled to take the matter up or lose everything. Accordingly the matter was allowed to remain dormant until the expiration of the time mentioned in the contract. At the end of that time a new sum of £480 was presented to the County Surveyor which was the amount of the contract less £60 paid to Carroll. The County Surveyor then sub-let the Construction of the road to Anthony Byrne and Patrick McGee for that sum. Mr. Macardle is instructed that eventually the road was completed, except as regards portion of a gullet, and was handed over to the County Surveyor, who expressed himself as satisfied with it subject to the gullet being completed. He however stopped a sum of £40 from Anthony Byrne and Patrick McGee in respect of this gullet. Mr. Byrne

states that the gullet be finished for a sum of £3. The County Surveyor then entered into an arrangement with Mr. McGee to finish the gullet and maintain the road until September next. Mr. McArdle's client considers that he has not received fair treatment, and would be glad if the Council would look into this matter, in order to have it readjusted. Mr. Byrne and Mr. McGee lost a considerable amount of money over the contract. The expenses deducted out of pocket were considerable. Mr. Byrne complains that although the road was finished subject to the completion of portion of the gullet which would not, in his opinion cost more than £3 — the large sum of £40 was deducted without any notice whatever.

Ordered. That a copy of the above letter be referred to the Ardee (No. 1) Rural District for their observations thereon.-

Letter from the Clerk, Dundalk Rural District Council, dated 19th instant, stating that his Council adopt the County Surveyor's estimate of the current road expenditure for the year.-

Letter from the Clerk, Dundalk Union, dated 19th instant, requesting to be informed for the information of his Board whether the duties of the Analyst of the County will embrace the analysis of any drugs etc that the Guardians may desire to have examined.-

Referred to Finance Committee.-

Letter from Mr. James Smyth, Carr Solicitor to Drogheda Grand Jury, dated 19th instant, requesting to be informed

what position he occupied under the County Council of Louth.

No order made.

Letter from Mr. Thomas Carpenter late Secretary to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, asking what the County Council have done as to his appointment and duties as Clerk to the Urban District Council of Drogheda.

Consideration postponed until next Quarterly Meeting.

The following synopsis of the Resolutions received from various local bodies in Ireland was submitted to the Council and adopted:-

Resolution from the Cork County Council protesting against the Tithe Rent Charge (Ireland) Bill by which it is proposed to take from the Irish Church Fund a large sum of money to be divided amongst the Irish Landlords the Council add that a much smaller sum from the same fund was refused the Evicted Tenants by the Government.-

Resolution from the County Council, County Tipperary, calling upon the Government to pass a "Compulsory Land Sales Act" which they believe will be for the material prosperity of the County.

Resolution from the Council of the County Borough of Cork stating, that they view with much apprehension the proposals contained in the "Agricultural and Technical Instruction Bill" as to the Fresh Water Fisheries of Ireland. Those reasons are given at considerable length in the Resolution left before you.-

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Suggested form of Resolution from St. Joseph's Industrial School, Clonmel re Industrial Schools, and the Circular issued by the Lord Lieutenant on the 1st October last. Your Council passed a similar resolution on the 24th ultimo, which the Chief Secretary has duly acknowledged.

Resolution from the Ballinlobe Union protesting against the action of the Land Commission in enabling Graziers to purchase grazing lands which they state is the cause of congestion and periodical famines.

Resolution from the Athy Poor Law Union stating, that having regard to the finding of the Financial Relations Commission the Government should increase the Agricultural Grant.

Resolution from the Tyrone County Council stating, that the Local Government Board should make an order that the business transfered from Grand Juries and Presentment Sessions to County and District Councils and Proposal Committee should be transacted half-yearly instead of quarterly. The reasons for this change are given in detail in their resolution.

Resolution from the Castlebar Rural District Council respectfully requesting Her Majesty's Government to have the teaching of the Irish Language made one of the primary elements of education on the programme of the Irish National School Board.

Resolution from the Limerick County Council calling on the Government to establish Land Banks, with power to make advances to the farming classes at the rate of 2½ per cent to enable them to work their land to the best

advantage.

Resolution from the Cork County Council, in which they state that they believe that there is an urgent necessity for reform in the law with reference to Ground Rents, and House Rents in Cities, Towns, and Villages; and set forth reasons for immediate legislation on these matters.

Resolution from the Irish Trades Union Congress which reads as follows:- "That no County Contract be given to any Contractor who does not pay his workers the wages of the district in which the work is executed."

Stanley J. Edgar, Secretary.-
18th July, 1899.

The following Report from Mr. J. Lynam C.E., County Surveyor, was read and orders made thereon as follows:-

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

Proposals have been formulated by the Rural District Councils for the renewal - for six months only - of all road maintenance contracts which expire on September 30th next. It is intended that next spring these contracts are to be renewed for the usual term of five years, dating from April 1st next - the beginning of the financial year.

In each Rural District the expenditure on roads for this year is within the limit fixed by the certificate of the Local Government Board under Section 27 sub-section 2 of the Act.

At the adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils competition for contracts was unusually keen. In some cases

where the particulars of the lowest tenders were called out the contractor refused to take the contract or did not appear. In most of such cases the Councils refused to consider any tender, and contracts were not made, but contracts for these works may now be made by the County Council if tenders are received. Under the Grand Jury Law, Road Road Sessions were bound to accept the lowest tender for any public work, provided that the Sureties were good. And under that law a system grew up under which two or more tenders in different names were in effect made by the same contractor. The law is now altered. When a contractor signs his name to a tender, which he repudiates next day, there is a reason to suppose that the tender was made with an unfair and fraudulent purpose, and in such cases the Councils may act at their discretion under section 18 of the Procedure of Councils Orders.

The repair of sudden damages to public works under the authority of Magistrates orders is now illegal, and it is of urgent importance that the Council should substitute some other mode of procedure under Section 2 of the act. Ordinary repairs to Bridges &c are carefully attended to, but once or twice in nearly every year a sudden damage occurs which could not be foreseen.

When fixing the salaries of the County Surveyors Assistants, I beg that you will bear in mind that each Assistant must pay at least £12 per annum out of his pocket for car hire in the winter season, besides keeping a bicycle for the summer work, and the better an Assistant does his work the greater are his

expenses out of pocket.

Twenty years ago when bicycles were not used an Assistants car hire amounted to about £30 per annum, but an Assistant was not expected to pay £30 for car hire out of a salary of £80 or £85. In fact car hire was then paid by the County and by Contractors who required advances. There were always in different parts of the County a number of roads in charge of the County Surveyor, and on each of these roads car hire was charged for a whole days work, provided that the road, or part of it, was inspected on that day. I put a stop to this practice but Assistants are still paid their car hire by the road contractors in October in each year when the supply of broken stones for the year is being measured up. October is always a good month for cycling, but assistants are obliged to employ cars to carry a measuring box, and also to save time in carrying contractors and their men along the roads from one heap of stones to another. Each contractor pays his share of the days car hire, generally 5/6 to 3/- but these sums, when added up, amount to about £7 for each of three Assistants, or £21 for the three Rural Districts. The Assistants forward to me, at the end of each week in October a return showing the car hire received from each Contractor during the week. This system is open to objection. I beg to suggest that in addition to his salary, whatever it may be, each Assistant ought to be paid a travelling allowance - either his actual expenses as verified by Vouchers, or a rate per mile, to be fixed by you, say 4° per mile for car hire during the four months October to February, and 1° per mile for cycling during the remaining seven months of the

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Assistants not to take cattle from contractors, or drive on contractor's cars. on pain of dismissal.

I am Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
P J Lynam, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr John K Garstin.
Seconded by Mr William J Cairns and
Resolved. "That the Chairman of the "County Council, the County Councillor for "each County Electoral Division, and the two "Rural District Councillors of each District "Electoral Division be appointed to look after "the ordering of repairs in case of sudden "damage, and that any two of them form a "quorum."

On the motion of Mr Wm J. Cairns, Seconded by Mr J J Byrne the Council appointed the following dates on which the next Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils are to be held viz:-

Ardee No 1 Rural District Council - Tuesday the 8th day of August next at 10.30 o'clock.
Drogheda No 1 Rural District Council, Thursday the 10th day of August next at 11 o'clock.
Dundalk Rural District Council. Monday, the 14th day of August next at 12 o'clock a.m.
The Proposal Committee to meet on Saturday the 12th day of August at 11 o'clock a.m.

The Council passed the following resolution relative to works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Council and the Proposal Committee

Proposed by Mr Wm J Cairns
Seconded by Mr J J Byrne and
Resolved That the proposals for works formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council for which no tenders were accepted at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of said Council held on the 30th day of May 1899, but for which tenders have now been accepted and contracts entered into before the County Council, as per annexed Schedule be hereby approved of.

No	Name of Contractor.	Matter for which Proposal is made	Amt authorised to be expended	Term of Contract.
✓ 6	Patrick Brogan	Maintenance of 972 perches of road	£16:4:0	31st Oct 1899 to 31st March 1900
✓ 8	James Murphy	Maintenance of 1500 perches of road	£45:0:0	31st Oct 1899 to 31st March 1900.

Proposed by Mr Wm J Cairns
Seconded by Mr J J Byrne and
Resolved. "That the proposals for works formulated by the Drogheda No 1 Rural District Council for which no tenders were accepted at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of said Council held on the 1st day of June 1899, but for which tenders have now been accepted and contracts entered into before the County Council as per annexed Schedule be hereby approved of.

No of Proposal as in Form 11	Matter for which Proposal is made.	Amount authorised to be expended	Name of Contractor	Term of Contract From	Contract To
✓ 1	460 perches of road	£ 11:10:0	Hugh McDonagh	1st Oct 1899	31st March 1900
✓ 2	1048 " " "	" 52:8:0	Same	Do "	Do "
✓ 7	518 " " "	" 10:15:10	Nicholas Fitzpatrick	Do "	Do "
✓ 8	726 " " "	" 12:2:0	Hugh McDonagh	Do "	Do "
✓ 10	496 " " "	" 8 " 5 · 4	John Stanley	Do "	Do "
✓ 12	218 " " "	" 3 " 12 · 8	Patk Flanagan	Do "	Do "
✓ 13	183 " " "	" 3 : 1 : 0	Same	Do "	Do "

The several lists of proposals for works formulated by the Rural District Councils and the Proposal Committee were submitted to the Council, and the following resolutions passed thereon.

Proposed by Wm. John Quin JP.
Seconded by Captain Tolgate DL and
Resolved. That the proposals for works formulated by the Ards No. 1 Rural District Council for which tenders were accepted and contracts made at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of said Council, held on the 1st day of June 1899 and which are set out in the Schedule annexed hereto be hereby approved of.

No. of proposal on Form II	Matter for which Proposal is made	Amt. authorised to be expended	Name of Contractor	Term of Form	Contract To
		£ s. d			
✓ 1	Mtce of 1148 yds Road	18 " 4 " 0	Andw. Flynn	1st Oct. 1899	31st Mar 1900
✓ 2	Do. 468 "	6 " 2 " 4	Hy Murray	Do.	Do.
✓ 3	Do. 1346 "	30 " 16 " 1	Edwd. Mealey	Do.	Do.
✓ 4	Do. 1412 "	28 " 10 " 8	Patk. Kelly	Do.	Do.
✓ 5	Do. 602 "	21 " 13 " 10	John Kelly	Do.	Do.
✓ 7	Do. 641 "	18 " 0 " 3	Patk. Curran	Do.	Do.
✓ 9	Do. 1295 "	15 " 7 " 11	Hy Murray	Do.	Do.
✓ 10	Do. 390 "	8 " 2 " 6	Edwd. Mealey	Do.	Do.

Proposed by Wm. Joseph Dolan.
Seconded by Wm Tom Carnes and
Resolved. That the proposals for works formulated by the Drogheda No. 1 Rural District Council for which Tenders were accepted and Contracts made at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of said Council, held on the 1st day of June 1899, and which are set out in the Schedule annexed hereto be hereby approved of.

No. of proposal on Form II	Matter for which proposal is made	Amt. authorised to be expended	Name of Contractor	Term From	of Contract To.
		£ S. d.			
✓ 3	Mtce of 1197 yds Road	49 : 17 : 6.	P. McCullough	15th Oct 1899	31st Mar 1900
✓ 4	743	33 : 6 : 7¼	Wm Commons	Do.	Do
✓ 5	1096	20 : 11 : 0	Peter Byrne Jr.	Do.	Do.
✓ 6	1049	16 : 7 : 9¾	Same	Do.	Do
✓ 9	620	6 : 9 : 2	Patk. Leech	Do.	Do.
✓ 11	744	3 : 1 : 0	Lawt. Verdon	Do	Do
✓ 14	1017	16 : 0 . 0	Jno. McQuillan	Do.	Do
✓ 15	900	18 : 15 : 0	Patk Byrne	Do	Do
✓ 16	595	4 : 8 : 9	James Cuddy	Do.	Do.

Proposed by Wm. James McCarthy
Seconded by J Callan McArdle JP and
Resolved. That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundrum Rural District Council for which tenders were accepted and contracts made at the adjourned Quarterly Meeting of said Council, held on the 29th day of May 1899 and which are set out in the Schedule annexed hereto, be hereby approved of.

No. of Proposal on Form II	Matter for which proposal is made	Amt. authorised to be expended	Name of Contractor	Term From	of Contract To.
1	Erection of Telephone Store		Major Fortescue	15th Oct 1899	31st Mar 1900
✓ 3	Mtce of 1623 yds Road	£60 : 17 : 3	Jno. McKeown	Do.	Do.
✓ 4	1093	80 : 16 : 8	Patk Neary	"	"
✓ 5	999	68 : 1 : 3	John McGahan	"	"
✓ 6	1045	57 : 16 : 3	Jno. Hearty	"	"
✓ 7	584	51 : 18 : 8	Peter Hearty	"	"
✓ 8	946	7 : 17 : 8	Patk Kirk	"	"
✓ 9	445	5 : 1 : 11	Owen McKenna jr.	"	"
✓ 10	920	24 : 18 : 4	Jas. Lavelle	"	"
✓ 11	1428	17 : 17 : 0	Edwd Hearty	"	"
✓ 12	1185	44 : 16 : 3	Wm Henry	"	"

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No. Proposal on Form II	Matter for which proposal is made	Amount authorised to be expended	Name of Contractor	Term of Contract From	Term of Contract To
				1899	1899
✓ 14	Mtce of 9¾ pos load	£12:4:0	Mich. Lynch	1st Apl	31st March
✓ 15	784	26:19:0	Wm. Rice	"	"
✓ 16	1140	14:5:0	Owen Rice	"	"
✓ 17	940	15:13:4	James Rice	"	"
✓ 18	700	6:11:3	Owen McCabe	"	"
✓ 19	720	4:10:0	James Bren Jun.	"	"
✓ 20	596	6:11:9	John Rice	"	"
✓ 22	1571	13:1:10	Wm. O'Neill	"	"
✓ 23	1362	66:13:7	Patk Neary	"	"
✓ 24	483	8:1:0	Patk Cassidy	"	"
✓ 25	956	9:9:0	Wm. Nugent	"	"
✓ 26	488	6:2:0	Patk Cassidy	"	"
✓ 27	653	8:3:3	Jas. McDonnell	"	"
✓ 28	526	10:18:9	John Finegan	"	"
✓ 29	783	16:6:3	Patk Markey	"	"

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn and
Resolved That the proposals for
works formulated by the Proposals Committee
for which tenders were accepted and contracts
Entered into at the adjourned meeting of said
Proposal Committee on the 1st day of July 1899
as set out underneath, be hereby approved of."

Anthony Malone. For Keeping in repair Ardee
Court House from 30th Sept 1899
to 31st March 1900 £7:10:0

Wm. Kempster. For County printing as per Schedule
of prices attached to tender.-

P. Mathews do. do.

W. & A. McDougall do. do.

J. J. Connick & Son. Coals to Dundalk Court House @ 17/- per ton
Same do. Ardee " 22/- "

Advertising Contract.

Tenders were accepted from the following papers at 3d per line for the period from 30th September 1899 to 31st March 1900.

"Dundalk Herald" "Dundalk Democrat" "Dundalk Examiner" "Drogheda Argus" "Drogheda Conservative" and "Drogheda Independent"

Advertisements to be inserted in one Dundalk Paper and one Drogheda paper (only one paper from each town to be employed) for two months in rotation.

With reference to the fixing of the Salaries of the several County Officers it was

Proposed by Mr. William J. Cairnes
Seconded by Mr. John K Garstin
"That the Salaries of the County Officials be referred to the Finance Committee to report on"

Amendment moved by Mr. B Hamill and Seconded by Mr James Moore "That the Council now consider the Salaries of all the County Officials"

On a division there voted for the Amendment Messrs. Byrne P. Callan, Bolan J, Bolan T, Hamill B, Maxwell J, Mr. Ardle Joseph H. McCourt, Moore J, Neary, Quinn (Jas) 9 Separate = 12

Against the Amendment. Messrs Byrne J. J. Cairnes, Dickson, Duffy, Filgate, Garstin, Johnston, Kinahan, King, McArdle, Maguire, Murray, O'Meara, Quinn (John) Rath and Poe - 16.

The Amendment was therefore declared lost.

The original Motion was then put from the Chair and declared carried.

The Council next proceeded to the appointment of Assistant to Secretary, and it was

Proposed by Mr. Charles A Duffy

Seconded by Mr James Quinn JP and
Resolved. That Mr Joseph J Finegan
be appointed Assistant to Secretary, and that
the Finance Committee be asked to consider
the salary to be allowed him.

The re-appointment and fixing of
salaries of the three Veterinary Inspectors
of the County was next considered, and it was

Proposed by J Callan macardle JP
Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne
"That the matter be referred to the
"Executive Committee under the Contagious Diseases
"Animals (Ireland) Act, for a report, and that
"the Secretary, meantime, write to the Inspectors
"and request them to state, in writing, the
"exact nature of the duties they have to perform"

The question of considering the
appointment of Assistant to County Surveyor,
in room of Mr Slade, resigned, was considered,
and on the recommendation of Mr J J Lynam
it was referred to the Finance Committee -

The accompanying report of the
Finance Committee which was, circulated and
~~printed~~ among the members of the Council, was
next considered and it was

Proposed by Mr Thomas J Byrne
Seconded by Mr William P Cairnes.
That the report of the Finance Committee
be adopted

Amendment moved by Mr Roe,
Seconded by Mr ~~William P Cairnes~~ Joseph
Macardle - "That the original decision arrived
at by the Finance Committee as to Urban contribution
to County at Large Charges be adhered to.

On a division there voted for the

amendment - Messrs Dickson, Hamell B,
Hamel J, Macardle JC Mascoll, Moore J
and Roe - 7

Against the Amendment there
voted - Messrs Byrne P, Byrne TJ, Cairnes,
Callan, Dolan J, Dolan P, Duffy, Fitzgate, Gerrotin,
Johnston, Kinahan, King, Maguire, Mc Ardle JH,
McCarthy, Quin, Shan McCourt, Moore L, Murray,
Neary, O'Meara, Quinn (James) Rath and Segrave
- 24.

The Amendment was therefore
declared lost.

The original motion was then
put from the Chair and declared carried.-

Pursuant to Notice of the 9th ultimo
the Council considered the following Notices
of Motion:-

I hereby give Notice of Motion
that at the next meting of the Council I shall
move that Hill Street, Dalkey Street, Park St,
Earl St, Clanbrassil St, Bridge St, and
Borough Boundary Roads in Dundalk be
declard Main Roads, under the provisions
of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

(Signed) J Callan macardle.

The Notice was by leave withdrawn.

I hereby give Notice of Motion
that I shall move at the next meting of this
Council that the resolution as to the Main Roads
passed the 21st day of May, 1899 be rescinded

(Signed) James P. Kelly

Mr Mc Carthy on behalf of
Mr Kelly withdrew the Motion.-

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I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of this Council I shall move a resolution in regard to the finding of the Royal Commission on the Financial Relations between this Country and England.

(Signed) Patrick Murray.

Proposed by Mr Patrick Murray
Seconded by J Callan Macardle and
Resolved. That in the opinion of this Council the financial relations existing between ~~this Country~~ Great Britain and Ireland are most inequitable, and are in contravention of the treaty of the Union

That a Royal Commission appointed by the Imperial Parliament has found that Ireland has been annually taxed to the extent of nearly three millions sterling in excess of her taxable capacity -

"That as the grievance presses on
"all classes, we call upon the Irish representatives
"in Parliament, of all shades of political
"opinion to make united efforts to secure
"redress for this long endured wrong."

"That we call upon the Electors
"of Ireland to demand the resignation of any
"Irish representative who fail to join in unceasingly
"pressing this question on the attention of Parliament
"until justice is done."

"That a copy of this resolution
"be sent for adoption to every County and District
"Council in Ireland, and that the members for
"Louth be specially asked to report on what they
"have done during the past twelve months regarding

regarding this question"

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of this Council I shall move that the Secretary be instructed to procure and file weekly copies of the several newspapers printed and ~~circulated~~ published in the County of Louth.-

Signed (Joseph Sexsmith)

Proposed by the Rt Hon M Dockson PC
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill and
Resolved. That all newspapers published in Dundalk containing reports of the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be filed by the Secretary.

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meting of this Council I shall move that members of the Council who attend the meetings of the Richmond Lunatic Asylum Board be allowed a reasonable sum towards train fare etc.

(Signed) J. Callan Macardle

Proposed by J Callan Macardle JP.
Seconded by Mr J Dolan
"That those members of the Council who
attend the meetings of the Richmond Lunatic
Asylum Board in Dublin be allowed a reasonable
sum towards train fare etc.

Amendment moved by Wm Tom Haines,
Seconded by Mr John Johnston "That the
question be postponed for six months"

On a division there voted for the
Amendment - Messrs Byrne P, Haines, Dolan J,
Fulgate, Hamel B, Johnston, Kinahan, King,

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Maguire, M Court, Moore J. Moore L. O'Leary, Park, Roe, and Separt - 17

Against the amendment there voted - Messrs Dolan J, Duffy, Hamill J, Macardle J.C. Mascord, McArdle, J.H. McCarthy, Murray, Neary, Quinn, James and Quinn (John) - 11

The amendment was therefore declared carried - Messrs Byrne, J. Farrell, and Dickson declining to vote.-

Proposed by Wm B Hamill
Seconded by Wm John Johnston and
Resolved. That the following be appointed Ex Officio Police Inspectors of Food and Drugs within the rural portions of this County.

Name	Petty Sessions District
Sergeant Matthew Sharpe	Swell and Drumcree
" Charles Reid	Terlingford
" William Nelson	Ardee and Collon
" W. McDonough	Castlebellingham, Dunleer and Louth.-
" Thomas Groves.	Dundalk and Carrickmacross

Proposals for Payments.-
The Council adopted the following Resolution
Proposed by Wm Wm Cairnes,
Seconded by Captain Filgate D.L. and
Resolved. That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 1st day of July, 1899 and set out in Schedule attached hereto, be hereby

approved of.

Contribution towards House of Divine Providence	£	9:15:0
" " High Park Reformatory School	"	3:5:0
St Coleths	Do	12:18:0
St Kevins	Do	3:4:7
St Josephs Industrial School, Dundalk		154:8:4
Baltimore (Fishery)		32:6:9
Danesfort		1:8:10
Ortane		58:7:6
Greenmount		9:14:3
St Annes		2:18:6
Saddleton		3:5:8
St Patricks Industrial School		7:11:6
House of Charity		35:15:0
St Georges		2:11:9
St. Columbas		9:15:0
Cappoquin		2:12:0
House of Charity		39:15:4
St Marthas		2:11:8
St Aloysius		5:3:5
Ortane		23:0:0
Fe Fund Summer 1898		19:12:11
Insurance J J Filgate		13:15:6
John Monypenny for printing		94:13:8
Do	Do	80:18:10
Do	Do	419:6:7
Do	Do	11:2:0
Wm R Rogers Solicitors fees		26:0:7
J J Russell, Election Expenses		633:16:0
T J Lynam Remuneration for extra work		70:5:0
J J Filgate	Do Do	15:0:0
Oswald Hardy	Do Do	15:0:0
J J Filgate	Salary	15:2:9
T J Lynam	Do	33:6:8

J J Lynam	Expenses Clerk of Peace	£4:3:4
James Drumgoole	Salary	6:13:4
John M C Lyons	do	6:13:4
Joseph H Slade	do	6:13:4
J. Russell	do	6:16:0
Judge's Cheq	do	5:0:0
Barristers Cheq		5:0:0
J J Tilgate		0:16:8
Joseph Reilly		0:6:8
Same		0:6:8
Maintenance of County Infirmary		125:0:0
Rt. Richmond Lunatic Asylum		1156:15:10
Sir C Cameron M D		2:10:0
Sydney Billingham	Rent	8:0:0
Eliza J Drabazon	"	10:0:0
Joseph Reilly		10:0:0
J. K Balfour		10:0:0
C V. Cordner		8:0:0
Peter Lawless		8:0:0
H C Tisdall		10:0:0
Same		10:0:0
Annual Revision - Paymaster General		52:10:0
Public Works Lunatic Asylum Buildings		514:5:8
Same St Josephs Industrial School		103:18:0
Patrick Mahon	Printing	4:4:0
Thomas Carpenter	Salary	20:0:0
J J Lynam	do	23:10:0
Barristers Cheq	do	3:0:0
Thomas Carpenter expenses appletting		26:0:0
Public Works Lunatic Asylum Buildings		132:11:1
Annual Revision - Paymaster General		10:0:0
Maintenance of Richmond Asylum		292:1:5
Sub Sheriffs	Salary	5:0:0
Judge's Cheq		1:10:0
Bank of Ireland Fee Fund Summer 1898		2:13:2
Total		4360:7:10

Resolutions.

Proposed by Mr. Stephen Segrave
Seconded by Mr John Johnston and
Resolved. That the declaration made by this Council at their Meeting on the 24th day of May 1899 as to main Roads be now finally adopted"

Proposed by Mr. N. B King
Seconded by Mr J J Byrne and
Resolved. That the question of payment to Contractors for future Contracts be referred to the Proposal Committee for a Report to be submitted at next Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Proposed by Mr. N. B King
Seconded by Mr. W P. Carnes and
Resolved. That there being no tenders for the repair of the County Courthouse the work be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Maxwell
Seconded by Mr. Lawrence Hoare and
Resolved. That the sum of £300 be transferred from the General Account in the Hibernian Bank to the Salaries Account.

Proposed by Mr. James McCarthy
Seconded by Mr Joseph Maxwell and
Resolved. That the Sum of £1751:13:6 being the balance now to the credit of County in the Bank of Ireland, be transferred to the new Treasurer - the Hibernian Bank

Proposed by Mr. Wm P Carnes
Seconded by J K Barton and

Resolved

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Resolved. That the Quarterly Meetings of the County Council be held on the last Thursday of August, November, February and May

Peter Hughes
Chairman.

J J Filgate
Secretary.

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County Council of Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their Second Quarterly Meting held in the Council Chambes of the Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 31st day of August, 1899.

Present: In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq JP.
Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne JP. William J. Carnes, Rt. Hon Jo Dickson PC. Joseph Dolan. Thomas Dolan. Charles a Duffy. William de Salis Filgate DL JP. John Robert Garstin DL JP. Francis Fogarty, Bernard Hamill, John Hamill JP. John Johnston JP. James J. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King, J. Callan Macardle JP.; Joseph Maxwell, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Laurence Moore, Patrick Murray, John b Neary, Richard O'Meara, James Quin JP. John Quin JP. Denis J Rath. Thomas Roe and Stephen Segrave Esquires.-

County Surveyor's Report.

The following is a copy of the County Surveyor's Report:-

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

Two proposals for useful works have been formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, but although these works were advertised no tenders were received. No proposals for works have been formulated by the Drogheda No. 1 Rural District Council. In Dundalk Rural District it is proposed to renew two road maintenance

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County Council of Louth.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 31st. day of August, 1899.

Present: In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq JP;
Other Members:- Patrick Byrne,
Thomas J Byrne JP; William P. Baines, Rt. Hon J. a Bertson PC; Joseph Bolan, Thomas Bolan, Charles a Duffy, William de Salis Filgate DL JP; John Kelton Garstin DL JP. Francis Fogarty, Bernard Hamill, John Hamill JP. John Johnston JP; James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B. King, J. Callan Macardle JP. Joseph Macnevil, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Laurence Moore, Patrick Murray, John L Neary, Richard O'Meara, James Quin JP John Quin JP. Denis J Rath, Thomas Roe and Stephen Segrave Esquires.-

In Compliance with Rule 26 of the Standing Orders, the Secretary reported that he had forwarded to each Member of the Council a printed Copy of the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 20th. day of July, 1899, and after considerable discussion the Council were unanimous in confirming the Minutes.-

County Surveyor's Report.

The following is a copy of the County Surveyor's Report:-

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Two proposals for useful works have been formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, but although these works were advertised no tenders were received. No proposals for works have been formulated by the Dropheda No. 1 Rural District Council. In Dundalk Rural District it is proposed to renew two road maintenance contracts, and two other useful works were advertised but no tenders were received.

It would, I think, be convenient that a list of these proposals should be printed. There are now only six proposals, but at your last meting there were fifty-eight. Whether the number be large or small each member of the Council ought to be fully informed as to the particulars of each proposal. Also as disputes may be expected it is desirable that there should be a record of each tender received for each work. These purposes will be served if you direct that a "Schedule of applications" be printed and circulated previous to each Quarterly meeting of the County Council. The Schedule to be similar to the old Schedule now abolished, with the addition of my reports, and without the "List of old Contracts" renewed, now unnecessary. The Half Yearly Statement under Section 21 of the Procedure of Councils Order ought, I think, to include all contracts in force, including maintenance contracts for a term of years, else the Statement will be of

Cable use.

Payments to Contractors for work done in the quarter ending June 30th last, as approved by the Rural District Councils are now to be considered. On road maintenance Contracts the broken stone for the year (a large part of the years work) is supplied in the second quarter of each year, and I intend, if the Council approve, to certify in future, nearly as follows:- For the work done in the first quarter of the year ending June 30th 1/3 of the contract sum for the year, to be paid about September 1st. Second Quarter Ending September 30th 2/3 to be paid about November 1st. For the third Quarter Ending December 31st 1/1 to be paid about March 1st, the remaining 1/1 of the contract sum for the year to be paid about June 1st. Under these conditions Contractors will be paid more promptly than under the old system.

The Ardee Rural District Council have referred to you a complaint from Mr. Anthony Byrne, of Charleville. Messrs. Byrne and Magee were Contractors for the construction of a new road at Charleville. The contract sum was £470 and the date for completing the work was November 1st, 1895. Byrne and Magee worked together very badly and when I made what ought to have been a final inspection on December 11th last (six months after the Contract time had expired) I found work not done to the value of £110. This £110 ought perhaps to have been stopped, but I gave Byrne and Magee an extension of time to complete the road, and

afterwards gave other extensions. Finally on February 25th last, four days before the Grand Jury met I inspected the road and found work not done to the following value:- One gullet not built £10, one gullet half built and left open £5, thirty perches of fence not made, and other fences badly made and not planted with thorn quicks £10. Binding of new road surface badly done with clay instead of properly with sand £15. Total £40. Consequently £40 was represented in aid of the rates, as may be seen by page 7/1 of the Grand Warrant. (No. 248) Byrne and Magee received their last cheque on (think) February 28th and they knew then that £40 had been stopped, but they did not complain to me. The first complaint from Byrne was dated June 15th last. At last Spring Assizes the Grand Jury presented £58:10:0 in my name to complete the new road and keep it in repair for six months. With my experience it would be foolish to sub-let the second contract to Magee alone. Mr. Byrne's statement that the road was completed last February except work done to the value of £3 is not correct.

(Signed) J. J. Lynam.

On the suggestion of Mr. Gaston, the Council decided not to adopt the County Surveyor's Report in its entirety pending the consideration of Mr. Byrne's application, but on Mr. Byrne's application being decided the report was adopted.-

On the Motion of the Rt. Hon. J. A Dickson P.C, Seconded by Mr. James Quinn JP.

the Council fixed the following dates for the Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposals Committe

Ardee:- Tuesday the 31st. day of October, 1899
Drogheda Thursday the 26th day of October 1899
Dundalk. Monday the 30th day of October 1899
Proposal Committee: Monday the 6th day of November 1899

The Council accepted the Tenders for Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee as set forth in the following Schedules:—

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston JP.
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn JP and
Resolved. That the proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, for which Tenders were accepted and Contracts made at the adjourned Quarterly Meting of said Council, held on the 28th day of August, 1899, and which are set out in the Schedule as hereunder shown, be hereby approved of.

Schedule.

Name of Contractor.	No. of Perches of road to be kept in repair	amount to be expended	From	To.
James Rice	695 Perches road at 3d. per Perch	£8:13:9	1st Oct 1899	31st March 1900
Michael Lynch	1107 Perches road at 4d. per Perch	18:19:0	Do.	Do.

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Tenders accepted by the Council

Proposed by Mr. Wm. P. Cairnes
Seconded by Mr. Wm de Salis Plunkett JP and
Resolved. That the Tender of Mr. John Abraham to rebuild a defending wall on the road from Collon to Kells at Collon Bridge for the sum of £13 be accepted by this Council.-

Proposed by Mr. J. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr. John Johnston JP and
Resolved. That the Tender of Mr. J. H McCann to repair gullet in the Townland of Cornamucklagh in the Dundalk Rural District for the sum of £10 be accepted by this Council.

The Council also accepted Mr. McCanns Tender to repair gullet in the Townland of Drumnullaghs (Dundalk Rural District) for the sum of £12.

Proposed by Mr. Fogarty; Seconded by Mr. Quinn and
Resolved That the tender of Messrs. Ward & Son to supply and fix three new domes in County Court House for the sum of £49 be accepted.

Proposed by Mr. John L Neary
Seconded by Mr. J. J Byrne and
Resolved. That the Contract entered into by the Proposal Committee with Mr. Patrick Rice to paint the outer iron and wood-work of the County Court House for the sum of £38:10:0 be approved by this Council.

On the Motion of Mr. John Hamill
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn it was

Resolved:- That the proposals for payment formulated by the Proposals Committee at their meting held on the 12th day of August, 1899 and set out in Schedule attached hereto be hereby approved of and payments made accordingly.

Schedule.

To whom payable	Matter for which the Proposal is made.	Amount £	s.	d.
T. J Filgate	Quarter's salary as Secty up to 30th June, 1899.	45	8	4
P. J Lynam	do as County Surveyor	100	0	0
Same	do as allowance for Clerk & Office	12	10	0
James Bompole	do as assistant to County Surveyor	20	0	0
J. M. C. Lyons	do do do	20	0	0
J. H. Stede	do do do	20	0	0
J. J. Russell	do as Sub. Sheriff	11	15	0
T. J Filgate	do as Court Keeper	2	10	0
Joseph Reilly	do do Ardee	1	0	0
Same	do do Bridewell	1	0	0
Annie Foster	do Retiring allowance	7	10	0
Hugh Davidson	do do	11	13	4
Sir C Cameron	do County analyst	7	10	0
Patrick Garvey	do Court House, Drogheda	3	6	8
Coroner Bellew	do as Coroner for Dundalk	33	13	0
Coroner Foote	do do Ardee	28	1	8
Coroner Byrne	do do Drogheda	25	4	8
Patrick Mathews	Stationery rs supplied	9	13	8
Contribution towards	St Josephs Indus Sch. Clonmel	3	4	7
do	do Asylum	6	10	0
T. J Filgate	Postage account	3	14	4

To whom payable	Matter for which the Proposal is made.	Amount £	s.	d.
T. J Filgate	Disbursements made in respect of extra clerical work	25	9	0
Same	Typewriting work done for Council	1	15	0
Dundalk Adrty Compy.	Posting Bills &c in County	5	0	0
James Malone	Repairing Ardee Court House	3	15	0

Proposed by Captain Filgate J.P.
Seconded by Mr James Quinn JP and
Resolved. That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th day of August, 1899 and set out in Schedule attached hereto be hereby approved of and payments made accordingly.

Road Contractors.

No 1	Name.	Amount £	s.	d.
114	Patrick McCullagh	58	6	8
114	Same	150	"	"
115	Mathew Flynn	15	"	"
116	Bernard Corbett	4	"	"
131	Laurence Conlon	45	"	"
134	County Surveyor	-	-	-
137	Patrick Farrely	14	15	10
138	Luke Toris	12	"	"
139	Laurence Callan	5	"	"
140	Patrick Jenanty	4	"	"
141	James Toris	3	"	"
142	Patrick Mc Ardle	1	"	"

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Road Contractors - Ardee -

No.	Name	Amount £	s.	d.
143	John Duffy	2	-	-
144	Patrick Nugent	1	-	-
145	Patrick Gernin	1	"	"
146	Laurence Callan	1	"	"
147	Peter Mathews Junr.	10	"	"
148	Owen Pidgeon	3	"	"
149	Lawrence Carroll	3	"	-
160	Thomas Mathews	20	"	"
151	Patrick Nugent	3	"	"
152	John Corcoran Jr.	8	"	"
153	John Mc. Fadden	8	"	"
154	County Surveyor	"	"	"
155	Patrick Reilly	"	"	"
178	James Murphy.	25	"	"
179	John Finegan	2	"	"
180	Same	41	5	-
181	Bernard Carberry	6	"	"
182	Lawrence Mathews.	2	"	"
183	Thomas Brady.	1	"	"
184	Laurence Maguire	5	"	"
185	James Toris Jr.	4	"	"
186	Francis Mc. Cabe	"	10	-
187	James Toris Jr.	3	"	"
199	Thomas Kirk Jr.	6	"	"
382	Patrick Reidy	21	2	-
383	Laurence Maguire	13	4	3
384	James Mullin	8	16	3
385	James Flynn	2	4	10
386	Laurence Conlon	60	"	"
387	Patrick Roe	28	"	"
388	Laurence Callan	14	4	"
389	Thomas McDonnell	14	15	"

Road Contractors. - Ardee -

No.	Name	Amount £	s.	d.
390	Laurence Carroll	9	14	"
1	Peter Starkey	8	0	1
2	Michael Gernin	8	10	"
3	James Martin	4	16	"
4	John Mc. Kenet	3	18	4
5	Patrick Grogan	1	8	9
6	Patrick Corbally	5	9	6
7	Bernard Anderson	2	2	1
8	James Carroll	13	"	"
9	Thomas McDonnell	4	5	10
400	Michael Smyth	5	16	3
1	James Spears	6	"	"
2	James Brien	5	3	4
3	Thomas Mc. Donnell	4	8	6
4	John Hickey	3	16	"
5	John Halligan	1	13	9
6	Patrick Mc. Fadden	22	12	"
7	Richard Kelly	14	12	"
8	John Carberry	10	3	5
9	Patrick Grogan	6	12	"
410	James Mc. Hugh	5	4	4
1	John Finegan	22	10	"
2	Patrick Carberry	3	10	"
3	John Finegan	1	17	3
4	William Callaghan	1	3	6
5	Thomas Jones.	2	"	"
6	Andrew Gallagher	2	5	7
7	Bernard Anderson	2	1	8
8	Patrick Murphy	4	6	8
9	William Callaghan	2	16	2
420	Patrick Connolly.	23	2	4
420A	Patrick Mathews.	2	18	4

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Road Contractors - Ardee -

No	Name	Amount £.	s.	d.
420B	James Cassidy	1	18	"
420C	John Mathews	3	0	8.
420D	Owen Mathews Jr.	14	11	"
420E	Patrick Henry	4	8	4
420F	Thomas Mc. Donald	9	17	7
420G	Patrick Mc. Calleagh	2	16	4

Proposed by J. Callan Macardle JP.
Seconded by Mr. Joseph Muscavell and
Resolved. That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 14th day of August 1899, and set out in the Schedule attached hereto, be hereby approved of, and payments made accordingly

No.	Name	Amount		
206	James Conlon	30	"	"
7	Owen Brennan	50	1	11
8	Edward Donnelly	86	12	6
9	Bernard Lavelle	32	3	10
210	James Lavelle	45	"	"
211	Michael Donnelly	2	"	"
212	John Mc. Kenna	1	"	"
12				
222	Michael Kieran	58	3	9
3	Robert Mc. Neil	23	"	"
4	John Mc. Ardle	1	"	"
250	Thomas Mc. Cann	5	"	"
1	James Brien Junr.	30	6	3
257	Mathew Mc. Bride	1	"	"

Road Contractors - Dundalk. Contd.

No.	Name	Amount £	s	d
258	Owen Rice	6	"	"
9	James Lavelle	4	"	"
260	James O'Neil	1	"	"
1	Hugh Harold	1	"	"
2	Michael Mc. Bride	3	"	"
3	Patrick Carroll	3	"	"
4	Same	2	"	"
5	Mathew Mc. Bride	2	"	"
272	John Long	1	5	"
281	Patrick Markey	4	"	"
5	Mathew Byrne	6	7	4
6	Daniel Morgan	9	"	"
7	Mathew Byrne	5	"	"
8	Patrick Quinn	1	8	1
9	Bernard Connolly	30	"	"
290	Patrick Mathews	3	"	"
291	Thomas Nugent	3	"	"
293	James Mc. Donnell	8	"	"
294	John Finegan	3	"	"
297	Thomas Kirk Jr.	15	"	"
298	James Duffy	2	"	"
299	Patrick Mc. Connon	3	"	"
300	Owen Mathews Jr.	13	12	4
301	Thomas Grimes	2	"	"
302	Patrick Hagee	1	"	"
303	Peter Mc. Gough	1	"	"
421	Henry Kelledy	96	14	11
422	James Harmon	7	9	10
423	Peter Keatty	7	15	"
424	James Lavelle	6	7	6
425	James Rice	6	1	3
426	Bernard Morgan	3	13	9

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Road Contractors - Dundalk Cont.d

No.	Name	Amount £.	S.	d.
427	Henry Kelledy	40	"	"
8	James Conlon	44	10	"
9	James Kennon	5	9	6
430	Mathew Kearney	7	"	"
1	Thomas Marmion	5	2	6
2	Michael Callaghan	4	0	1
3	Owen Mathews	2	15	"
4	Owen Mc Cann	28	8	9
5	Owen McKenna Sen.d	5	4	2
6	Owen McKenna Jun.r	6	7	6
7	John Kelly	5	5	"
8	Arthur Mc Ardle	3	12	"
439	Owen Kennon	12	8	"
441	Michael Lynch	5	10	8
2	William Henry	8	16	10
3	Patrick Lamb	5	8	-
4	Peter Hearty	12	1	8
5	Patrick Mulholland	7	12	9
6	Owen Mc Cann	23	2	6
7	Patrick Hugh McCann	13	19	4
8	John O'Hanlon	11	0	10
9	James Rice	4	6	6
450	James Hanlon	3	4	4
1	Michael Murphy	4	8	4
2	Peter Carroll	14	1	10
3	Terence Boyle	4	19	3
4	Patrick Murphy	3	16	3
5	James Brown	2	2	6
6	James Rice	10	5	"
7	Patrick Carroll	1	13	5
8	Thomas Rice	10	11	8
9	John Donnelly	4	8	11

No.	Name	Amount £.	S.	d.
460	Thomas Mc Cann	5	13	10
1	Patrick Hugh McCann	4	19	2
2	John Owen	3	9	2
3	Peter Carroll	12	17	4
4	James Rice	6	5	"
5	Thomas Rice	5	10	"
6	Patrick Carroll	3	6	3
7	John Rice	2	13	2
8	Patrick Boyle	3	"	"
469 & 450	James Rice	2	2	8
470 & 488	Michael Boyle	9	2	6
471 & 489	Patrick Mathews	3	10	5
472 & 490	Owen Mc Kenna	3	10	11
473 & 492	Henry Mathews	9	11	1
474 & 493	James Henry	5	14	2
475 & 494	James Mc Connon	4	10	3
476 & 495	James Cassidy	2	17	3
477	Henry Mathews	3	16	"
478	Patrick Mc Gahon	6	9	"
479	Patrick Quinn	0	19	6
480	Peter Mc Gough	10	16	3
481	John Mathews	4	6	"
482	Owen Mathews Jun.r	3	2	3
483 & 503	Joseph Conlon	3	6	"
440	Edward Hearty	9	10	6
483A	Patrick Connolly	3	12	8

Proposed by Mr. Ed Duffy
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and
Resolved. That the proposals for Payments
formulated by the Drogheda No. 1 Rural District

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Council at their Quarterly meeting held on the 10th. day of August, 1899, and set out in Schedule attached hereto, be approved of and payments made accordingly

Road Contractors - Drogheda.-

No.	Name	Amount £.	s.	d.
339	John Byrne	44	"	"
316	Thomas McDonaed	4	"	"
323	Same	6	"	"
324	Same	3	"	"
325	James Mc. Donaed	34	"	"
326	John Stafford	16	"	"
327	Peter Byrne	4	"	"
328	Same	4	"	"
329	Nicholas Fitzpatrick	4	"	"
330	Thomas McDonaed	4	"	"
331	Patrick Leech	4	"	"
332	John Stanley	2	"	"
333	Laurence Verdon	1	"	"
334	Patrick Flanagan	1	"	"
335	Same	1	"	"
344	John Byrne	4	"	"
345	Thomas McDonaed	9	"	"
346	Andrew Gallagher	3	"	"
347	Thomas Mc. Donaed	6	"	"
348	John Thornton	3	"	"
349	Laurence Maguire	2	"	"
350	John Connolly	3	"	"
351	Francis McCabe	2	"	"
352	Patrick Kerney	20	"	"
353	John Byrne	3	"	"
354	James Crilly	5	"	"
355	Andrew Gallagher	3	"	"
485	Thomas McDonald	21	5	4

Drogheda Road Contractors. Cont.

No.	Name	Amount £	s.	d.
486	Joseph Connor	3	1	4
487	Philip Mc. Evoy	1	10	"
488	Michael Smyth	-	-	-
484	Same	43	10	"
489	Thomas Commons	18	11	"
490	Patrick Henry	12	2	1
491	Andrew Gallagher	5	0	3
492	Edward Morgan	6	11	8
493	Thomas Mc. Evoy	4	14	8
494	Thomas Brodigan	8	12	6
495	Patrick Flanigan	3	15	10
496	Andrew Gallagher	4	19	6
497	Thomas Kierney	4	12	-
498	Thomas Mc. Donaed	20	2	7
499	Patrick Kerney	11	13	4
500	Patrick McCullough	4	7	5
501	Philip McEvoy	4	6	8
502	Peter Byrne Sent.	3	16	"
503.	Owen Hagerty	3	5	4
504	Alexander Wm Townley	1	4	6
506	Thomas McDonald	13	16	"
506	Patrick McCullough	8	15	"
507	Patrick Murphy	3	10	10
508	Patrick Carberry	3	17	6
509	John McKenna	3	3	4
510	Patrick Byrne	8	2	6
511	William McQuillan	8	14	7
512	James Crilly	3	7	1
512 A	John Finegan	1	8	"
512 B	William Callaghan	0	17	10
512 C	Same	0	18	4

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The Council next considered the Report of the Finance Committee, a printed copy of which was sent to each member of the Council

Proposed by Mr. T. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr Stephen Segrave and
Resolved. That the first paragraph of the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted, subject to an increase of one penny in the £ to Mr. Patrick Noonan, Rate Collector for District No. 5.

The second paragraph of the Committee's Report relating to the Officials Salaries was next considered, and after considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. T. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by the Rt. Hon. J.A. Dobson P.C. Can
Resolved. That the second paragraph in the Report of the Finance Committee relating to the Officials salaries be adopted by this Council

It was then proposed by Mr. Francis Fogarty; Seconded by Mr. James J. Kelly, and

Resolved. That so much of the Report of the Finance Committee as relates to Salaries &c. of the County Officials as from the 1st October, 1899, be adopted, with the addition of £10 per annum for the Court Keeper of Drogheda.

Finally, on the motion of Mr. William J. Cairnes Seconded by Mr. T J Byrne JP. the Council adopted the following resolution:- "That the Report of the Finance Committee as adopted

"this day with reference to the salaries of the "County officials be forwarded to the Local "Government Board for their formal approval."

The following report from the Executive Committee under "The Cattle Diseases Act 1894" was read and approved by the Council.

Gentlemen,

Your Executive Committee under the Cattle Diseases Act met today to consider the applications of Messrs. Nolan, Simcocks and Drummond, the Veterinary Inspectors of this County, for an increase of salary. We have decided on postponing the applications for six months with a view of ascertaining what the increased duties are, and also to find out what action will be taken by the Meath County Council in this matter.

(Signed) John Quin Chairman,
William de Valois Fitzgate, Stephen Segrave,
Joseph Dolan, Thomas Dolan and N.B. King Secretary

The letters received from the Inspectors are as follows:-

Mill House, Ardee

Dear Sir,

In reply to your letter of the 26th having reference to the re-appointing and fixing of the salaries of the Veterinary Inspectors of the County Louth, I beg to state that the duties performed by me as an Inspector are those in connection with the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, which include visiting and reporting on all cases of foot and mouth disease pleuro-pneumonia

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glanders and farcy Sheep scab, Swine fever, rabies, anthrax, parasitic mange, in horses &c.

Sheep Scab, swine fever & rabies are at present the most prevalent, and lately it has been necessary for the Inspector to attend sheep fairs in this district. The parasitic mange in horses Act comes into force this month, and will cause increased work.

I may also state that of the three Inspectors I am the worst paid getting only £50 per year, whilst the others are in receipt of £80. I would therefore ask the Members of the County Council, when fixing my salary, to allow me an increase of £30 as owing to the extra work to be performed I will be under more expense and my present salary was not at any time sufficient to pay for the duties imposed upon me. Another matter I would bring under the notice of the Council is, that up to January last, in all cases of Swine fever I was allowed £1:1:0 and expenses, whilst now I have to visit and report on all reported cases and get no fee.

Trusting that the Members of the Council will give my case a fair consideration.

I am, Dear Sir,

Yours etc

T. J. Nolan M.R.C.V.S.

Copy of Letter from Mr. Simacks.

I beg to inform you that my duties under the Contagious Diseases (Animals)

Act is to visit, on notice from the Police, any reported case of contagious disease, which are very numerable in the County Louth at present I have been appointed as Inspector to the Local Authority since April, 1896. Since then I have had a number of cases of Swine fever, sheep scab, rabies, parasitic mange, etc all of which are included under the Contagious Diseases (Animals) Act, which entails a good deal of my time. My salary at present is £78 per annum paid quarterly.

The cat-hut in the district is very extensive, and on several occasions I have to visit twice and three times, as the Veterinary Department wish information as to the health of animals, especially in cases of Sheep scab.

(Signed) Thos. L. Simacks M.R.C.V.S.

A similar communication to the foregoing was received from Mr. Thomas Drummond V.S.

Letter from the Local Government Board for Ireland dated 29th instant No. 50.360 1899 stating that with reference to the interview which took place between the Local Government Board and a deputation from the Louth County Council on the subject of the Scheme made by the Council for the collection of the poor rate, the Board state that they have again considered the difficulty which has arisen with respect to the remuneration of the two late Ass Collectors — Messrs. Clarkey and Mr. Donnell — who have been continued as poor-rate Collectors under the Scheme, and the Board would suggest that in addition to allowing these two Collectors the proposed poundage rate of

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of 6d. and 4d. respectively, the Council might under Section 115, Sub Section 18 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, agree with the Collectors to pay them compensation for the reduction in the poundage rates proposed to be allowed them.-

The Board add that if the Council and the two Collectors voluntarily agree to some such compensation being paid they will be disposed to approve of the adoption of that course. As the members of the deputation were already informed, no portion of such compensation could however, be recouped out of the Local Government Taxation account.

The foregoing letter was duly considered by the Finance Committee and on their recommendation the Council were unanimous in adhering to the amended Scheme for the collection of rates as already passed by the Council.-

Further letter from same dated 5th instant, No. 314.11 Stating that the Local Government Board observe that in arranging with the several Banking Companies the terms on which they are to act as Treasurers of County Councils, the fact that a low rate of interest is to be charged on overdrafts hereafter allowed on current accounts, has weighed considerably with the Councils, in selecting the Bank to act as Treasurer; and the Board think it right to point out that the Article of the Transitory Provisions Order, under which Councils are now empowered with the sanction of the Local Government

Board to pay interests on over-drafts to meet their expenditure pending the collection of the first rate, only applies to the rate made in 1899, and that after that rate has been collected County Councils will have no power to borrow for any purpose not specified in the application of Enactments Order in Council.

The Local Government Board add that in these circumstances it will be necessary for the County Council hereafter to strike their rates at a sufficiently early period in the financial year to enable each rate to be collected within the half year, otherwise they will find themselves without funds to meet their expenses or to pay the demands of Boards of Guardians or Rural District Councils.

The Secretary intimated that the following Councils unanimously adopted the resolutions passed by this Council re the financial relations between this Country and Great Britain :- South Tipperary Co Council, Delorn Rural District, Killiney Urban District, Swinford Rural District, Templemore Urban Council, Clontarf Urban District, Dungannon Urban District, Blackrock Urban District, Londonderry Urban District, Dungannon Urban District, and Dublin Co Council.-

Letter from Mr. J. M Healy M.P. dated 4th instant, Stating that he was obliged for the South County Councils resolutions and that he could not lay claim to any credit in connection with the subject during the Session beyond a vain effort to bring about a debate in Parliament supported by all sections of Politicians.-

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The following communication from the three Harbour Constables of the County was read by the Secretary :- "We beg to state that we, the Harbour Constables, were heretofore supplied with uniform caps and are now in want of Same. Hoping your honourable Council will give this application your attention

(Signed) H. Chegwin, J. Comiskey, P. Neacy

Proposed by Mr. James Dunn JP.
Seconded by Mr. John Johnston JP and Resolved. That the application of the Harbour Constables - Messrs. Chegwin, Cumiskey and Neacy) for new uniform caps be acceded to and that the Secretary issue an order to Messrs. Fallon & Co to supply same; the name to appear thereon to be "Louth County Council"

Letter from Mr. Thomas Carpenter, late Secretary to the Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, stating that with reference to previous correspondence he should be glad to know what the County Council intend doing as to his position and duties as Clerk to the Urban District Council of Drogheda, the successors to the late Grand Jury to the County of the Town of Drogheda under the Local Government Act 1898

Mr Carpenter, states that the County Council has the matter under Consideration since 21 April last

No order made

The Council next proceeded to select pattern of Official Seal of the Council and it was

Proposed by Mr John Johnston J.P. seconded by J. J. Byrne J.P. and Resolved that the

following members of the Council form a committee and select a pattern seal

Messrs. Garstin Neary, Byrne, Kinahan, Segrave, Dunn, Hamill J. and the Rt. Hon.ble J. A. Dickson

Report of Committee

We recommend that the seal be oval with a shield in the Centre bearing a Combination of the Arms of Drogheda (Crescent under star) and of Dundalk (Three Birds) ~~surmounted~~ surmounted by a Wreath of Shamrock and bearing the above words. The Seal of and below South County Council with the year The seal to be supplied by Messrs. Dollard of Dublin under the direction of Mr Garstin at a Cost not exceeding £5.0.0

Signed on behalf of the Committee
J. A Garstin John. Hamill Patrick Byrne and
J. L. Neary

Proposed by Mr Garstin seconded by Mr Gogarty and Resolved. That the report of the Seal Committee be adopted, sum not to exceed £5.0.0

Payment of Gratuities

Proposed by Mr J. Callan Macardle J. P.
seconded by Mr A. B. King and

Resolved That the gratuities to the retired Officers be paid as soon as possible by an overdraft from the Bank and that the finance Committee make enquiries and hand report to next meeting of Council as to the best means of borrowing money to carry on the business of the County

The Secretary made application for a Cheque for £70.0.0 to enable him to pay the extra staff of Clerks employed by him at Rate Books and Collectors Receipt Books Applications granted

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The next matter considered by the Council was the application of Mr Anthony Byrne for refund of Amount represented by Grand Jury at Spring Assizes 1899 on foot of a contract, referred to Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at last meeting of County Council now returned without any recommendation

The Council after hearing Mr Anthony Byrne and County Surveyor, were advised by Councils Solicitor that they could not legally pay the Amount claimed by Mr Byrne The matter dropped

The Council then Considered the question of Compensation to Mrs Margaret Clinton for loss of land by making of new road at Bromen Junction which was referred to Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at last meeting of County Council The Ardee Rural District Council recommended that £30 0.0 be allowed Mrs Clinton if it could be legally paid

Mr W.R Rogers advised the Council that the proper way to obtain Compensation was by traverse and at the proper time, as Mrs Clinton had not traversed he was of opinion that no compensation could now be granted

The application was now rejected

The Rate books and Collectors warrants were then signed by the Chairman and two Members of the Council and countersigned by the Secretary

The estimate and demand by County Council on Urban Councils of Dundalk and Drogheda were also signed by the Chairman

The details are as follows

On County charges for Dundalk Urban District £1,432 In respect of Union charges £2,594 total £4,026

On County charges for Drogheda Urban District £1,197 Union charges £2,002 and in respect of separate charges £578-10.6 total £3,777-10.6

Resolutions

The following resolution was proposed by Mr J Delaney and seconded by Mr James Moore

That being convinced by the Citizens of Ireland can never enjoy prosperity contentment or freedom under Foreign rule and as the mayority of the Councils of Ireland Urban, Rural and County — have at their first meetings declared for native rule Consequently we feel disappointed and pained to see no declaration in favour of Self Government proposed at the national Councils, whose first meeting was held in Dublin during the present month We must therefore request our delegates to attend no meeting of that body in future and that a Copy of this resolution be sent to the secretary of the National Council and to the other secretaries of every Council in Ireland

On a division there voted for the resolution Messrs Byrne J. Dolan J. Goggerty Hamill B Hamill J Kelly. Kinahan. King. Maguire Maxwell. McCarthy McCourt Moore J Moore L. Murray Neary O'Meara Quinn James and Ruth 19

Against the Resolution there voted Byrne J.J. Cairnes. Dickson. Dolan J. Filgate. Garston Johnston. Macardle. Quinn Roe and Segrave 11

The resolution was therefore carried by 19 votes to 11

The original motion was then put from the Chair and adopted by the same majority

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Proposed by Mr John Hamill seconded by Mr James McCarthy

That the present Government be called upon to pass an Act which shall give town fixity of tenure. fair rents and Compensation for improvements

On a division the Council adopted Messrs Hamill and McCarthys motion by 25 votes to 4

Proposed by Mr Thomas F Byrne seconded by Mr John Johnston and

Resolved That the Rate Collectors be required to close their collections on or before the next Quarterly meeting

Proposed by Mr J J Byrne J P seconded by Captain Filgate D L

That the proposals for payment on foot of Contracts in the names of the late Patrick Lamb and Patrick Mulholland be paid to Bernard Lamb and Michael Lynch respectively they being securities for said deceased Contractors

Proposed by Mr J J Byrne J P seconded by Captain Filgate D L

That the proposal for payment on foot of Contracts in the name of the late Michael Smyth be paid to Thomas Cummins on letters of Administration being produced to the secretary

Ordered

That the sum of £3-6-0 Amount of payment proposed in the name of Joseph Conlon formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council be paid to James Conlon of Mills of South. Co. Louth on his indemnifying the secretary of the County Council against any claim to said sum by the said Joseph Conlon

Proposed by Mr Byrne seconded by Mr Dunne and

Resolved That the report of the Finance Committee be issued three days before the meeting of the County Council instead of seven days as heretofore

Proposed by J J Byrne seconded by Mr John Dunne J P and

Resolved That the Finance Committee be hereby authorised to pay small expenses, not exceeding £5-0-0 incurred by the Executive committee under the Diseases of Animas Act

Proposed by Mr Garstin seconded by Mr J J Byrne and

Resolved That previous to each Quarterly meeting of the Council a Schedule of applications be printed by the Secretary similiar to the Grand Jury Schedule, with the addition of the County Surveyor's Reports and applications, and without the list of old Contracts renewed

Proposed by Mr R B King seconded by Mr Francis Fogarty and

Resolved That the half yearly statement of Work to be printed contain the particulars relating to contracts formerly contained in the Grand Warrant

Notices of Motion

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that the Secretary be instructed to Authorise the Hebernian Bank, Drogheda, to transfer the balance at Credit of the County of the Town of Drogheda to the Credit of the Drogheda Urban District

Signed Thomas A Dickson

I hereby give notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that all road Contracts of three miles and over be

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Divided in order that labouring men and
small land holders be enabled to tender

Signed Patrick Byrne

The next Quarterly meeting of the County
Council will be held on Thursday the 30th
November 1899 at 11 oclock A M

~~Signed J F Filgate~~
~~Secretary to Louth County Council~~

Peter Hughes.
Chairman
J F Filgate
Secretary.

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Minutes of the proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House Dundalk on Thursday the 30th day of November 1899

Present in the Chair: P. Hughes Esq. J.P.

Other members Patrick Byrne, Thos J Byrne J.P.. Wm P Cairnes, Patrick Callan, Henry J Daly J.P. Right Hon T.A Dickson P.C. Joseph Dolan, Thos Dolan Chas A Duffy, Wm De Salis Filgate D.L. J.P. John Robert Garstin D.L. Francis Gogarty, Bernd Hamill John Hamill J.P. John Johnston J.P. James P Kelly Thos Kinahan, N.B. King, Callan Macardle J.P. Joseph Maxwell, Jos H McArdle, James McCarthy James McCourt, John C Neary, Michael O'Meara James Quinn J.P. John Quinn J.P. Denis J Rath Thos Roe, & Stephen Segrave Esqrs.

The minutes of the previous meeting were read & signed

The Council next considered the County Surveyor's Report which was read to them as follows:

"Mr Chairman and Gentlemen: Details of the Proposals formulated by the Rural District Councils and by the Proposals Committee are described in the accompanying Schedule and Reports.

Since your last meeting the Contractor for an important road (Knockbridge to Louth) left this County & went to America, and in a short time his road was found to be in very bad ~~condition~~ order. Formerly I dealt with such cases under the 54th section of Grand Jury Act. I served the contractor with a notice to put his road in repair, and if he neglected to do so within ten days he forfeited all claim to payment

"I then caused the road to be repaired by hired labour or by subcontract using for the purpose money otherwise payable to the Contractor. Under the above section 54 as re-enacted, the powers of the County Surveyor are transferred to the County Council under the new Act. It is not for the County Surveyor, but for the County Council on the Report of the County Surveyor to take proceedings by serving notice etc, as above described, and without such procedure there is no legal power to use a defaulting contractor's money for the purpose of repairing his road

In the above case, the contractor's sureties are willing to repair the road for the unexpired term of eighteen months provided they could draw the money payable. But as no proceedings have been taken under the above-mentioned section, this is not possible so long as the road is kept in proper repair, no matter who does the work the contractor is entitled to be paid in full. Naturally the sureties are not willing to work for eighteen months without pay for the benefit of the contractor who is in America.

"This bad state of things cannot now be avoided unless the County Council take the proper legal procedure which requires that one or perhaps two special meetings of the Council should be held to deal with each case of neglect. As regards the future, it is perhaps possible that the County Council may find some method of dealing with such cases in a more convenient manner.

"The Road from Louth to Rathbrist is also in bad order.

I am gentlemen, your obedient Servant

P.J Lynam

On the motion of Mr J J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr. N.B King, the Council fixed the following dates of the Rural District Councils and Proposals Committee

Ardee, Tuesday the 16th. January 1900
Drogheda, Thursday 11th. January 1900
Dundalk. Monday 8th. January 1900
Proposal Committee, on Monday the 12th February 1900

The Council considered the following tenders for works not set by contract at adjourned meetings of the Rural District Council and Proposal Committee

No1. To widen, lower, and fence 130 perches of the road from Dundalk to Crossmaglen, between the Castleblaney Road at Annaracky and James Walshe's house at Sheelagh Church; cost not to exceed £300

There were five tenders received for this work, the particulars of which are as follows

Patrick McArdle	Drumgoose	£279. 0.0
Thomas Finn,	Sheelagh	£292 0.0
Bernard Lavelle.	Kilcurley	293. 16. 8
Francis Murtagh	Sheelagh	294 14 0
J McDonald	Tavanamore	295. 0.0

The tender of Mr Patrick McArdle, Drumgoose for £279 being the lowest, was accepted by the Council.

The Council next considered tenders for providing new w.c apparatus with pipes, traps, ventilator &c also a new window sash with some painting & papering in Ardee Court House. The tenders received were as follows

Mr. Anthony Gaskin	Dundalk	£24 10.4
Mr. Arthur Murphy	Drogheda	24 0.0

The Council accepted Mr Murphys tender

The tender of Messrs Murdock & Sons, for supplying coal to Drogheda Court House from 1st Dec. 1899 to 31st March 1900, was also accepted by the Council at 20/- per ton

Resolutions approving of the Lists of Proposals formulated by the Rural Districts Council and Proposals Committee were passed by the Council except the following: No6. Dundalk Rural:

To make a gullet at John Larkin's house at Crossalany, on the road from Bush to Greenore; the Council considered this work unnecessary, and consequently rejected it. No5. in the same Rural District, to repair St Johns Bridge over the Castletown river, was left in the hands of the County Surveyor

Reports of Meetings of Committee and Confirmation of same.

Each member of the Council was furnished with a copy of a Schedule of Proposals, Reports of Committees, etc etc., which were adopted by the Council except in the following particulars that the time for closing of the collection of rates was extended by resolution of the Council from the 16th December, 1899, to 31st January 1900.

The Report of the Standing Orders Committee was altered by the following resolutions:

Proposed by Mr Francis Gogarty, seconded by Denis Rath, and -

Resolved: That rule 17 shall read "that all meetings of the Council with the exception of the May Quarterly Meeting (which shall be held in Drogheda) shall be held in the Court House, Dundalk, unless it be otherwise provided by a resolution of the Council"

Amendment moved by Mr McArdle J.P. Seconded

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by Mr Cairnes "that all meetings of the Council be held in Dundalk"

On a division there voted for the amendment Messrs Byrne (J.J). Cairnes, Filgate, King, McArdle, T C Macardle, J.P., Quinn (James), and Roe (8)

Against the amendment there voted:
Messrs Byrne, P., Callan Daly, Dickson Dolan, Dolan J., Garstin, Gogarty, Hamill B. Hamill, Johnstone, Kelly. Maxwell, McCarthy, McCourt Neary, O'Meara, Quin (John) Rath & Segrave (20)

The original motion was the put from the Chair and declared carried by the same majority.

2nd Resolution re Standing Orders:
Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan, seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara and.

Resolved: That Standing Order LXXXII. be changed and made to read as follows:
"No Standing Order shall be suspended without the consent of the majority of the members present which must be at least half of the whole Council

Correspondence

Letter from Local Government Board, dated 14th inst., No 55,433, 1899, enclosing sealed order extending the time for the closing of the Collection of Rates in Louth County for the half year ending 30th September, until the 16th December 1899.

The following communication resolutions was the read, which was signed by the eight Collectors of the County:

"We, the undersigned Poor Rate Collectors, beg to ask for an extension until the next Quarterly Meeting of your Council, in consequence of the short time which has elapsed since the books were placed in our hands viz: six weeks, a wholly insufficient time to

us getting through our respective divisions with our Demand Notes; under the Poor Law Board the time allowed us was six months.

Signed P. J Smyth
Charles McCann
Patrick McDonnell
Peter McDonnell
John Woods
Patrick Mefullagh
Patrick Cluskey
Patrick Moonan

Proposed by T. Callan Macardle J.P., seconded by Mr James McCarthy and

Resolved: "That the Local Government Board be requested to vary their order giving the eight Collectors of this County a further extension of time until the 31st January next"

Letter from Local Government Board, dated 20th inst, No 63.672: 1899-mis. transmitting for the information of the Council a copy of a notice which has been issued by the Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury, in pursuance of the Public Works Loans Act 1897 (60 & 61 Vict., cap 51.).

(Copy)

The Lords Commissioners of Her Majesty's Treasury hereby give notice that in pursuance of the powers conferred upon them by the Public Works Loans Act 1897 (60 and 61 Vict., cap 51. sec 1) they have been pleased to direct by their Minute of the 2nd November, 1899, that on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund on security of local rates subsequently to the date of that Minute there shall be chargeable in lieu of the rates of interest fixed by their Minute of 7th August 1897, the following rates of interest. viz:

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Periods of Repayment.	Rate of Interest
Not exceeding 30 years.	3 per cent per annum
Not exceeding 40 years	3¼ " " " "
Not exceeding 50 "	3½ " " " "

Letter from the Manager of Hibernian Bank. (Dundalk Branch), stating, in reply to the Secretary's letter that in the event of the Council raising a loan for a period of 5 years, the rate of interest, would be 4 per and for a period of 10 years 5 per cent.

Letter read from Mr Bernard Wallace of Readypenny, dated 30th ult, requesting the Councils permission to make good and put some little planting at the corner of the roads opposite his house at Readypenny.

Referred to the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council

Letter read from the Resident Medical Superintendent Richmond District Asylum, dated September 27th, stating that at the meeting of the Dublin County Council, held on the 17th August last, the following resolution was passed: "That the Asylum Board be requested to appoint a committee to confer with a committee of this Council as to the best means of providing accommodation for harmless lunatics in all workhouses in the country."

The letter further requests that the Council appoint a committee to meet the representatives of Dublin and Wicklow Counties for the purpose of discussing the matter referred to. The Council appointed the same committee as represents them on the Richmond District Asylum.

Letter from Clerk of the Dundalk Rural District Council, dated 18th inst; stating that his Council had given permission to Mr Peter Hanlon

of Carlingford, to erect a weigh bridge at Market-Square, Carlingford, at a rent of 10/- a year, subject to any conditions the County Council or their Surveyor may deem necessary.

Letter from Clerk of the Drogheda Rural District Council, dated 25th inst. enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by that body on the 28th September last. - The resolution reads as follows: "That we respectfully request the Local Government Board to change the name of No 1 District Council of Drogheda Union to Louth District Council of Drogheda Union.

Proposed by Mr James McCarthy, seconded by Mr Francis Gogarty and unanimously

Resolved: "That No 1 District Council of Drogheda Union be hereafter known as Louth District Council of Drogheda Union"

Further letter from the Clerk of the Drogheda Rural District Council calling attention to the necessity of having a light placed on the Pier at Clogher Head, which he states is an absolute necessity for the fishermen living in that locality, and a guide to those having charge of vessels entering the Harbour

Proposed by Mr Denis J Rath, seconded by Mr Nicholas B King and:-

Resolved: "That the County Surveyor be directed to set up a light of cheap description on Clogher Head Pier, and that the Harbour Dues now to the credit of the Clogher Head Pier account be placed at the County Surveyor's disposal for this purpose, the light to continue during the four winter months of the year."

Letter from the Hon. Secretaries Evicted Tenants Restoration Fund, dated 21st inst enclosing for the consideration of the Louth County Council

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the appeal which they are issuing on behalf of the Evicted Tenants. They also draw the attention of the Council to the following Resolution passed by the Wexford County Council on Monday the 13th instant. The resolution reads as follows:- That we beg to draw the attention of members of the County Councils in Ireland to the attempt now being made by the Evicted Tenants Restoration Committee under the direction of his Eminence Cardinal Logue and Lord Plunket to make a final settlement of this problem. The circular has our full approval, and the County Wexford convention, which consisted of delegates from every public body in the county, summoned for the purpose of considering the case of the Evicted Tenants, has passed resolutions also approving of the means and policy adopted by the new committee, a County committee in Wexford, consisting of four members from each County Board and Urban Council and Board of Guardians, has been appointed to co-operate with the Dublin committee, and to collect funds, and we earnestly suggest that the members of all County Councils in Ireland who wish to see a pacific and satisfactory settlement brought about will take steps to aid in what seems to us the most hopeful solution of the problem

The letter further adds that they hope to have the co-operation of this Council in their efforts for the help of the Evicted Tenants and suggest that some similar action on the part of this Council may be possible.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan, seconded by T Callan Macardle J.P and

Resolved: "That the Evicted Tenants Restoration Fund of which his Eminence Cardinal Logue and Lord Plunket are Chairman and Vice-Chairman, respectively, meet with the approval of this Council, and that a committee be appointed to assist the general committee, consisting of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Messrs William De Salis Filgate D.L., T Callan Macardle. J.P., James McCarthy. N.B King, Stephen Segrave, Joseph Dolan, and Patrick Callan, and that a collection be organised in support of the movement."

The following resolution was passed by the Council:

Proposed by T J Byrne, J.P, seconded by James McCourt and

Resolved: That the Secretary of the late Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda, Mr Thomas Carpenter, get notice to retire by the 31st March 1900, and that Mr Carpenter be granted such compensation as he is entitled to under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898."

Mr James M'Carthy formally dissented to this resolution -

Appointment of Extra Clerical Staff

The Council received applications from the following persons for the filling up of the Rate Books, applotting, etc for the half year ending 31st March 1900.

Messrs Daniel Murray, Joseph Loudon, Patrick Faughey, Patk Callan, James McCarthy and William Russell.

Proposed by Mr. J H McArdle, seconded by James McCourt and

Resolved: That Messrs McCarthy, Callan & Faughey be appointed as extra Clerks to carry out the work connected with the applotting and Demand Notes for the half year to the 31st March 1900, at the former rate of remuneration.

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With regard to the re-arranging of Gale Days for Rents of Petty Sessions Houses, the Council referred the matter to the Finance Committee.

Pursuant to Notice, Mr James P Kelly moved and Mr James McCourt seconded that the Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons be adopted in regard to all contracts entered into by the Council".

The following series of resolutions were passed by the Council:

Proposed by Wm De Salis Filgate D.L. J.P., seconded by Mr John Quinn J.P. and

Resolved: "That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on the 31st October 1899, and set out in Form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of."

Proposed by Mr Denis J Rath, seconded by Mr James McCarthy, and

Resolved: That the proposals for payments formulated by the South District Council of Drogheda Union, at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th October 1899, and set out in form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of."

Proposed by Mr N B King, seconded by Mr James Quinn J.P. and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting held on the 30th Oct 1899, and set out in Form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of."

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr John Johnston and

Resolved: "That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting, held on the 13th day of November 1899, and set out in Form 11 now laid before the Council be hereby approved of."

Proposed by Wm De Salis Filgate D.L. J.P., seconded by Mr John Quinn J.P. and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting, held on the 31st day of October 1899, and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of."

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr James Quinn J.P. and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their 3rd Quarterly Meeting, and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of on the condition that item No 6 for the construction of a gullet opposite Larkin's house be rejected."

Proposed by Mr John Johnston J.P. seconded by Mr N B King and.

Resolved: "That all payments due to Owen Matthews (Jun)., at this Quarterly Meeting be deferred pending the repayment of a sum of £16. 13. 1 which was by error overpaid him after last Quarterly Meeting."

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr William P. Cairnes and

Resolved: That the paragraph in the Report of the Finance Committee re, Collectors Bonds

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be approved by this Council

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne, J.P., seconded by Mr. William P. Cairnes and

Resolved: That paragraph 2 in the Report of the Finance Committee relating to Collectors Gratuities be adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr. J R Garstin D.L. and

Resolved: That paragraph 3 relating to an additional grant of £200 to the South County Infirmary for the purpose of paying off a debt of £340 to the Bank of Ireland be granted by this Council (for this year only)

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr. William P Cairnes and

Resolved: That the paragraph in the Report of the Finance Committee relating to work left in the hands of the County Surveyor, and the mode of paying labourers employed by him be adopted by this Council."

Proposed by Henry J Daly J.P., seconded by Mr J P Kelly and

Resolved: That paragraph 5 in the Report of the Finance Committee recommending the appointment of a Roads Committee for the purpose of carrying out repairs to such roads as are neglected by Contractors be adopted by this Council."

On the motion then of Mr McCarthy, seconded by Mr Francis Gogarty, it was resolved that the following gentlemen constitute the Roads' Committee: Messrs R B King, J H McArdle, Joseph Dolan, Bernard Hamill, Joseph Maxwell & John C Neary

Proposed by Mr. John R Garstin D.L. J.P., seconded by Mr. William P. Cairnes, and

Resolved: "That the New Seal now laid on the table, and of which an impression is annexed, be adopted as the Seal of the South County Council"

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr James McCourt and.

Resolved: "That as regards roads Nos 300 and 204-317 for which Owen Matthews (jun) is contractor, if the contractor neglects to put the road into proper order within ten days after he shall be required to do so, we hereby authorise the County Surveyor to cause the road to be repaired, the cost of such repairs being deducted and paid out of the sums which would be payable to the Contractor if the roads had been kept in good order in accordance with the Act 6 and 7 Wm 4. cap 116, section 54"

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill, seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan and

Resolved: That it appears to this Council, on the Report of the County Surveyor, that the roads below mentioned are not in proper repair, and we direct the County Surveyor, on our behalf, to require the Contractor to put the same in repair in accordance with the Act 6 and 7 Wm IV., cap 116 section 54"

Roads referred to:

No 300 Owen Matthews jun, 817 perches Dundalk to Kingscourt

No 204-317 Owen Matthews 556 perches Castleblaney to Ardee.

Proposed by Mr Johnston J.P., seconded by Mr T J Byrne J.P., and

Resolved: That Mr Rogers be instructed to obtain Counsel's opinion on the matter of damage

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done to public roads by traction engines."

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by Mr I R Garstin D.L. J.P., and

Resolved: That a committee be appointed to attend the Local Government Inquiry, to be held on the 5th. December next, and that the following members of the Council constitute the same: Messrs Segrave, Garstin, Byrne, King, O'Meara, Dolan T., Johnston and the Chairman."

Notice of Motion

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next meeting of this Council I shall move that the County Surveyor be instructed to add to his specification for every road maintenance contract the following clause, viz:. In case it shall appear to the County Surveyor at any time during the continuance of this contract that the road is not in proper repair he shall require the contractor to put the same in repair, and if the contractor shall neglect to do so within ten days after he shall have been so required, the Roads Committee may on a report from the County Surveyor, direct the County Surveyor to cause the road to be repaired and the expenses of such repairs shall be deducted and paid out of the sum which would be payable to the contractor if the road had been kept in proper repair

(Signed) Nicholas B King

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P., seconded by William De Salis Fitzgate D.L. and,

Resolved: That the amounts as set-out hereunder be refunded to each Collector being half the amount of discount allowed by the Equitable Assurance Coy on Collectors Bonds, and half the amount of premium, as per Resolution of the County Council

Patrick J Smyth	£ 1.11.1
Patrick Cluskey	1.17.11
Peter McDonnell	1.14.6
John Woods	1.11.0
Patrick Moonan	2.4.10
Patrick McDonnell	1.14.6
Patrick McCullough	2.1.5
Charles E McCann	1.0.9
Total	£13.16.0

Proposed by Mr T J Byrne J.P. seconded by T C Macardle, and

Resolved: That the Secretary be authorised to have two additional wings added to the table in the Grand Jury Room, and that the County Surveyor be requested to Superintend the carrying out of this work

The next quarterly Meeting of the County Council will be held on Thursday the 22nd day of February, 1900.

Peter Hughes
Chairman

J J Fitzgate
Secretary

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Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a special Meeting held on Saturday the 13th day of January 1900.

Present:

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq J.P.

Other Members:- Tom P. Carnies. Rt. Hon. J. A Dickson P.C. Patrick Donegan. Charles A Duffy. Tom de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P. Bernard Hamill J.P. John Hamill, John Johnston J.P. Thomas Kinahan, J. Callan Macardle J.P. Joseph Maxwell, Joseph H. McArdle, James McCourt, James Moore, John L Neary, Michael O Meara, and Thomas Roe Esquires.

The Secretary having read the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee of the 1st instant in which were Embodied the following recommendations:- That the collection of rates levied in respect of the half-year Ended 30th September should proceed until the 31st January next; also that the Supplemental Estimates of Rates for the half-year Ending 31st March 1900 as submitted by the Secretary and which Entailed an additional 3d in the £ all round to meet the current expenditure of the year should be adopted by the Council.

With regard to the second recommendation of the Finance Committee an amendment was moved by Mr. Thomas Kinahan Seconded by Dr. James McCourt to the effect

that the poundage rate remain the same as in the previous half-year. On a division the amendment was defeated. The original resolution was then put from the Chair which Embodied the recommendation of the Finance Committee but that also was defeated.

The Meeting of the Council then terminated without transacting any business. Before leaving the Chair the Chairman authorised the Secretary to summon another meeting of the Council for Thursday the 18th instant at 11 o'clock a.m.

Peter Hughes
Chairman.

T T Filgate
Secretary.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a special Meeting held on Thursday the 18th day of January 1900.

Present.

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq J.P.

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, William P. Carnes, Rt. Hon J.a Dickson P.C. Thomas Bolan, Charles a Duffy, Wm de Salis Filgate, Esq J.P. Bernard Hamill J.P. John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Joseph H McArdle, James McCarthy, James McCourt, John L Neary, Michael O'Meara, Denis J Rath Thomas Roe and Stephen Segrave Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the following Statement shewing the additional County-at-Large charges for the half year ending the 31st March 1900. The Finance Committee having gone fully into this Statement recommended its adoption by the Council

Statment.

Veterinary Inspectors salaries	£164
Registration Expenses (Clerks of Unions)	" 293
Extra amount to be paid Secty,	
County Surveyor & extra Staff off rates	240
Grant to County Infirmary	" 200
Postage and incidental expenses	20
Extra printing	" 300
Carried forward	1217

Brought forward	£1217
Registration and jurors Expenses	" 250
Retired Collectors Gratuities	1017
Total	£2484

Of this £2484 the Urban Districts pay the following portions

Dundalk	£153.
Drogheda	" 247
Total	£400

The Rural Districts pay the remainder

The amount to be raised off Land is £1696
Do. Do. Buildings 404
£2100

To meet this additional expense it will mean an extra 3d. in the £ on land and the same on buildings

The Urban District of Drogheda on Canal £3777:10:6
Do. Do. Dundalk. " " 4026:0:0
" 7803:10:6

Proposed by Wm. John Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Wm. J. H McArdle
"That the Secretary's Estimate for the "Rate for the half-year ending 31st of March "be confirmed with the exception of a deduction "of 2¼d. in the £ on the old Barony of "Lower Dundalk for Carlingford Harbour."

Amendment. moved by Wm. Bernard Hamill
Seconded by Do. James McCourt
"That the rate for coming half-year be the same poundage as last half-year

On a division there voted for the amendment Mess.rs:- Byrne P. Hamill B.

Kelly P. Kmahan J. Mc Arde J.H. Mc Court J. Neary and O'Meara - (8)

Against the amendment there voted Messrs. Cairnes, Dickson, Dolan, Duffy, Fulgate, Johnston, Roth, Roe and Segrave - (9)

The Amendment was therefor declared lost.

The original motion was then put from the Chair and carried by 11 votes to 5. The Members who voted for the original motion were Messrs.: Byrne J. Cairnes, Dickson Dolan J. Duffy, Filgate, Johnston, O'Meara, Roth, Roe and Segrave (11)

against:- Messrs Hamill B. Kaly, Kmahan, McCourt & Neary - 5.

The Secretary read the following Telegram from the Local Government Board and on the recommendation of the Finance Committee the Council were unanimous in extending the time for the existing half-yearly collection of rates until the 31st January 1900.

The Telegram reads as follows:- "No extension of time for closing collection of second half-year's rate can be given, and if this rate is not fully collected by 31st March County Council will be short of funds, and can obtain no overdrafts from their

Treasurer unless therefore the Council are prepared to undertake or prepared to undertake that all the rates for the second half-year are collected by the 31st March Local Government Board cannot agree to extension of time proposed for collection of rates for first half-year

If the Council desire it the Local Government Board will be prepared to agree to the Collectors receiving poundage fees on rates lodged up to 10th instant or alternatively to their being paid fees on the arrears carried forward this half-year and subsequently collected.

The new rate books and Collectors books demands &c. can be written up leaving arrears and total Column blank and the rate struck by the middle of the month.

The Secretary read the following Communications from Mr. P. J. Smyth resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 1 Collecting area of the County.

Seatown Place, Dundalk
11th January, 1900.

Dear Sir,

I beg to enclose my resignation of the office of Poor Rate Collector which you will be good enough to place before your Council at their Meeting to be held on Saturday next the 13th instant

Signed P. J. Smyth

The letter reads as follows:-

Gentlemen. Having closed my collection

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and lodged my books with your Secretary the end of December as directed by the Local Government Board I now beg to resign my appointment as Poor Rate Collector.

I need scarcely point out the time allowed for the 1/2 yearly collections is wholly insufficient, and not what was allowed by the Order in Council governing the appointment of Poor Rate Collectors

Yours &c. P. J Smyth.

The Council accepted Mr. Smyths resignation

The following resolution was then passed

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill
Seconded by Mr. Wm P. Cairnes and
Resolved. That we advertise for Rate Collector for No. 1 collection area to take the place of Mr. Smyth at same remuneration and on same conditions

Letter from Irish National Foresters' Benefit Society dated 13th instant stating that the Committee of management beg to apply for that portion of County Councils property on Lease as may be agreed upon which has a frontage in Crowe Street and in close proximity to the County Court House for the purpose of erecting a Hall to suit the requirements of their society

The letter was referred to the Proposals Committee

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 15th inst No 2080 : 1900. acknowledging the receipt of the Secretarys letter relative to the change of name of the Drogheda No1 Rural District Council, and stating in reply that Article 14 of the Schedule to the Local Government. (application of Enactments) Order 1898 provides that any District Council may with the sanction of the County Council change their name and the name of their district—

The Board further state that they have noted the change of name of the Rural District Council of Drogheda No1 to Louth, and they would suggest that the words "of Drogheda Union" after Louth District Council might with convenience be omitted from the name.

The Council considered the suggestion of the Local Government Board and decided that the omission of the words "of Drogheda Union" would lead to complications in the Postal arrangements. The Council shall therefore be hereafter known as "Louth District Council of Drogheda Union"

The following series of Resolutions were then passed by the Council

Proposed by Mr. Wm P. Cairnes
Seconded by the Rt Hon T. H. Dickson P.C. and
Resolved — That the Secretary be directed to proceed at once with the preparation of the new demand notes and arrange to have them ready for the Collectors by the 10th February next, and that a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman Mr. Roe and Mr. C A Duffy to appoint such an additional extra Clerical Staff as will enable the Secretary to have the Collectors Books ready by the date above mentioned

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Proposed by Mr. John L Neary
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and
Resolved: That a Committee be appointed to wait on His Eminence Cardinal Logue for the purpose of naming a day for a collection in aid of the Evicted Tenants Restoration Fund at the Churches in his Dioscese; the Committee to consist of the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, T.C Macardle Esq. John L Neary and James McCarthy Esqrs.

Resolution

The following from the Revd P. Finegan C.C was read and approved of by the Council in view of the great evil that has resulted from the employment of Children of tender years as messengers for intoxicating drinks, calls attention to the fact that twenty out of the twenty-four Members of the recent Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws recommend that no child under sixteen years of age should be served with any intoxicating liquor, for consumption either on or off the premises

"The Meeting, therefore, urges upon the Government the importance of dealing with this question in the next session of Parliament, and calls upon all Irish Members to support the recommendation"

Peter Hughes
Chairman

T T Filgate
Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a Special meeting held on Monday 29th day of January 1900.

Present.

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq J.P..

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, Thos J Byrne J.P. William P Cairnes, Patrick Callan, Henry J Daly J.P, R.t Hon T.A Dickson P.C, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Chas A. Duffy, Wm de Salis Filgate D.L J.P.; Bernard Hamill, John Hamill J.P, John Johnston J.P. Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H McArdle, James McCourt. James Moore Patrick Murray, John Levins Neary, Michael O'Meara, James Quinn J.P. John Quin, J.P., Denis J Rath and Stephen Segrave Esquires. —

Appointment of Poor Rate Collector

The Council proceeded to the election of a Poor Rate Collector for the No 1 Collecting District of the County in room of Mr. P J Smyth resigned. — There were four applicants for the appointment - viz - Messrs Patrick Hughes, Park St Dundalk, Michael F. O'Neill, St Helens Quay Michael P Rice, Flurry Bridge and A McMahon Dundalk

The Chairman read the applications of the four candidates and the voting resulted as follows: —

For Hughes:- Messrs P Byrne, J J Byrne, Callan, Dickson, Dolan, Donegan, Filgate, Hamill, Hughes, Kinahan, King, Maguire, McArdle, McCourt, Moore, Murray, Neary, Quinn (Jas) Quin (John) Rath and Segrave — 21

For O'Neill:- Messrs Cairnes, Duffy Hamill John,

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and Johnston - (4)

For Rice — O'Meara (1)
For McMahon Daly H J (1)

The Chairman then declared that Mr Patrick Hughes of Park St Dundalk was duly elected Collector of No 1 Collecting District in the Dundalk Rural District

Proposed by Mr Stephen Segrave
Seconded by Mr Patrick Byrne and
Resolved — That Mr. Patrick Hughes of Park St, Dundalk be elected Poor Rate Collector for No 1 Collection area of the County and that his remuneration and the conditions of his appointment be the same as the late Collector - Mr. P. J. Smyth -

~~Proposed by Mr Stephen Segrave~~
~~Seconded by Mr. Patk Byrne~~
~~Resolved~~ -
Peter Hughes
Chairman

T J Fitzgerald Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a special meeting held on Monday the 12th day of February 1900

Present

In the Chair:- Thomas J Byrne Esq J.P.
John Johnston J.P. Thomas Roe, Joseph H. McArdle, Chas A Duffy, Francis Gogarty, Bernard Hamill, James Moore, John Hamill, Wm de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P. and Henry J Daly J.P. Esquires.

The Secretary submitted the Rate Books and Collectors Warrants and Demand Notes for the half-year ending 31st March 1900, which were duly signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council present. They were also sealed by the seal of the Council.

Correspondence.

Letter from the Gt Northn Rly Coy, dated the 24th Ultimo stating that in consequence of the death of Mr. S Mosher Roberts it will be necessary to appoint an arbitrator to examine the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts, They state that under Section 18 sub section 5 of the Great Northern Railway Ireland Act 1892 the County Authority and the Great Northern Company are jointly empowered to appoint an arbitrator, and that in default of such joint appointment the Board of Trade upon request shall appoint some person to act as such Arbitrator - The letter further states that the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company will be glad to hear from the Louth County Council respecting this appointment

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Letter from Lt. Col O'Hara dated 30th ultimo stating that by the death of Mr. S. Ussher Roberts a vacancy has been created in the office of Arbitrator to examine the Accounts of the Ardee Branch Railway and offering his services to the Council

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Mr. Charles A Duffy and
Resolved — That we recommend the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company to appoint Lt. Col. O'Hara late auditor of the Local Government Board as arbitrator to examine the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts. in place of Mr. S. Ussher Roberts deceased; and that in default of such joint appointment the Board of Trade be requested to appoint some person to act as Arbitrator

Peter Hughes
Chairman

T. F. Filgate Secretary.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, on Thursday, the 22nd day of February 1900.

Present:

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq J.P.

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne J.P. Patrick Callan, Rt. Hon J. A Dickson P.C; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, William de Salis Filgate M.A. J.P. Francis Fogarty, Bernard Hamill, John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, Nicholas B King, J Callan Macardle J.P. Thomas Maguire, Joseph H M.A. Ardle, James McCarthy, James Moore, Laurence Moore, Patrick Murray, John Lorno Neary, Richard O'Meara, James Quin J.P. John Quin J.P. Denis J Rath and Stephen Segrave Esquires.

The Minutes of the previous Quarterly Meeting and subsequent Meetings having been approved by the Council were duly signed by the Chairman

County Surveyor's Report.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen.

The Rural Districts at their Fourth Quarterly Meetings passed Proposals

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for the Renewal of Sixty-six Road Maintenance Contracts at an expense not to exceed £4,916 per annum. On advertising one hundred and fifty five Tenders were received, and on the tenders accepted there is a saving by competition of £565, 8 11½ per Cent. In three cases only the Contractor whose tender was lowest did not appear to sign his bond. In the years 1894-5 when nearly the same set of roads were advertised at £6,105 per annum two hundred and sixty four tenders were received; but in seventy cases the Contractor whose tender was the lowest did not sign his bond and the reduction in prices amounted only to £401 being less than 8 per cent. This improved state of things is certainly due to the abolition of all fees to an improved system of payment to Contractors and to the discretion used by the Councils in accepting tenders. Healthy competition would be still more encouraged if Contractors could be certain that they would be paid always at the appointed time, that is if there were no possibility that the Council would at any time strike such a rate as would not provide for current expenditure. In a few cases there has been excessive competition and the fair prices passed by the Rural District Councils have been cut down to what might be called Sweating prices. All the Rural District

Councils have passed resolutions to the effect that the Clerks of the Councils will note for future reference the name of any Contractor who does not abide by his tender. At Loughareagh Cross in Barronstown Dowson, a house has been built within thirty feet from the centre of the road contrary to the Act 14 and 15 c 92 Sec 9 Sub Sec 2.

As directed at your Third Quarterly Meeting I annex a memorandum on the subject of County Roads over Railway Bridges.

I am, your obedient servant
P. J. Lynam, County Surveyor.

Return showing the Expenses of Maintenance of County Roads over Railway Bridges in the Rural Districts of County Louth.

In the annexed list, columns 1 and 2, the "Over" Bridges, or Bridges which carry County Roads over Railways, are numbered 1 to 13 in order along the Railway from Drogheda to Dundalk, and the boundary at County Armagh, at Carricaneena.

Nos. 14, 15, and 16 are on the Dundalk and Enniskillen Branch.

Nos. 17 to 20 are on the Dundalk, Newry, and Greenore Railway.

Besides the above, there are eighteen "Under" Bridges, which carry the Railway over County Roads. But at nearly all these "Under Bridges" it would seem that the road surface has not been altered, and even where the road has been altered, it has been held on Appeal that Railway Companies are not bound to maintain the road in such cases. (See Railway Clauses Consolidation Act. 1845, sec. 74, sub-sec. 2).

Column 3 in the List shows the length of the roads (as measured by me) on each bridge and its "Immediate Approaches," that is "Embankments." In several cases the ends of the embankments are indefinite, and I have included in column 3 only lengths concerning which there cannot, I think, be any room for difference of opinion. Column 4 shows the price per perch at which the roads are set by contract; and Column 5 the expenses of maintenance.

Columns 6 and 7 show the length and expenses of maintenance of additional lengths of road where the ends of the Railway embankments are indefinite. To ascertain whether the Railway Companies are liable for the maintenance of these additional lengths of road, local evidence is necessary as to whether the Railway Companies did or did not embank the road.

I am bound to inform you that the two Railway Companies gave me a free pass over their lines inside this County.

P. J. LYNAM, County Surveyor.

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LIST REFERRED TO:

No. of bridge	NAME OF BRIDGE	Length of Road in Pchs.	Contract Price in Pchs.	Expenses of Maintenance per annum	Possible additional Pchs.	Possible additional Expenses of Maintenance
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
	Great Northern Railway—	p.	d.	£ s. d.	p.	£ s. d.
1	Townrath ...	21	11	0 19 3	3	0 2 9
2	Carstown ...	15	12	0 15 0	6	0 6 0
3	Windmill ...	2	6½	0 1 1	1	0 0 6
4	Tinkershill ...	2	11½	0 1 11	3	0 2 10
5	Grange Bellew ...	2	9¾	0 1 7	1	0 0 9
6	Charleville ...	24	12	1 4 0	9	0 9 0
7	Bragganstown ...	5	6	0 2 6	2	0 1 0
8	Drumleck ...	51	20	4 5 0		
9	Newrath ...	31	6½	0 16 9		
10	Whiterath ...	2	6½	0 1 1	16	0 9 0
11	Haynestown ...	2	10½	0 1 9	4	0 3 6
12	Plaster ...	2	9	0 1 6	10	0 7 6
13	Carrickaneena ...	2	7	0 1 2	16	0 9 4
14	Thomastown ...	1	5¾	0 0 6	8	0 3 10
15	Killycroney ...	34	8	1 2 8	2	0 1 4
16	Tullygee ...	3	5¼	0 1 3	3	0 1 3
	Totals Great Northern R'lway ...	199		9 17 0	84	2 18 7
	Dundalk, Newry, and Greenore Railway -					
17	Bellurgan ...	42	5¼	0 18 4		
18	Bush ... N.W.	43	6	1 1 6		
	S.E.	54	7¾	1 14 11		
		21	8¼	0 14 5		
19	Crossalaney ...	36	4⅞	0 14 7		
20	Cornamucklagh ...	2	7	0 1 2	4	0 2 4
	Totals Dundalk, Newry, and Greenore Railway ...	198		5 4 11	4	0 2 4
	Gross Totals ...	397		15 1 11	88	3 0 11

June 1st, 1899. P. J. LYNAM.

Proposed by Mr. N. B. King, seconded by Rt. Hon. T. A. Dickson, P.C.;
"That the Report of the County Surveyor be adopted by this Council."

Start here:- Amendment moved by Mr. T. J. Byrne seconded by Mr. James McCarthy:

That the Report of the County Surveyor which has reference to the maintenance &c, of roads over Railway Bridges be deferred until next Quarterly Meeting of the Council in order that the matter may be more fully gone into.

On a division there voted for the Amendment - Messrs Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Byrne J.P., Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Wm. De Lacy Filgate L.L. J.P., Bernard Hamill James J. Kelly, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H. Macardle, James McCarthy, James Moore, James Quinn, Denis J. Kelly and Stephen Segrave - 15.

Against the Amendment there voted - Rt Hon T. A. Dixon P. C, Francis Gogarty, John Johnston, Nicholas B. King, T. Callan Macardle J.P., Lawrence Moore, Patrick Murray, John L. Reavy, Michael O'Meara and John Quinn J.P. - 10.

The Chairman then declared the Amendment carried and ordered That that part of the County Surveyors Report relating to Roads over Railway Bridges be brought forward at the next Meeting Meeting of the Council.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposals Committee

Proposed by the Rt Hon: T. A. Dickson P.C Seconded by Mr. Nicholas B. King, and

Resolved - That the following shall be the dates on which the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee shall hold their Quarterly Meetings :-

Ardee, Tuesday, 10th day of April 1900
Drogheda, Thursday, 12th day of April 1900
Dundalk, Monday, 9th day of April 1900
Proposal Committee, Friday 11th May 1900.

The Council considered the following Tenders for Works not set by Contract at adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Council and Proposal Committee

Ardee

No 13: For maintaining from the 1st April 1900 to 31st March 1905, 1712 perches of road from Ardee to Annagasson, between Soc's Cross and Julianstown Cross

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Cross, including Charleville new road.

There was only one tender for this work viz:- that of Mr Edward Molloy, for the sum of Eighty Five pounds Twelve shillings per annum which was accepted by the Council.

Dundalk

No 17 - Contract for maintaining from 1st April 1900 to 31st March 1902 - 940 perches of the road from Dundalk to Newry between meering of Louth and Armagh at Claretrook and Carlingford Road at Ballymascanlon.

The tender of Mr James Rice for the sum of £35: 5:0 per annum was accepted by the Council

No 35. The Council considered the next tender for maintaining from 1st April 1900 to 31st March 1902 - 1271 perches of the road from Newry to the Sea at Templetown, between the Narrow water Road at Corranmucklagh and the Big Tomans Cross at Corrakit.

The tender of Mr Patrick O'Neill for the sum of £22:10:0 per annum was accepted by the Council.

Proposed by the Right Hon: T. A Dickson L.L. Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill J.P.:

That the proposals for payments formulated by the Proposals Committee and set out in the Schedule attached thereto, be approved of by this Council.

On the motion of Mr John Quinn J.P. Seconded by Mr Wm De Valle Filgate J.P. it was

Resolved - That the proposals for payments formulated by the Ardee No 1 District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th day of January 1900, and set forth in

in Form 12, furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr P. Donegan, Seconded by Mr Denis J. Rath and resolved:-

That the proposals for payments formulated by the Louth District ~~Ardee No 1 District Council~~ Council of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly meeting held on the 11th day of January 1900, and set forth on Form "12" furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of -

Proposed by Mr B Hamill -, Seconded by Mr James Quinn JP and, Resolved

That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Quarterly meeting held on the 8th day of January 1900 and forth in form "12" furnished to the County Council, be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr J. J. Lynch J.P., Seconded by Mr R. B. King, and

Resolved - That the proposals for works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourt Quarterly Meeting held on Monday the 5th day of February 1900, and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of with the exception of Mr B. Douglis portion of item No. 6; and that items Nos. 1 and 3 be handed over to the County Surveyor.

Proposed by Mr. James P Kelly

Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and

Resolved. That the proposals for Works formulated by the Louth District Council of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 11th day of January 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the

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County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. N B King
Seconded by J. L. Neary and
Resolved. That the proposals for works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th day of January 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. John Quin J.P.
Seconded by Mr. Wm. St. Leger Filgate D.L.
Resolved. That the works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly meeting held on the 16th day of January 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

With regard to the tenders received by the Proposal Committee at their adjourned Meeting held on the 12th February last the following Communication was read:-

Dundalk February 30th, 1900

"Dear Sir,

At a specially convened meeting of the members of the above Association (Dundalk Branch of Typographical Association) numbering the whole of the skilled printers of Dundalk the following resolution was unanimously adopted, and ordered to be sent to each Member of the County Council requesting his vote and interest to prevent the Contract

going to a firm that utterly ignore the letter and spirit of the Fair Wages Resolution as also the unfairness of sending the work away from Dundalk where the County Offices are situate and the County Officials reside.

Resolved. That we, the members of the Dundalk Branch of the Typographical Association having heard that the Proposal Committee of the Louth County Council have accepted the tender of Mr. Wm. McDougall of Drogheda, for all printing in connection with said Council beg to inform the Members that the Office of Mr. McDougall is not a "fair" one and therefore does not pay the Standard rate of wages as recognised in Drogheda; and that believing the County Council to have adopted the "Fair Wages" Resolution of the House of Commons we earnestly request that they will review the action of the Proposal Committee for the purpose of having the work given to a fair office where it will be turned out in proper time by competent local workmen

The injustice of allocating the County printing paid for out of the Intire rates of the County to a firm that employs alien labour and the residium of the trade should be at once so apparent that we confidently request the County Council to support the legitimate workmen of the printing trade in Dundalk who can guarantee to execute the work in a manner satisfactory alike to the Officials the County Council and the Ratepayers.

We beg to remain your obedient servants.
William Sykes Sec Dundalk Typographical Society
Hugh McManus Sec. N. Irish Trades Council

Ordered. That the further consideration of the tender for printing be deferred until the adjourned meeting of the Council which will be held on Monday next the 21st instant.-

Report of the Finance Committee.

Proposed by Mr. J. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr. N. B. King and
Resolved. "That the Minutes of
"Proceedings of the Finance Committee held
"on the following dates - viz - December 18th
"January 8th., January 12th., and February 12th.
"together with their Report and the Recommendations
"contained therein be adopted by this Council
"with the exception of a recommendation to
"refund a sum of £23: 13: 7 irrecoverable
"arrears to Patrick Mc Donnell, Rate Collector,
"which sum we hereby reduce by £2: 17: 6
"on a report from the Order Rural District
"Council that the premises in respect of which
"this amount was returned as irrecoverable
"are not unoccupied as set out in Mr.
"Mc Donnell's Arrear Sheet"

Report of Carlingford Harbour and Giles' Quay Pier Committee.-

"In accordance with a Resolution
passed at the last meeting of the County
Council, the following members were
appointed to inquire into the management
of the Carlingford and Giles' Quay Piers
- Messrs. James Quinn JP. Michael O'Meara, and

Joseph H. Mc Ardle.

"The following recommendations were made: "That all stones lying on the Piers for shipment should be removed before the middle of March. That no stones be kept on the piers for a longer period than one week. Stones kept over this time should be charged for at the rate of £-.1.- per ton per week. That every facility should be given to potato traders whose business at present seems somewhat obstructed by the arrangement of the stones on the quays. That a Camp should be provided for and placed at the sea wall or north end of the new pier. That two life buoys should be provided, one for the North and the other for the South pier.

The Committee did not find it convenient to examine or report upon Giles Quay, as it is situated a considerable distance from Carlingford, and they postponed its consideration to some future time.

(Signed) James Quinn, Chairman
Michael O'Meara, Secretary
Joseph H. Mc Ardle

P.S.

"A certain gentleman in Carlingford
"lays claim to permanent possession of a
"portion of the north pier. The Committee
"recommend that this claim should be legally
"tested. J.Q. M. O'M. J.H. Mc A"

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston JP.
Seconded by Rt. [illegible] J. A Dickson JP
That the Report of the Giles Quay and
Carlingford Harbour Committee be adopted by
this Council. Amendment moved by

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Wm. J. J Byrne JP. Seconded by Wm. J. Callan MacArdle JP: That the report of the Giles Quay and Carlingford Pier Committee be referred back for further consideration, and that the names of the following Gentlemen be added to the Committee:- Messrs. McArdle, Rank, Segrave, McCarthy, Johnston, Callan and Maguire.

For the amendment there voted:- Messrs. J. J Byrne JP. Bernard Hamill JP; James D Kirby, J. Callan MacArdle JP. James McCarthy and James Foote (6)

Against the amendment:- Messrs. Patrick Byrne, Patrick Callan, J. A Dickson J. C, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, William de Salis Fulgate JP. John Johnston JP. Nicholas B King, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H McArdle Patrick Murray, John L Neary, James Quinn JP. Denis J Rank and Stephen Segrave (16)

The Chairman then put the original Motion from the Chair which was declared carried.

It was then proposed by Wm. J. J Byrne JP. Seconded by Wm. J. Callan MacArdle JP and Resolved. That a Committee be appointed to report fully on all the County Piers; and that the following Members of the Council constitute the Committee: Messrs. O'Meara, MacArdle, Quinn, McArdle JH. Johnston, Callan, Maguire, Segrave and Rank.

Correspondence.

General Order from the Local Government Board No. 399/M 1899 regulating

the qualifications for the Office of Secretary of the Council of an administrative County, and stipulating certain qualifications for this appointment particulars of which are given in the General Order of the Local Government Board.

Letter read from the Local Government Board dated 6th December '99 No. 387/M. 1899 calling attention of the County Council to the subject of Arrears of poor rate struck by former Boards of Guardians and collectible prior to the 1st April 1899 which have been collected and lodged since that date or which still remain outstanding; and the Board point out that all these Arrears of Rates must be treated in the Books of the County Council as credits of the Unions in which such rates have been collected or are still due, and such sums will accordingly (with Government Grants etc) go towards the reduction of the general Union rate to be levied hereafter to raise the demands of the Board of Guardians concerned.-

The Board are of opinion that the County Council would do well to request Clerks of the Unions which are wholly or partly situated in their County to state the exact amount of any lodgments of such Arrears of rates since 1st April last (which have not been brought into the Union accounts for the half-year ended in March last) and the Banks in which the monies have been lodged; and the amounts so lodged should, as soon as possible, be transferred from the account to which the money now stands to credit of the County Fund

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and be credited in the County Ledger to the Unions in which the rates were collected.

General Orders from the Local Government Board showing the adjustment of certain balances appearing in the final accounts of the Guardians of the Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk Unions as constituted before the Local Government (Ireland) Act came into operation.

The debit and credit balances set out therein are as follows:-

Ardee

First Schedule

Balances to credit of Electoral Divisions

Name of Electoral Division	Balance to Credit £	s	d
Ardee Rural	120	10	5
Ardee Urban	30	10	3
Clonkeen	61	13	1
Dromin	16	5	4
Drumcar	46	8	9
Habannon	9	18	6
Total £	285	6	4

Second Schedule

Balances to Debit of Electoral Divisions

Name of Electoral Division	Balance to Debit £	s	d
Castlebellingham	29	12	8
Collon	19	7	4
Dunleer	15	2	11
Mansfieldstown	1	8	1
Tallanstown	12	18	6
Total £	78	9	6

Drogheda

First Schedule

Balance to Debit of Electoral Divisions and also of the Urban District of Drogheda

Names of Electoral Divisions	Balance to Debit £	s	d
Clogher	56	11	5
Dysart	7	16	5
Monasterboice	42	16	9
Mullary	42	1	6
St. Peters	62	14	5
Termonbeckin	11	14	9
Name of Urban District			
Drogheda	140	14	4
Total. £	363	9	7

Dundalk. First Schedule

Balances to Credit of Electoral Divisions and of the Urban District of Dundalk

Name of Electoral Division	Balance to Credit £	s	d
Barronstown	126	5	1
Castleving	21	12	9
Castletown	53	2	11
Creggan Upper	6	9	5
Darver	4	11	-
Dunmondagh	17	15	5
Dundalk Rural	25	13	9
Funghart	20	1	-
Haggardstown	78	11	1
Killanny	98	14	9
Louth	91	4	1
Name of Urban District			
Dundalk	17	14	2
Total £	551	15	5

Second Schedule

Balance to Debit of Electoral Divisions

Name of El. Div.	Balance to Debit £	s	d
Ballymascanlon	30	11	1
Carlingford	1	17	2
Dromiskin	129	7	1
Jenkinstown	2	8	3
Rathcor	20	8	4
Ravensdale	2	11	-
Total £	187	1	11

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Dundalk - Third Schedule

Balances expended in anticipation of Loans or of further instalments of existing Loans in connection with branches not transferred by the Acts from Boards of Guardians

Nature and Particulars of Loans	Amount of Expenditure in anticipation
Dispensary Residence	£250:0:0
Total	£250:0:0

In connection with the foregoing and in pursuance of the Order in Council, payments were Ordered as follows:-

To Treasurer Drogheda Board of Guardians
(Suspense Account) £301:10:7
Board of Management of Trim Joint-School £61:19:0
Total £363:9:7

Letter from the Local Government Board dated, December 15th, No 69,918:1899 stating that with reference to previous correspondence relative to Mr Filgate's salary as Secretary to the Co Council the Local Government Board for Ireland expressed their approval to the payment of the sum proposed by the County Council at their Meeting on the 31st August last, namely £100 a year.

Letter from Same of Same date acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 13th instant in reference to the funds of the County Council of Louth and stating that the Local Government Board sanctioned the proposal to obtain an overdraft from the County Treasurer of a sum not exceeding Ten Thousand pounds (£10,000) at a maximum rate of interest of

four per cent per annum on the understanding that the advance is repaid by the 31st March 1900 after which date the Board state no interest can legally be paid on overdrafts.

Letter from Same, dated 19th ~~December instant~~ 1899, No 73,447 stating in reply to the Secretary's inquiry of the 15th instant that in the opinion of the Local Government Board the salaries of Veterinary Inspectors transferred to the Louth County Council should be County at large charges.

Letter from Same, dated 23rd December 1899 with reference to the coming elections of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. The Board presume that the County Council of Louth are aware that Article 6 (1) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order) 1898 directs that "the expenses of any election under the Act shall not exceed the Scale fixed by the County Council with the approval of the Local Government Board". The Board state that as the elections of Urban District Councillors in those Urban Districts to which the triennial system of election has not yet been applied and of Town Commissioners in towns which are not Urban Districts will take place on the 15th day of January 1900 the Board state that the Council would do well at their next Meeting to consider a Scale of expenses, if they had not already done so, and should submit the same to the Local Government Board for approval. The Board annex a copy of the Scale which they framed for first elections of Guardians in Urban Districts which

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may be some guide to the Council. The Board further request that the Secretary will be good enough to put the matter in the agenda paper when issuing the Summons for next Meeting of the Council, under the provisions of Article 26 of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898.

The Finance Committee recommended a scale of Expenses as follows:-

Proposed Scale of Expenses at Elections

1- Disbursements-

Payments made for:-

(1) Use of room or building, including lighting and firing, actual and necessary cost not not exceeding 10/=

(2) Fitting up rooms for Poll or, when necessary, constructing a Polling Station with its fittings and compartments; actual and necessary cost.

(3) Each Ballot-Box required to be purchased actual and necessary cost

(4) Printing and providing Ballot-Papers (under contract)

(5) Stationery at each Polling Station, actual and necessary cost not exceeding 3/=

(6) Each Stamping instrument or alteration, actual and necessary cost not exceeding 5/=.

(7) Copies of the Register of Local Government Electors, actual and necessary cost.

(8) Printing and providing Notices, Nomination Forms and other documents required in

in and about the Election or Poll, and cost of publishing the same, actual and necessary cost.

(9) Returning Officers travelling expenses, where necessary, to make arrangements for Poll, actual cost not exceeding 6d a mile each way.

(10) Conveyance of Ballot Boxes, Papers, &c, from Office to Polling Place, actual and necessary cost 6d a mile

(11) Conveyance of Ballot Boxes from the Polling Stations to the place where the Ballot Papers are counted and back to the Office of the Returning Officer; actual and necessary cost, not exceeding 8d a mile.

(12) For the expenses of Police where there services are required, the sum actually charged by Police Authorities.

(13) For each Presiding Officer to include all expenses: If a Barrister or Solicitor, not exceeding £2:2:0 a day, any other person not exceeding £1:0:0 a day.

(14) For each Presiding Officer who also acts as Deputy Returning Officer:- If a Barrister or Solicitor not exceeding 10/= per day; any other person, not exceeding £1:0:0 per day.

(15) For each Deputy Returning Officer, who has not acted also as a Presiding Officer not more than one being allowed for any District Electoral Division; If a Barrister or Solicitor not exceeding 10/= a day; any other person not exceeding 10/= a day.

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(16) For a Clerk at Polling Station, not exceeding 10/= a day

(17) For each person employed in counting Votes 10/= per day

(16) For a Clerk at Polling Station, not exceeding 10/= per day.

(17) For each person employed in counting Votes, 10/= per day.

(18) For Legal Advice, if necessary, in Urban Districts with a population less than 10,000 not exceeding £1 per day; in Urban Districts with a population of more than 10,000 not exceeding £1. per day.

II For Services and other expenses of Returning Officer.

Fee for conducting the election of Guardians giving the prescribed notices, preparing and supplying Nomination Papers, and distributing verifying, and deciding as to validity of the same, appointing Deputy Returning Officers, arranging for or conducting the poll, counting the Votes declaring result and making return of same, and generally performing all the duties which a Returning Officer is required to perform under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898, or the Rules of the Local Government Board for Ireland issued in pursuance of any Order in Council made under the provisions of the said Act, and including all disbursements and expenses other than those for which special provision has been hereinbefore made as follows: £5, and £1 in addition for every 1000 registered Local Government electors in the Borough, District or Town.

But when considered by the Council they

they decided to ask the Counties of Dublin, Meath, and Down and Tyrone to forward a scale of the expenses adopted by their respective Councils.

Letter from Mr. J.B. Dougherty, Dublin Castle dated 29th December, transmitting a copy of an order in Council, passed on the 16th December, varying the times appointed by the Tramways (Ireland) Acts for publishing advertisements, depositing documents and serving notices in cases of applications under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act 1883, to be made to the Councils in the year 1900.

Letter read from Local Government Board, dated 9th January 1900, No 72,587 referring to previous correspondence on the payment of a sum of £60:15:0 to the County Surveyor of the County of Louth as remuneration for expenses incurred and extra services rendered in bringing the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 into operation and sanctioning same.

Letter from same of same date, No 72,586 with reference to previous correspondence on the subject of the salary fixed by the Louth County Council for Mr. P. J. Lynam, County Surveyor, the Local Government Board approve of the salary of Four hundred and Fifty pounds a year for his duties as Surveyor for the County of Louth, under the provisions of Section 115 (18) of the Local Government Act 1898.

Further letter from same dated the 2nd inst No 6363 referring to Secretary's letter of the 29th ultimo, and transmitting questions for answers respecting Mr. Patrick Hughes whom it is proposed to appoint as Poor Rate Collector in the County of Louth.

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Further letter from Same, dated the 8th inst. No. 7.739. stating that the Local Government Board, have had before them replies to their enquiries respecting the appointment of Mr. Patrick Hughes as collector of Poor Rate in County Louth, and with reference thereto the Board sanction the appointment in question on the terms specified therein.

Letter of R. J. Daly Esqr. High Sheriff of the County, dated January 29th., informing the Secretary, that owing to the death of the Court Keeper of the Court House Dundalk (Mr. Andrew Fleming) the post is therefore now vacant. Mr. Daly also adds that for the information of the County Council, the appointment of successor to Mr. Fleming is vested in the Sheriff of the County, and that he will proceed to fill up the vacancy in due Course. (Referred to Finance Committee).

Letter from Local Government Board dated the 9th Inst. No. 7,323; 1900. forwarding for the information of the County Council of Louth, copy of Letter which the Board have addressed to the Dundalk Rural District Council, in reference to the estimate and demand made by them on the County Council for the service of the ensuing half year.

The Letter is as follows,

"The Local Government Board for Ireland have received a Copy of the estimate and demand of the Dundalk Rural District Council on the County Council for the service of the ensuing financial year, and with reference thereto the Board desire to point out that the Sums required for special expenses under the Public Health (Ireland) Act '78 (Sec 232), cannot be included in General District Charges but must be shown separately in table (C.), of the estimate. Expenses leviable over the entire Rural District under the Board's Order of the

the 15th May 1899. may be shown in the aggregate under the heading of Separate Charge, No. 1. and those chargeable to smaller Areas must be given separately."

Further letter from Same, dated 9th inst. No. 21/M. 1900. which read as follows

"The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state for the information of the County Council, that having received various complaints as to the labour involved in filling up the form of Rate Book prescribed by the County Councils Order, 1899. (Form 33.) they have endeavoured to frame a form for this Book which while fulfilling the requirements of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898. will enable Separate Charges, leviable over uniform areas, to be raised by a consolidated rate for such charges.

"The form prescribed by the County Councils Order was drawn up under legal advice to show the clearest and simplest way the liability of each rated occupier in respect of the various separate charges assessed on his holding as provided by Sections 56. and 57. of the Local Government Act. but the Board are advised that if the various poundage rates required to be raised in respect of such charges in every Electoral Division, or part of an Electoral Division, in each Rural District in the County are clearly set forth in tabular form at the top of each page of the Rate Book for each Electoral Division the actual Sum to be assessed over similar arrears to meet those Charges on each holding, may be shown in the aggregate in the body of the Rate Book.

"The enclosed form has accordingly been drafted with a view to enable the consolidation of Separate Charge rates to be made, and the Local Government Board will be prepared on the application of the County Council if they prefer to use this form, to assent to a

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departure from the terms of the County Councils Order as far as regards the form of Rate Book therein prescribed

"The Local Government Board at the same time desire to point out that if this form be adopted the poundage rates for each separate charge levied on a holding must be set out on the back of the Demand Note for rates served on the person rated in respect thereof, and the greatest care will be required to be exercised to secure that the consolidated rate for separate charges comprises only those charges for which each holding is legally liable.

"The Local Government Board have provided a Column in the enclosed form on which to note the fortnight in which each item of rate is paid, thus doing away with the necessity of keeping form 33. of the County Councils Order, and a column has also been added for showing the uncollected items of rate at the close of the collection."

Letter from Local Government Board, dated 16th February, No. 97. 742: 1900, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of 12th inst, referring to the preparation of the estimate of rates in the County South for the service of the ensuing financial year, and in reply, the Board, state that the poundage may be estimated on the basis of the present valuation, but that the intention to make rates cannot be issued, or rates applotted until after the new valuation lists have been received from the Valuation Office.

Letter from the General Valuation and Boundary Survey of Ireland Office, dated 13th February No. 17. 975. Stating in reply to Secretary's letter that the revised valuation figures will not be ready to issue till the end of the month, when the revised Lists will be forwarded.

Letter from Mr. J. B. Dromgoole, Clerk of the Ardee Union, dated 13th February 1900, as follows,

"I beg to inform you that in pursuance of an Order of the Local Government Board dated 16th Inst. the Board of Guardians of this Union, have on this day transferred to the account of the County Council of South, in the Dundalk Branch of the Hibernian Bank. the Sum of £206. 16. 10. being the Amount determined by the said order as payable to the said County Fund, out of the balance to the credit of the former Board of Guardians on the 31st March last."

Letter from Local Government Board, dated 14th inst. No. 30/M. 1900. adverting to previous correspondence relative to the granting of compensation to "existing" officers under Sec. 115. Sub-Section 12. of the Local Government Ireland Act. 1898, and stating that no applications for recoupment out of the Local Taxation Account in pursuance of Sub-Section 13. of the Section can be entertained after the 15th proximo, and accordingly if the County Council of South have any further claims of this nature to submit, the matter should receive immediate attention.

Letter from Lieutenant ~~Colonel~~ Colonel O'Hara, dated 15th Inst. acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 13th inst. and stating that the County Council of South, have done him the honor of putting forward his name to the Great Northern Railway Company for the vacant arbitratorships on the accounts of the Ardee Branch Railway

Lt. Col. O'Hara wishes to convey his thanks to the County Council and to the Great Northern Railway Co. for appointing him to this position.

Lieut. Col. O'Hara, states that he will give careful attention to the interests of all concerned, and hopes to discharge the duties pertaining to the office in a satisfactory way.

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Letter from Mr. John Creegan Hon, Secretary to the Gaelic League Federation, dated 16th Feb. 1900, forwarding a Copy of a resolution adopted by that body at their meeting on the 14th Inst. with a view of having a similar resolution adopted by the South County Council.

The Resolution read as follows.

Resolved "That we would urge upon her Majesty's Government, the necessity of making immediate reform in the present system of National Education in this County, and that we would respectfully suggest that such reform should take the shape of Legislation to the following effect.

1. "That in all places where Irish is the home language pupils shall be taught to read and write Irish from their first entrance into the School, and that a Knowledge of English and other useful subjects should be imparted through the medium of Irish.

2. "That in places where Irish is not the home language, it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerative subject within school hours, and at the earliest stage at which pupils are capable of learning it.

"That copies of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, the Commissioners of National Education, the Dundalk Urban Council, the Dundalk Rural Council, and Board of Guardians, the South County Council Messrs T. M. Healy 2.C.M.P. R. L. McGhee M.P. James Daly M.P. the public Boards in Drogheda and Ardee, the Press, and the Chairman Irish Parliamentary Party."

Letter from Mr. William P. Cairnes, dated 20th February 1900. requesting the Secretary to tender his apology to the Chairman for unavoidable absence from the Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Mr. Cairnes states that he particularly regrets being unable to be present, as he would oppose a narrow-minded resolution which he observes on the agenda paper, Mr. Cairnes states that it is an insult to our brave countrymen, many of whom are his own relations and friends, and are serving in South Africa in defence of the Empire, and for political and religiously liberty.

The following communication was read from the several Collectors of the County

To the Chairman South County Council.

"We the undersigned Poor Rate Collectors beg to apply to you for an increase in our poundage, owing to the following reasons viz.

1. "We understood at the commencement of our Collection that we would not have to apply to the Union Cottagers for rates.

2. "That we had to lodge the full amount of our Warrant.

3. Calling on small holdings under £4. the high rates on these holdings makes our Collection very difficult.

"We also beg to draw the attention of the Council to our application for expenses, which we consider fair to the Collectors who have to pay train fare from Ardee, Drogheda and Dunleer. Patrick McCullagh, Patrick McDonnell, Patrick Moonan, John Woods, Peter McDonnell"

Referred to Finance Committee

Letter from Mr. W. R. Rogers, Solicitor to the Council, in reply to the Secretary's letter of 10th Inst, stating that the County Council have the same power as the late Grand Jury possessed as to the disposal of the property referred to.

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Letter from the Secretary of Great Northern Railway Company, dated the 14th inst, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter, of 12th inst, which he states was laid before the Director's of the Company, and stating in reply that they Concur with the County Council of Louth, in the appointment of Lieut, Col. J. O'Hara, as arbitrator to examine the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts in succession to the late Mr. S. Ussher Roberts, The letter further adds, that Col. O'Hara, has been advised of the resolution of the County Council nominating him to the said position, and that the Board of Directors of the Great Northern Railway, have agreed to his appointment.

In pursuance of Notice of Motion handed in by Mr. N. B. King, the following resolution was adopted by the Council:

"That the County Surveyor be instructed to add to his Specification for every road maintenance Contract the following clause, viz. In case it shall appear to the County Surveyor at any time during the continuance of this Contract, that the road is not in proper repair, he shall require the Contractor to put the same in repair, and if the Contractor shall neglect to do so, within ten days after he shall have been so required, the Roads Committee may on a report from the County Surveyor, direct the County Surveyor to cause the road to be repaired and the expenses of such repairs shall be deducted and paid out of the Sum which would be payable to the Contractor if the road had been Kept in proper repair."

In pursuance of notice of Motion handed in by Mr. Denis J. Rath, the following resolution was proposed for adoption by the Council:

"That in consequence of the vast amount of injury being done to our line fishermen on the Coast of Louth by steam trawlers, this Council respectfully urges upon the Lords of the Admiralty the great necessity for a gunboat on this Coast, in order to Keep Steam trawlers outside the limits laid down by the Fishery Commissioners"

To meet the views of Mr. Joseph A. McArdle, it was then proposed by Mr. Denis Rath, Seconded by Mr. N. B. King:

"That in consequence of the vast amount of injury done to our line fishermen on the Coast of Louth, by Steam trawlers, the Council respectfully urges upon the Lords of the Admiralty the great necessity for a gunboat on this Coast, in order to Keep Steam trawlers outside the limits; and we wish to point out to the Fishery Commissioners the necessity of having a five miles limitation established, any less than which affords little protection to local fishermen, and may cause the ruin of the fishery industry in this County; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the members for the County with instructions to impress on the Government the absolute necessity of protecting this industry."

In pursuance of notice of motion handed in by Mr. Joseph Dolan, it was proposed by Mr. Dolan, and seconded by Mr. J. L. Neary:

"That a National Flag be got for the use of this Council"

The Chairman divided the Council on this matter. The following is the result of the voting:

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For the resolution: Messrs Patrick Byrne, Thomas I. Byrne. J.P. Patrick Callan, Joseph Dolan Patrick Donegan, John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly Nicholas B. King, Thomas Maguire, Joseph A. Mc Ardle, James McCarthy, James Moore Patrick Murray, John Levins Neary, and Michael O'Meara (15.)

Against the resolution, Rt. Hon. J.A. Dickson William de Salis Filgate, D.L. J.P. Francis Gogarty J. Callan Macardle J.P. Laurence Moore, John Quinn J.P. Denis I. Rath, and Stephen Segrave (8),

The Chairman then declared that portion of Mr. Dolan's Motion Carried.

Proposed by Mr. Dolan Seconded by Mr. John L. Neary "That the flag be raised over the Chamber where this Council meet, when they hold their May Meeting in Drogheda."

Amendment moved by Mr. James McCarthy seconded by Mr. Francis Gogarty.

"That the Flag be raised over the Chamber where this Council meet here, and in Drogheda."

For the amendment there voted, Messrs I. I. Byrne, Joseph Dolan, Francis Gogarty, John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, N.B. King, J. A. Mc Ardle, James McCarthy James Moore, Laurence Moore, Patrick Murray, Michael O'Meara, Denis I. Rath, and Stephen Segrave (14.)

Against the amendment there voted; Messrs. Patrick Byrne, Patrick Donegan, J. Callan Macardle, J.P. and John Levins Neary (5.).

The Chairman declared the amendment carried.

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan, seconded by Mr. John L. Neary,

"That

"That the Mayor of Drogheda be asked for the use of the Mayoralty Rooms on the Banks of the Boyne, to hold said Meeting, and if he Consents, the meeting to be held there."

Amendment moved by Mr. Gogarty, Seconded by Mr. McCarthy "That this Council do not aske the Mayor of Drogheda for the use of the Mayoralty Rooms for the meeting."

On a devision there voted for the amendment; Messrs I. I. Byrne, J.P. Patrick Callan, Francis Gogarty, John Johnston, J.P. James P. Kelly, J. Callan Macardle, Joseph A. Mc Ardle, James McCarthy, L. Moore, and Denis I. Rath (10).

Against the Amendment.

Messrs Patrick Byrne, Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Nicholas B. King, James Moore, Patrick Murray, John L. Neary, Michael O'Meara and James Quinn J.P. (9.),

The Chairman declared the amendment carried,

Mr. Dolan withdrew the Fourth proposition in the Notice of motion handed in by him.

In pursuance of notice of motion handed in by Mr. Michael O'Meara, the Council adopted the following Resolution:

"That as successive Governments have acknowledged, the justice of the Claims of the Irish Roman Catholics in respect to University Education, we earnestly Call upon the Government to introduce in the present Parliament a measure dealing with the question on the basis of the modern demands of the Roman Catholic Hierarchy; and we hereby declare our determination to press this important question upon the attention of her Majesty Government, on every available occasion until our just and reasonable demands are satisfied; That copies of the above be sent

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to the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary and our local M.P."

Second Recolution. "That no reform of the National System of Primary Education in Ireland, can be regarded as satisfactory or should be approved by Parliament that does not place the Irish language in the same position in the Irish Schools, that the Welsh language occupies in the Welsh Schools thereby securing to the children of Irish parents and especially to those born in the Irish speaking districts, the great advantages of a bilingual education

"That in all places where Irish is the home language, pupils should be taught to read and write Irish, from their first entrance into the school and that a knowledge of English, and other useful subjects shall be imparted through the medium of Irish

"That in places where Irish is not the home language, it shall be lawful to teach Irish as a remunerative subject within School hours, and at the earliest stage at which the pupils are capable of learning it,"

"That copies of these Resolutions be sent to the Commissioners of National Education (Ireland) to the Chief Secretary of Ireland, and to the Press"

Third Resolution.

"That we heartily congratulate the Irish Party on the union of their different sections, and on the choice of their first Chairman (Mr. J. Redmond) We sincerly hope that all bickerings and recriminations being rigidly stamped out, that the union may prove real and lasting; that by presenting a solid front in the House of Commons they may be effective in securing for Ireland those useful reforms of which she so sorely stands in need"

In pursuance of notice of motion handed in by Mr. John L. Neary, seconded by Mr. James Moore, the following resolution was carried by 5. votes to 3.

"That the members of the Louth County Council are deeply gratified to see the spirit of patriotism displayed by the Irish Parliamentry Party, by their sinking any persond differences that might exist between the members of that party in the past, and by their unity in the future as one man for the purpose of obtaining native rule for their Country and we fully appreciate the courage they displaged in a foreign Senate and hostile gathering by denouncing the unjust war now waged in South Africa, against a brave and Christian people by the Ministers of that Senate; But we trust that the God of Freedom shall bless the Arms of the Citizans of these two Republics, and render them victorious over the Soldiers of that nation which has persistently denied to the Irish people the right of Freedam, Viz: to govern themselves."

Proposed by Mr. James Kelly, Seconded by Mr. Francis Gogarty and

Resolved: "That the following works be placed in the charge of the County Surveyor, no tenders having been received:

No. 1. in Schedule (County at Large) County Court House for One year.

No. 3, in Schedule) County at Large) Drogheda Court House for one Year.

No. 18. in Shedule (Drogheda Rural District) 550. perches road for One quarter."

Proposed by Mr. J. McCarthy, seconded by Mr. Francis Gogarty;

Resolved: "That the Drogheda District Council be informed that their appointment on the 8th inst.

of a Solicitor to oppose a claim made for malicious injury in their district was unnecessary and irregular, as the Louth County Council is the body legally empowered to undertake such duty, and the County Solicitor the only one recognised by the County Court Judge."

Proposed by Mr. Thomas F. Byrne J.P. Seconded by Mr. Francis Gogarty, and

Resolved. "That in future the Clerks of District Councils be requested to instruct the County Solicitor in Cases of Malicious injuries, giving him full particulars for defence"

The following Resolutions, were passed by the council

Proposed by Mr. William de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P.

Seconded by Mr. N. B. King, and

Resolved: "That the following Sum certified for payment on a Contract in the name of James O'Neill, who is now in America, be paid to Thomas O'Neill of Glenmore, the said James O'Neill having executed a Power of Attorney authorising the said Thomas O'Neill to receive all payments due on foot of said Contract."

Proposed by Mr. William de Salis Filgate D.L.J.P.

Seconded by Mr. N.B. King, and

Resolved - "That the following Sums certified for payments on Contracts, in the name of Michael Smyth now deceased, be paid to Thomas Commons, Executor for said Michael Smyth: No. 172 - 875. perches of road, £24. 8. 1; No. 340 - 495. perches new Road £50. 0. 0

Proposed by Mr. William de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P.

Seconded by Mr. N.B. King and

Resolved: "That the following Sum certified for payment on Contract in the name of Patrick Lamb, now deceased, be paid to Bernard Lamb, Security for said Patrick Lamb, No 242 - 1176. perches £7. 7. 0

Signed Peter Hughes Chairman

J F Filgate Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth, at their adjourned meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, Dundalk, on Monday 26th February 1900.

In the Chair; Peter Hughes, Esq. J.P.

Other members, Messrs T. I. Byrne J.P. R.t Hon. T. A Dickson P.C. Nicholas B. King, John Johnston, J.P. William P. Cairnes, Wm. de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P. John L. Neary, Patrick Murray, Joseph H. McArdle, James McCourt, James Quinn, J.P. James P. Kelly, Charles A. Duffy; Bernard Hamill, J.P; John Hamill James Moore, and T. Callan Macardle J.P.

The Council first took up the further consideration of the objections raised by the Typographical Society to Mr. W. A. McDougall's tender for printing; full particulars of these objections are given in the Councils Minutes of the 22nd February last.

The Council after hearing Dr. Moynagh, who appeared on behalf of Mr. McDougall, and Mr. McManus who represented the Typographical Association, it was

Proposed by Mr. James Moore, Seconded by Mr. John Hamill,

"That the Council do not entertain the tender of Mr. McDougall, that firm not complying with the Fair Wages Resolution of the House of Commons adopted by this Council"

Amendment moved by Mr. John Johnston J.P.

Seconded by Rt. Hon. T. A. Dickson P.C.

"That the printing Contract, as advised by the Proposal Committee, be affirmed"

On a division there voted for the amendment. Rt. Hon T. A. Dickson P.C. John Johnston J.P. Patrick Murray and John L. Neary (4).

Against the amendment there voted. Messrs T. I. Byrne, J.P; C. A Duffy, B. Hamill, J. P. Kelly, N. B. King, Jos. H. McArdle, J. McCourt, J. Moore, T. J. Quinn J.P. (10).

The Chairman therefore declared the amendment lost

The original motion was then put from the chair and declared carried.

The Council next considered the Estimates of Rates for the ensuing financial year, a manuscript Copy of which was laid before the Council, and after Considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. Peter Hughes J.P. Seconded by Mr. Thomas J. Byrne J.P. and

Resolved. "That the Estimate of Rates for the ensuing Financial Year, as submitted by the Secretary be adopted by this Council."

On the suggestion of Mr. Bernard Hamill J.P. and Mr. N.B. King, the Secretary was instructed to have in future a printed copy of the Estimate of Rates posted to each Councillor a fortnight before the meeting of the Council.

In accordance with instructions received from the Council Mr. W.R. Rogers submitted the following Opinion of Council respecting County Councils' powers to sell or lease the old Gaol premises, and which was read by the Chairman as follows;

"The legal estate in the unsold portion of the old gaol premises is now vested in the ~~Survivors~~ survivor of the twelve "Commissioners" appointed by the Grand Jury of the County of Louth at the Summer Assizes 1847.

If none of these gentlemen are alive, then the legal estate in the unsold portion of the old gaol premises is vested either in the heir-at-law of the last survivor of them or in the personal representative of the last survivor.

If all the "Commissioners" died before the 22nd August 1881. the legal estate is vested in the heir-at-law of the Survivor. If any of the "Commissioners" lived after 22nd August 1881. the legal estate is vested in the personal representative of the survivor

The powers of the Grand Jury to deal with the gaol premises are prescribed by Statute (7 George IV Cap 74. &c) and are confined to selling such premises in the manner prescribed by the Act.

Under the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898. Application of Enactments Order 1898. all property of the Grand Jury, or held by any person for any public uses of a County, passes to, and is held in trust for, the Council of the County (subject to all debts and liabilities) and shall be held by the County Council for the same estate and the same purposes, as it would have been held for, if the Local Government (Ireland) Act, had not been passed.

Under these circumstances I am of Opinion that the unsold portion of the Old Gaol premises is now held by the Survivors or Survivor of the "Commissioners" appointed by the Grand Jury of 1847. or by the heir-at-law or personal representative of such Survivor as the case may be, in trust for the County Council of the County of Louth.

The powers of the County Council in dealing with this property are strictly limited by statute. They have no power whatever to make any lease or letting of the property.

The only way in which they can deal with the property is by Selling it, and they can only do so with the Consent of the Local Government Board, which has also the right to prescribe the mode in which the purchase money shall be applied.

If the County Council obtains the Consent of the Local Government Board to a Sale of the premises, the Sale must be by public "Cant" of Auction, as prescribed by 7 Geo IV. c. 74.

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The Council on hearing W. W. K. Rogers, County Solicitor, and Mr. P. L. Macardle, Solicitor to the Foresters Society, decided to refer the matter back to the Proposals Committee.
Mr. P. L. Macardle stated that he intended to procure a further opinion from Council, which he would submit to the Committee at their next meeting

Signed Peter Hughes Chairman

J. F. Filgate Secretary.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a Special Meeting held on Monday the 23rd. day of April 1900.-

Present:

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq JP.

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne Thomas J Byrne JP.; Patrick Cadam, Henry J Daly JP.; Rt. Hon. Ja Dickson PC. Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Charles A Duffy, William de Salis Fegate DL JP; John Ribton Garstin DL JP; Bernard Hamill JP; John Hamill, John Johnston JP; James P Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King; J Callen Macardle JP. Joseph Seaward, Joseph H McArdle, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Patrick Murray, John Neary, Michael O'Meara, and Thomas Orr Esquires

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 21st instant No. 6338-1900 Stating that with reference to their Circular Letter of the 22nd November last on the subject of the payment of Demands made on County Councils by Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils the Local Government Board, call the attention of the County Council to the fact that these bodies will require to be placed in funds at the beginning of the ensuing financial year, and the Board therefore impress on the Council the necessity of arranging to hold a Meeting during the first week of April for the purpose of advancing the amount due on foot of Union and Rural District Demands for the three months ending 30th June next.-

The Secretary then submitted the Demands of the Boards of Guardians and the Rural District Councils which are as follows:-

Ardee Board of Guardians £ 3564:15:4
Do. Rural District Council. 963:5:2
made up as follows:- £486:9:2 General Charges and £276:16:0 Separate Charges
Amount advanced by County Council £891:3:10 & £190:16:4

Drogheda Board of Guardians £ 5427:10:6
Do. Rural District Council " 809:0:0
GC £724 & SC £85.
Amount advanced by County Council £1357:17:8 and £202:5:0.

Dundalk Board of Guardians £ 9853:2:8
Do. Rural District Council " 1927:4:3
G. Charges 1652:4:3 S. Chges £75:0:0

Amount advanced by County Council 2463:5:11 & 481:16:1.

The amounts advanced by the County Council represent a full quarter of the Total Demands of the Boards of Guardians and the Rural District Councils.

Resolved That the Demands made by the Boards of Guardians & Rural District Councils of the County, be hereby approved of & paid by this Council

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Demands on Urban Councils.

The Annual Estimate and Demand by County Council on the Urban District Councils of Dundalk and Drogheda for the ensuing financial Year ending 31st March 1901. were submitted and approved of by the Council

Dundalk

Estimated balance Urban District of Dundalk at close of proceding financial Year £ 153 . 0 . 0
Apportioned Share of liability for County Charges 1660 . 0 . 0
Do Do Union Charges 2449 . 0 . 0
£ 4262 . 0 . 0

Deduct Credit balance in favour of Dundalk Urban Council Division, as shown on adjustment per Order of the Local Government Board 7 . 14 . 2
Total Demand £ 4254 . 5 . 10

Drogheda

Estimated balance against Urban District of Drogheda at close of proceding financial Year £ 247 . 0 . 0
Apportioned Share of liability for County charges 1388 . 0 . 0
Do Do Union Charges 1999 . 0 . 0

Separate Charges
1. Drogheda Court House Loan £ 280 . 14 . 0
2. Dominicks Bridge Loan 120 . 6 . 0
3. do do Footpath 92 . 6 . 0
4. Bloghur Head Pier 85 . 4 . 6 = 578 . 10 . 6
£ 3965 . 10 . 6

Debit balance against Drogheda, as shown Adjustment Order of Local Government Board 140 . 14 . 4
Total £ 4353 . 4 . 10

In respect to the foregoing Demands on the Urban District Councils of Dundalk and Drogheda, the following Resolution was passed.

Proposed by Mr. J. C. Macaulo. J.P.
Seconded by Mr John R. Garston D.L.

Resolved – That the Demands made by the County Council on the Urban Districts of Drogheda & Dundalk as submitted by the Secretary be approved of.

Appointment of Members on the Agricultural Board.

Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and technical Instruction, dated 2nd Inst. Sending by directions of the Vice President of the Department regulations for the appointment of Members of the Council of Agriculture, the Agriculture Board, and the Board of Technical instruction:

The regulations which immediately concern this Council are Nos 2. 5. 6. 8. and 11. which provide for the appointment of two persons, who not necessary be members of the Council, to serve on the Council of Agriculture in accordance with Section 8. of the Agriculture and Technical instruction (Ireland) Act 1899.

The Secretary intimated that each member of the Council was furnished with a Copy of the regulations for the appointment of members of the Council of Agriculture, the Agriculture Board, and the Board of Technical Instruction.

Proposed by Mr. James Moore
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne That Messrs N.B. King and J. McCarthy be appointed the representatives of this Council on the Council of Agriculture

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After considerable discussion on this matter the Chairman put the names of the following Gentlemen before the Council: Messrs. N.B. King, James McCarthy, P.J. Byrne and Stephen Segrave — and the result of the voting was as follows:- For King:- Mess^rs. Byrne P., Callan, Dolan J., Donegan, Hamill B., Hamill J. Kelly P., Kinahan, King, Maxwell, McArdle J.H., McCarthy, McCourt, Moore (James), Murray, O'Meara, Neary and Roe (8)

For McCarthy:- Mess^rs. Byrne P., Callan, Dolan J., Donegan, Hamill B., Hamill J. Kelly, Kinahan, King, Maxwell, McArdle J.H., McCourt, Moore (James), O'Meara and Neary - 15.

For Byrne:- Mess^rs. Daly, Dickson, Duffy, Fulgate, Garstin, Johnston, McArdle and Murray - 8 -

The following resolution was then read from the Chair and passed

Proposed by Mr. James Moore
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Byrne and
Resolved That Mess^rs. King and McCarthy be appointed the representatives of this Council on the Council of Agriculture.

Correspondence.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 15th ultimo No. 14, 776 1900 stating for the information of the Louth County Council that the Board

have received further correspondence respecting the salary of Mr. Lynam, County Surveyor in County Louth.

The Board are informed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee, proposing to allow Mr. Lynam a salary of £450 a year, and £50 for office expenses was adopted by the County Council at their Meting on the 31st August last and that Mr. Lynam accepted these terms for his duties as County Surveyor of County Louth.

The question of Mr. Lynam's salary as Surveyor of the County of the Town of Drogheda is however yet to be determined, and in connection with this matter the Board would remind the Council that on the 24th day last a Resolution was passed unanimously to grant a superannuation allowance of £250 a year to Mr. Lynam in discharge of his claim.

The Board in their letter of the 5th June replying to this Resolution stated that they were of opinion that this course could not legally be adopted, and they suggest that the case should be dealt with as if the offices of County Surveyor of the County of Louth & of the Town of Drogheda were held by diffunt persons, with a view therefore to a settlement of Mr. Lynams claim the Board venture to suggest that Mr. Lynams salary should be fixed at £480 a year and £50 a year for office expenses, this sum to include remuneration both as County Surveyor of Louth, and the County of the Town

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of Droghedas and the Board would be glad to be favoured with an expression of the views of the Council with respect to this suggestion

The Council discussed the subject of this letter at considerable length but deferred sending a reply to the Local Government Board until the next Quarterly Meeting which will be held on the 31st May next

Letter from same, dated 11th inst No 21,4044:1900 informing the Council that they have received a report from their Inspector Mr Saunderson relative to the state of the collection of the rates in the County of Louth in which the Inspector observes that the County Council should authorize the Secretary to Employ sufficient temporary assistance to ensure the forthcoming rate being put in course of collection next month as otherwise there will not be sufficient funds available to meet the demands of the Unions and District Councils for the second quarter of the half-year Ending 30th September 1900

Mr Saunderson also points out that the fortnightly checking of the Collectors Books at the office of the County Council entails hardship on the Collectors who have to attend from a distance and that the work of the office is congested thereby and the Inspector suggests that either deputies should be appointed for the purpose of checking the Collectors books or that

additional assistance should be provided in the Council Office The Local Government Board request that the County Council will give effect to the suggestions of the Inspector -

The Board desire at the same time to again impress on the Council that under no circumstances will they be prepared to extend the time for the collection of the past half-years rate beyond the 30th instant -

On the motion of Mr J C Macardle JP Seconded by Mr J J Byrne JP it was - Resolved That the Committee appointed by the Council on the 18th January last to employ the extra (temporary) Clerical staff be again requested to meet and to employ such extra clerical help as may be required to complete the applotting, copying of Collectors Demand Notes &c by the 20th May next.

Letter from same dated the 18th instant No 68/m stating for the information of the County Council of the County of Louth that their accounts will be audited by Mr R J Nevell.

Letter from Mr J F Filgate Secretary to Louth County Council applying for a sum of £75 on account to enable him to pay the extra Clerical Staff now employed at the applotment

Payment recommended

Sealed order from the

Local Government Board ordering and directing that it shall be lawful for the Council of the County Louth should they see fit to pay each Collector of Poor Rates on all rates collected and lodged by him before the 1st May 1900 such poundage rates as shall be approved by the Local Government Board.-

Letter from Mr. A N Sheridan Solicitor dated 21st instant stating that in accordance with arrangement made at last Meeting of the County Council he had obtained Counsel's opinion respecting Councils powers to lease or sell the old gaol premises, and that it was his intention to discuss the matter with the Council at their Meeting to be held on Monday the 23rd instant.-

Ordered. That the further consideration of the matter be deferred until the next Quarterly meeting of the Council.-

Pursuant to Notice of Motion Standing in the name of Mr. Joseph Dolan inquiring what steps had been taken concerning the resolution passed at the last Quarterly meeting with regard to the purchase of a National Flag for the use of the Council it was

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Muscraill
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Kinahan

and

Resolved. That Messrs. Joseph Dolan and John L Neary proposer and seconder of the resolution respecting the purchase of a National Flag together with Mr. N. B King be appointed a Committee to procure a suitable design and report to the Council at their next Meeting the probable cost of the proposed National Flag of Ireland.

Peter Hughes
Chairman.

J J Filgate
Secretary.

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South County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the South County Council at the First Quarterly Meeting, held in Drogheda on Thursday 31st day of May 1900.

Present. In the Chair; Peter Hughes Esq. J.P.
Other Councillors. Patrick Byrne, Thomas J. Byrne, Rt Hon D. A. Dickson P.C., Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Chas A. Duffy, Wm de Salis Filgate D.L. J.P. Francis Goyan, Barnard Hamill, J.P. John Hamill, John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinaghan, Nicholas B. King, Hallan Macardle J.P. Thomas Maguire, Dr. H.M. Ardle, James W. Cathy, James J. Coad, James Moore, Laurence Moore, Patrick Murray, J. Lewis Neary, Michael O'Meara, James Quinn J.P. John Quin J.P. Stephen Segrave Esqre

The minutes of the last Quarterly Meeting of the Council were duly confirmed.

The Secretary then read the minutes of Proceedings of the Council at their Special meeting held on Monday the 23rd day of April last. (1900).
before confirmation the Chairman called attention to the fact that the Members of the Council were not furnished with a printed copy of these minutes, and that in compliance with Article 26. of the Standing Orders this should have been done. On the motion of Mr. John Quin. Seconded by Mr. James P. Kelly. the Standing Orders were suspended, and the minutes of the 23rd April 1900. were duly Confirmed.

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COUNTY OF LOUTH.

County Surveyor's Report to the County Council at the First Quarterly Meeting held on May 31st, 1900.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The Rural District Councils at their Quarterly Meetings, held last month, formulated proposals for the renewal of thirty Road Maintenance Contracts which expire at next Summer Assizes. The Ardee Rural District Council also passed two useful Special Works, Nos. 12 and 13 in the Ardee Schedule. In four cases no tenders were received, and in one case the tenders received were informal. In three cases (all in Dundalk Rural District) the Contractors whose tenders were lowest did not appear, and the names of these Contractors are noted for future reference. Consequently there are eight Contracts not set, but tenders for these eight works may be received by the County Council.

The approval of these proposals will not, in any one of the Rural Districts, cause any excess of expenditure in roads above the limit allowed by Sec. 27 of the Act.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. J. LYNAM, County Surveyor.

Proposed by Wr. Patrick Murray
Seconded by Rt. Hon J. a Dickson P.C.
and Resolved, "That the County Surveyors report be adopted by this Council —

With regard to the County Surveyor's Return showing the expenses of maintenance of County Roads of over Railway Bridges in the Rural

Districts of County Louth, it was proposed by Wr. John Ribton Garstin D.L. Seconded by Wr. James P. Kelly. and Resolved,

"That the matter be referred to the Roads Committee to consider and report what will be the best arrangement as to the future maintance of such County Roads, as are carried over Railways, and that the Secretary be instructed to apply to the Railway Company's for such a Sum as our Solicitor on Consultation with the County Surveyor may consider due for the past.

Respecting the same matter the following Resolution was also passed by the Council —

Proposed by Wr. John Dunn J.P.
Seconded by Wr. Patrick Byrne
and Resolved — "That the Roads Committee be requested to go into the matter of the refusal of the Great Northern Railway Company to widen the Bridge at Dromin Junction and report to the next meeting of the Council —

On the Motion of Wr. Wm. de Salis Filgate D.L.
Seconded by Wr. John Johnston J.P.
the Council fix the following dates on which the Rural District Councils of the County shall hold their Second Quarterly Meetings. viz.

Ardee — Tuesday the 3rd day of July 1900.
Drogheda — Thursday the 12th day of July 1900.
Dundalk — Monday the 9th day of July 1900.

and the Proposal Committee on Friday the 10th day of August 190

The Council next considered Tenders for Works not Set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee but before doing so the Secretary read the

following Communication from the Local Government Board

"I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state, for the information of the Rural District Council, that it has come under their notice that in some instances persons without available means have been accepted by District Councils as sureties for Contractors for public works, and that in other cases persons have been allowed to become security for one or more Contractors for amounts which individually or in the aggregate are far in excess of their realizable property. As a consequence important public works have had to be abandoned or postponed to the inconvenience and loss of the public owing to the default both of Contractors and Sureties. In one case it was shown that the occupier of a holding of the annual rateable value of £7 was interested, either as Contractor or Surety in twelve different contracts and had entered into bonds representing a total liability of nearly £500.

In reference to this matter the Board desire to call the attention of the Rural District Council to the terms of Article 18 (2) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899 from which the Council will observe that they are prohibited from accepting any tender received in

respect of a proposal formulated by them unless the person tendering appears and satisfies the Council of the sufficiency of the guarantor and of his willingness to give the guarantee. The Board trust that the provisions of this Article will be carefully borne in mind and that the Rural District Council will exercise the needful precautions to ensure that only such Sureties are accepted as satisfy the Council of their ability to comply with the conditions of their bond in the event of the Contractor for whom they give security becoming a defaulter.

Signed H. W. Swaine,
Secretary.

Order Rural.

No. 4. To maintain from Summer Assizes 1900 to 31st March 1901. 832 perches of the road from Ardee to Slane by Smarmore, between Corbally's Cross and the meering of Louth and Meath at Whitemountain Bridge

The tender of Mr. John Hussey at 5½ per perch accepted.

Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union.

No. 1 To maintain from Summer Assizes 1900 to 31st March 1901 2444 perches of the road from Dunleer to the Sea by Ennestown between Lennon's Cross and the sea at

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at Reynoldstown

The tender of
Mr. Laurence Verdon at 9d. per perch
accepted.-

Rural District of Dundalk.-

No. 1 To maintain from Summer
Assizes 1900 to 31st March 1901
1080 perches of the Road from
Dundalk to Castleblayney between
Hackballscross and the bounds of the
County at Drumboat.
The tender of Mr Patrick McArdle
accepted at 1/5. per perch

No. 2. To maintain from Summer Assizes 1900.
to 31st March 1901.— 1494. perches of the
Road from Dundalk to Crossmaglen by the Lath
between the Castleblayney Road at Annaghvacky
and the County Bounds at Courtbane, with branches
to Rassan and Carrickastuck
The tender of Mr Patrick McArdle at 5d per perch
Accepted

No. 4. To maintain from Summer Assizes 1900.
to 31st March 1901.— 1195. perches of the road
from Carlingford to Newry, between James Connors
in Carlingford and Ballyonan Bridge
The tender of Mathew Carolk at 7½d per perch
Accepted.— This Contract was given to Carolk
by Resolution.— Michael Donnelly also tendered
at 7½ per perch.— Those voted for Carolk
Messrs Byrne J.P.— Dickson Filgate, Johnston, Murray
O'Meara & Quinn & (7).— For Donnelly— Messrs Byrne J.P.
Dolan J.— Hamilton P. Tinny, Maguire, McArdle J.P. (6).

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Murray
Seconded by Mr. Joseph A. McArdle and
Resolved That the following works. for which
no tenders have been received. be placed in
charge of the County Surveyor for One Quarter.
No. 2. South Rural District of Drogheda Union
550. perches of the road from Drogheda to Dundalk
by Reynoldstown. between John Keegans House
and the turn of the road at Seafield.—

No. 3. Rural District of Dundalk.
1520. perches of the road from Dundalk to Carlingford
between Riverstown Bridge and James Connors in Carlingford

Proposed by Mr. Wm de Salis Filgate D.L.
Seconded by Mr. John Quin J.P.
Resolved that The proposals for payments
formulated by the Ardee No. 1.
District Council, at their First Quarterly Meeting
held on the 10th day of April 1900 and
set out in Form 12 furnished to the
County Council be hereby approved of

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan JP
Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan and
Resolved That the proposals for
payments formulated by the Council of the
South District of Drogheda Union at their
First Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th
day of april 1900 and set out in Form
12 furnished to the County Council be
hereby approved of

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill JP
Seconded by Mr. Thomas J Byrne JP
and

Resolved. That the proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meting held on the 9th day of April 1900 and set out in Form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara
Seconded by Mr. Nicholas B King and
Resolved. That the proposals for payment formulated by the Proposal Committee and set out on Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Wm de Salis Filgate JP
Seconded by Dr. John Quin JP and
Resolved. That the proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meting held on the 10th day of April 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan JP.
Seconded by Cr. Joseph Dolan and
Resolved That the proposals for Works formulated by the Louth District Council of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meting held on the 12th day of April 1900. and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'meara
Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill JP and
Resolved. That the proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th day of April 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. Thomas J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill and
Resolved That the proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meting held on Monday the 14th day of May 1900 and set out in Form 10 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

At this juncture of the Proceedings the Chairman read a Telegram announcing the death of Mr. Sept. Maxwell late Member of this Council and it was

Proposed by Mr. John L Neary
Seconded by Mr. Bernard Hamill JP. and
Resolved. That we adjourn this Meting out of respect to the memory of the late Mr. Maxwell whose death has come by such surprise on us and that nothing but very urgent business ~~be~~ be considered, and that we adjourn the remainder of the business until next Thursday at Dundalk

As a matter of urgent business the

following Resolution was passed by the Council

Proposed by J. Callan McCaude JP
Seconded by Mr James P Kelly and
Resolved That Mr A N
Sheridan Solicitor be now heard on
the subject of the National Foresters
application for Building Site

Before Mr Sheridan addressed
the Council on the matter above referred
to the Secretary read the following
communications:-

County of Louth
Spring Assizes 1900

Proposed by Sir Henry Bellingham Bart
Seconded by B B R Bacfour and
Resolved That the Grand Jury of the
County of Louth having noticed by
reports of the proceedings of the
Louth County Council that the Council
contemplate disposing of the old
Prison Premises and building site
situated at the rere of and in close
contiguity with the Assize Court express
the earnest hope that the property
will not be disposed of or alienated
from County purposes, especially as
the ground and premises may be
required for Court-Keeper's residence
and offices for the custody of County
Records. (Signed) L a Lee Norman
For self and fellows
Foreman of Grand Jury

Sheriff's Office
2nd March. 1900.

Sir,

Having heard that it is in
contemplation to dispose of the plot of
ground and premises adjoining the
County Court House known as the
old ~~gaol~~ ~~Premises~~ Prison I would wish
to say that in my opinion this site and
all other grounds attached to the Court
House should be reserved exclusively
for County and Crown purposes. I
have seen the resolution on the subject
passed by the Grand Jury at the present
Spring Assizes and I entirely approve of
same.

(Signed) Mark Singleton
High Sheriff of Louth.

The Council
after hearing Mr Sheridans Application on
behalf of the National Foresters it was
On the motion of Mr Bernard Hamill J.P.
Seconded by Mr James P. Kelly. "That
we entertain the application of the Irish
National Foresters for plot of ground
at Court House Dundalk.

Amendment Moved by R. Stoney Jr Dickson J.P.
Seconded by Mr John Dunn J.P. — That this
Council decide to retain the property known
as the old Gaol premises attached to Dundalk
Court House as it is certain the Council will
require those premises for their own purposes
= On a division there voted for the Amendment
Messrs. Byrne. J.P. — Dickson. Filgate. Gaston,

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Mc Andle & H.

Johnston & Quinn Jno — (7)
Against the Amendment thereto
Messrs. Byrne P — Dolan J — Duffy. Gogarty —
Hamill B — Hamill J — Kelly — Kinaghan
King — Macandle J.C — McCarthy — McCourt
Moore J — Moore L — Murray, Neary. Quinn J.P
& Segrave (18) —
The Chairman therefore declared the amendment lost,
The original Motion was then put from the Chair
and a division challenged with the following result
For the Original Motion thereto Messrs —
Byrne P — Dolan Jno. Duffy — Gogarty — Hamill B —
Hamill J — Kelly — Kinaghan — King — Macandle J.C.
McCarthy — McCourt — Moore J — Moore L — Murray
Neary — Quinn James — Segrave — (18).
Against — Messrs Byrne T.J — Dickson — Filgate
Gaston, Johnston. McAndle H. Quinn J. — (7) —
The Chairman therefore declared the Motion Carried —
The further consideration of the matter was adjourned
until Thursday 7th June 1900 —

The following Resolutions were adopted by the
Council —

1 Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Donegan and
Resolved that the following Sums Certified for
payments on Contracts, in the name of Michael Smyth.
now deceased, be paid to Thomas Commin. Executor of
said Michael Smyth. viz
No 172 — 875. yards of Road — £ 8.4.1
No 340 — 495. — do — £ 93.10.0
43.10.0 = 137.0.0

2 Proposed by Mr. O'Meara
Seconded by Mr John Hamill
Resolved that the following Sum, Certified for
payment on a Contract in the name of James O'Neill
who is now in America be paid to Thomas O'Neill of Glenmore
the said James O'Neill, having executed a power of Attorney
authorising the said Thomas O'Neill to receive all
payments due on foot of said Contract
No 260 — 312. yards of Road £ 2.12.0

3. Proposed by Mr. McCourt
Seconded by Mr. O'Meara
Resolved that the following Sum, Certified
for payment on a Contract, in the name of
Patrick Lamb, now deceased be paid to Bernard
Lamb. Security for said Patrick Lamb.
No 242 — 1170. yards of Road £ 7.7.0.

The Secretary made application for the sum of
£25:12:4 ~~£200~~ to enable him to pay the extra Clerical
Staff. the work being now completed —
Payment Ordered

Proposed by Mr J P Kelly
Seconded by Mr. J Moore
Resolved that the Report of the finance
and other Committees be deferred to the
next meeting of the Council

Peter Hughes. Chairman.
T.J Filgate Secretary

Louth County Council.-

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Chamber Council Dundalk Court House on Thursday the 7th. day of June 1900.-

Present;

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq JP;

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne JP. Henry J Daly JP. Rt. Hon J.A Dickson PC; Joseph Dolan, Charles A Duffy, William de Salis Fitzgerald Esq JP. Bernard Hamill JP. John Hamill, John Johnston JP. James P Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King. J Callan Macardle JP., Thomas Maguire, Joseph H McArdle, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Patrick Murrell, Michael O'Neara, Denis J Rath and Thomas Roe Esquires.-

The Council proceeded to the consideration of the Reports and Minutes of Proceedings of the various Committees of the Council.-

1st Finance Committee

Proposed by Wm. J. J. Byrne JP.
Seconded by Wm. Wm de Salis Fitzgerald Esq and
Resolved. That the report of the Finance Committee together with the

Minutes of their Proceedings, and the Amounts set out therein for payment be hereby approved of by this Council.-

2nd Proposal Committee.-

The Council next considered the report of the Proposal Committee in which was Embodied the Opinion of Mr. Samuel Browne Q.C. respecting the tender for County printing of Mr. D. a McGonagel of Drogheda which was accepted by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday the 12th day of February 1900.; but subsequently rejected by the County Council at their adjourned Meeting held on Monday the 26th day of February 1900. the reasons for the rejection of Mr. McDougall's tender are given in the Minutes of that date.-

After considerable discussion on this matter it was

Proposed by Wm. John Johnston JP.
Seconded by Wm. Denis J Rath
That having considered Wm. McDougall's tender as marked off by the Proposal Committee we accept same

Amendment moved by Wm. Bernard Hamill JP; Seconded by Wm. Charles A Duffy. That Mr. McDougall's tender having been considered and rejected and we having now considered the next lowest tender being Mr. Tempests we hereby accept same.-

On a division there voted for the Amendment: Messrs. Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne, Charles A Duffy, Bernard Hamill,

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John Hamill, James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B King, Joseph H Mc Ardle, James Mc Carthy, James Mc Court and James Moore (12)

Against the amendment there voted:- Henry J Daly, Rt Hon J.G Dodson, John Johnston, Thomas Maguire, Patrick Murray, Michael O'Meara and Denis J Kath (4)

The original motion was then put from the Chair and the voting resulted the same as after.

The Chairman then declared the Amendment carried.

Arising out of the same Report the Council further considered the application of the Irish National Foresters for the site known as the "old gaol premises" attached to Dundalk Court House and in accordance with instructions the County Surveyor - Mr. J.J. Lynam CE - prepared and read the following report.

County Surveyor's Report to the Louth County Council at the adjourned 1st Quarterly Meeting June 7th 1900.

Mr Chairman and Gentlemen,

As directed I beg to report that the portion of the County Court House premises which the Irish National Foresters

wish to buy as a site for their proposed new Hall has a frontage on Crowe Street of 21 feet 2 inches and a depth of 216 feet 6 inches. This site includes the existing part of the old jail and coincides with it in width.

According to the plan and elevations which have been shown to me the Proposed Foresters' Hall would cost £1800. Taking for granted (in the absence of any description or specification) that red shade on the elevations means brick work, and that yellow shade means cut stone, generally moulded, the building although very much less ornamental than the Town Hall would be fairly in keeping with its surroundings. The walls of the hall would be 28 feet high overground and 31 feet distant from the Judges Rooms, and from the Crown and Peace Offices. The light in the Judges rooms will be diminished, but these rooms are rarely if ever used for writing. The Crown and Peace offices being on the first floor will not I think, be observed to any serious extent. No building is shown opposite to the Council Chamber or Grand Jury room. In all these respects the elevations appear to me to be fairly satisfactory, but it ought to be agreed that the elevations shall not be altered, after the sale, to the prejudice of the County Council.

The old Gaol is not ornamental, but it contains seven rooms, each about 10 feet long by 7 feet wide, and one room about 16 feet by 10 feet. One of these rooms is

is in possession of the Sub-Sheriff, who uses it I believe, to store Ballot boxes, and other Documents connected with Elections. The Court-Keeper uses one Room to store Kindling wood, another to store matting, which is only laid down in the Courts when required. Two other Rooms are used by the Court Keeper for his own purposes. The large room is used as a Store for Documents by the County Secretary, and is so nearly full that further accommodation must soon be provided. One room is nearly choke full of documents from the Crown and Peace offices. In the 8th room some tools and materials are stored which are used by me for Courts in my charge. If this building be sold, it is absolutely necessary that at least an equal amount of Storage should be provided elsewhere.

It is suggested that there are a great number of Cellars in the basement underneath the Court House but in fact there are only 4 Cellars, one Cellar is the Furnace-room for heating the Courts; two others are the Court-Keepers bed-room and Kitchen, the fourth Cellar is used as a Store partly by the North East Bar, and partly by the Grand Jury and the remainder of this Cellar is used by the Court Keeper as a Scullery and a Coal Store. As there is only one bed room, the Court Keper sleeps in a Jury Room except at Quarter Sessions

and Assizes, when, if required, he sleeps in one of the Judge's Rooms.

Doctor Kopnagh has at present two offices in the Court-House, but the Sessional Crown Solicitor's office is only 6 feet wide and might in future be used as a furniture room (that is a Store for furniture ~~room~~ and is ~~also used to store documents~~ when the furniture is not required) The Crown Solicitor's office is now used as a furniture room and is also used to store documents from the Crown and Peace Offices. There ought to be a Solicitor's room in the Court House but there is no room available. I beg to point out that there is no waiting room for women who may be summoned as witnesses. Again on the Agenda there is a notice of motion that additional accommodation be given to Jurors in or adjacent to the County Court-House.

Obviously the accommodation in the Court House is not sufficient and instead of being in a position to sell eight Rooms the Council will soon be obliged to build new offices. The only convenient site for such offices is the site now considered. It would be very inconvenient to build Stores or additional accommodation for Jurors &c. at a distance from the Court-House.

As to the value of the site at Spring Assizes 1896 the Grand Jury agreed to lease this site to the Post Office authorities for £30 per annum (being 60/- per foot of frontage, nearly) giving the Post Office the option of buying out the site at twenty years purchase

purchase of £600. This rent £30. per annum seems high. but so far as I have been able to ascertain the Post Office agreed to pay this rent and the site is one of the best in the County. Twenty years purchase seems to me to be much too low. It is difficult to find a perfectly safe investment which will pay three per cent per annum. and the ground rent of a site on which new and expensive buildings have been constructed is the safest of all investments and is worth at least thirty three years purchase.

The site is the property of the Rate-payers of County Louth, to sell it, not by public auction, but by private contract for £225. the sum offered by this charitable Society, or even for double this sum, would be I think, an injustice to the rate-payers.

I am, Gentlemen,
Your obedient servant
J Lynam.

Mr A N. Sheridan. Solicitor. who appeared on behalf of the Irish National Foresters offered the Council the sum of £300 for the premises.

The Council discussed the matter at very considerable length, but arrived at no definite decision. Finally the following Notice of Motion was handed in which the Chairman stated

would be considered at the next meeting of the Council.

"I hereby give Notice of motion "that at the next meeting of the County Council "I shall move that the Council having agreed "to entertain the application of the Dundalk "Branch of the Irish National Foresters for the "purchase of the plot of ground known as "the "old Jail premises" now accept their offer "of £300 as full value of said premises "giving due consideration to their position as "a registered society under the "Friendly Societies "Act" and the very large amount saved to "the rates annually by their Combination"

(Signed) John Hamill.

3rd Pier Committee

Proposed by Mr Thomas J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr Joseph H McArdle and
Resolved. That the report of the Pier's Committee and the suggestions and recommendations contained therein be hereby approved of by this Council.; and that the Harbour Constables Hoguin and Comiskey get three months notice to retire and that the Secretary be instructed to advertise for two new men, and that applications be considered at next Quarterly meeting of the Council.

4th Minutes of Executive Committee.

Proposed by Mr J. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr Bernard Hamill JP and
Resolved. That the Minutes of

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Proceedings of the Executive Committee held on Monday the 2nd day of april 1900 be hereby approved of by this Council.

Correspondence.-

Letter from the Local Government Board dated march 6th 1900 No. 37771 forwarding for the information of the Council in pursuance of Article 12 of the County Councils Order 1899 a copy of the Report of the Auditor - Mr. R J Newell - on his audit of their accounts for the half-year ended the 30th September 1899 together with an attested abstract of the accounts showing the receipts and expenditure under the several heads for the period mentioned.

"Copy of Mr. Newells Report
No. 13,771: 1900.
Louth County.

Dunleavy, 2nd march, 1900.

Gentlemen,

I have the honor to report that I have audited the accounts of the Council of the County of Louth for the half-year ended the 30th September last, and I transmit the accompanying attested copies of the Abstract thereof in accordance with the requirements of the County Councils Order 1899.

No poor rate was lodged during

the half year, the poor rate Collectors not having received their Warrants till the middle of October. Having regard however to the terms of Article 14 of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order 1899 I required the attendance of the several Collectors with the view of ascertaining whether they were keeping their books and discharging their duties in the prescribed manner. I found that they were doing so and the state of affairs with respect to the Collection appeared to me to be satisfactory the total amount of Warrants £14,814 having been lodged by the end of January less some £300 remaining uncollected in the District of a Collector who resigned before that date, which sum has been allowed to be carried forward to the next rate.

The Accounts include a payment in respect of a claim for £15:2:6 for printing work done for the Grand Jury of the former County of the Town of Drogheda although the Council were informed that this account should be paid out of the balance to credit of that Grand Jury and that the Local Government Board would be prepared to authorise the Treasurer to have a Cheque drawn for that purpose application should, I presume be now made for recoupment of this sum from the funds of the late Grand Jury of Drogheda

Owing to an error in the list of Proposals for payment Form 12 of the District accounts order 1899 received from one of the District Councils an overpayment of £16:13:1 was made to a Road Contractor

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The sum recommended for payment in this instance by the County Surveyor on Form 14 of the same order was 13/11, but the amount was wrongly entered in Form 12 as £17:12:0 and this sum was naturally paid by the County Council the amount of the overpayment has, however, since been lodged to the credit of the County by the Contractor.

A sum of £26:18:0 is due by the County Council to the Local Taxation Account on foot of the recoupment made to them in respect of gratuities to existing officers. The total of the sums returned to the Local Government Board under this head was £2957:3:4 the half of which would amount to £1478:11:8. The amount recouped was £1478:16:8 In the claim furnished by the County Council the amount of the gratuity was incorrect in two instances Denis McArdle returned for a sum of £367:1:8 and James Ofarrell for a sum of £173:1:8. The correct amounts in these cases are McArdle £ Ofarrell £179:1:3 and the total sum on which the recoupment should have been allowed was £2903:17:4 instead of the sum mentioned above. Half of this total would be £1451:18:8 and the difference between this amount and that already recouped constitutes the sum already referred to as due by the County Council.

The bonds of the several collectors were duly produced for inspection as was also the bond entered into by Mr Delgate

as an Officer of the late Grand Jury. In the last mentioned case one of the Sureties is a Member of the County Council, but the Secretary informs me that he is prepared to give fresh Security if necessary.

Owing no doubt to the difficulties attending the Starting of an entirely new system of Finance, the regulations governing procedure were not in some respects observed as closely as I feel sure they will be in future, but on the whole I found that the business of the Council has been conducted in the manner prescribed by the various Regulations on the subject.

In conclusion it affords me pleasure to be able to report as I fully anticipated I should be, that the accounts in general were prepared and rendered for audit by the Secretary - Mr. Stanley J Delgate - in the thoroughly accurate and efficient manner in which in my experience his duties in this respect have invariably been performed, and the same may be said of the way the County Surveyor, Mr. J Lynam, discharged his responsibilities with regard to all matters with which he was directly connected.

I have the honor to be
Gentlemen
Your obedient servant
R J Nevell
Local Government Auditor

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill J.P.
Seconded by Mr. James McCourt and
Resolved. That the sum of £26:18:0

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be refunded to the Local Taxation Account being amount overpaid by them to the County on account of recoupment in respect of gratuities to retired officers.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 5th March, 1900 No. 12,362 adverting to Secretary's letter of the 23rd ultimo relative to an error made by him in connection with the payment of a sum of £15:2:6 in respect of printing, and stating that the error in question can be rectified by drawing a Cheque or issuing a Paying Order against the Account of the former Grand Jury of the County of the Town of Drogheda and lodging it to the credit of the Account of the County Council of Louth.

Letter from same dated 13th March 1900 No. 15,221 acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 9th instant transmitting a Statement in connection with the amounts of post-sale declared by the County Council of Louth to be irrecoverable; and with reference to the resolution adopted by the Council at their last Quarterly Meeting on the subject the Local Government Board state that they will raise no objection to the refunds on account of arrears being made to the Collectors, provided the County Council have satisfied themselves

that the Arrears in question are legally irrecoverable.

Further letter from same dated 15th March 1900 stating for the information of the County Council that the Board have received further correspondence respecting the salary of Mr. Lynam, County Surveyor in Louth.

The Board are informed that the recommendation of the Finance Committee proposing to allow Mr. Lynam a salary of £450 a year and £50 a year for office expenses was adopted by the County Council at their meeting on the 31st August last and that Mr. Lynam accepted these terms for his duties as County Surveyor of County Louth.

The question of Mr. Lynam's salary as Surveyor of the County of the Town of Drogheda is, however, yet to be determined, and in connection with this matter, the Board would remind the Council that on the 24th day last a Resolution was passed unanimously to grant a superannuation allowance of £50 a year to Mr. Lynam in discharge of his claim. The Board, in their letter of the 5th June replying to this Resolution stated that they were of opinion that this course could not legally be adopted, and they suggested, that the case should be dealt with as if the Offices of County Surveyor of the County of Louth and of the County of the Town of Drogheda were held by different persons with a view therefore to a settlement of

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of Mr. Lynam's claim, the Board venture to suggest that Mr. Lynam's salary should be fixed at £480 a year and £50 a year for office expenses, this sum to include remuneration both as County Surveyor of Louth and the County of the Town of Drogheda; and the Board would be glad to be favoured with an expression of the views of the Council with respect to this suggestion.

Mr. Lynam who was in attendance at the Council Meeting stated that he was desirous that his salary should remain as per the recommendation of the Finance Committee - viz - £450 a year as County Surveyor of County Louth and £50 a year for Offici expenses.

Letter from Lt. Colonel J O'Hara dated 4th ultimo stating that in compliance with the Great Northern Railway Act 1892 Sec 18 (9) he enclosed a Certificate Copy of which he had sent to the Great Northern Railway in reference to the Accounts of the Ardee Branch for the half year Ending 31st December 1899

Mr. O'Hara further States that he regrets the undertaking does not appear to "pay its way", but he has carefully examined the charges and returns and cannot object to any item of the Account which appears to have been carefully kept and fairly brought out for the award and

Certificate.

Proposed by Mr. J. J Byrne JP.
Seconded by Mr. James Mc Carthy and
Resolved. That Messrs. Patrick Byrne, Thomas Dolan, and John K Garston DL be appointed a Committee to attend the Audit of the Ardee Branch Railway Accounts and report to this Council their opinions respecting the audit.

Letter from the Chief Clerk Richmond District Asylum dated the 21st ultimo acknowledging the receipt of the Secretarys letter of the 19th instant in which was stated that an Order for £688:0:3 would be forwarded to the Asylum Authorities immediately after the Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

In reply to this letter Mr. Lennon suggests that the Council should do as some others of the contributory portions of the District are doing - that is - forward an instalment of the Estimate to 31st March 1900 which would clear the County to the 30th June next.

Payment of instalment as above suggested was recommended by the Council.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated the 29th ultimo relative to the recommendation of the Finance Committee to pay the salaries of the County and Assistant Surveyors in the County from the 1st April 1899, and stating that the

Board

Board approve of the proposed arrangement.

Letter from Mr. Patrick McCullough dated 31st ultimo stating that the Finance Committee rejected the joint ~~Committee~~ application of the Collectors for an increase in their poundage owing to their increased duties. Mr. Mc. Cullough states that he is the lowest paid Collector in the County and makes formal application for an increase in his poundage for the following reasons:- viz - he refers to the Schedule of Proposals for the Quarterly Meting of the 22nd February 1900 page 30 & 31 and instances the case of Mr. Peter Mc. Donnell whose Warrant was £1598:17:8 - poundage fees £46:12:8 - his Warrant £2042:6:6 poundage fees £42:11:0. Mr. McCullough therefore collected £443:8:10. More than Mr. Mc. Donnell but received £4:1:8 less in fees. Mr. Mc. Cullough also States that his expenses to and from Dundalk during the course of the last half-year's collection was £4:10:0

The letter was marked "Read" but Mr. Dickson handed in the following Notice of Motion.

"I hereby give Notice of Motion "that at the next Meeting of the County "Council I shall propose that the poundage "paid Mr. Mc. Cullough for the collection "of the rates in Drogheda Rural District

be increased from 5% to 6%

(Signed) Thos. A Dickson.

Letter from the Hon. Secretaries Irish National Convention dated 10th ultimo enclosing a copy of the Official report of the meeting held on May 3rd by the Joint Committee of the Irish Parliamentary Party and of the Directory of the United Irish League. The letter further states that "on reference to this "report you will see the number of Delegates "to which each representative Public Body is "Entitled. Will you kindly place this "communication before your Board at its "next Meeting or refer it to the Nationalist "members of the Board, if such members are "in a minority with a view of Electing "Delegates to represent them at the Convention "to be held in the Rotunda at 12 o'clock noon "on Tuesday 19th June"

When we learn that Delegates have been duly appointed, we shall forward them Cards for admission to the Convention.

(Signed) Edward Blake
William O'Brien
J. Harrington
J. J. O'Kelly
} Hon. Secys.

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston JP.
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Roe

That owing to the vote on Yesterday of the Executive Committee having charge of the arrangements for the National Convention this Council postpone the appointment of Delegates until our Annual

Meeting on the 13th instant

The Chairman decided the Council on Mr. Johnston's proposition and the following was the result of the voting:- For the motion:- Messrs. Byrne J. J. Hamill B. Hughes, Johnston, Kinahan, McArdle J. C., Maguire, McArdle M. Murray, Kath. and Kof (11)

Against the motion there voted:- Messrs. Byrne J. Dolan J. Kelly, King, McCarthy, McCourt and O'Meara (7)

The Chairman then declared Mr. Johnston's Resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to convey to the Hon Secretaries of the Joint Committee of the Irish National Convention the decision of the Council respecting the appointment of delegates to attend the convention.

Report of the National Flag Committee.

Copy.

We the Committee appointed by your Council recommend that the proposal of Messrs Clery & Co., Dublin for flag for Louth County Council according to the terms of their letter and pattern be adopted. This includes large gold harp painted in gold in the centre rope, pole and pulley's complete in Irish poplin the price to be £13:10:0.

(Signed) N. B. King
Joseph Dolan.

Proposed by Mr. Nicholas B. King
Seconded by Mr. Joseph Dolan and
Resolved. That the report of the Committee appointed by this Council to purchase a National Flag be approved by this Council.

It was then
Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan
Seconded by Mr. N. B. King and
Resolved That the Secretary of Louth County Council be instructed to order a Flag according to the terms of resolution just passed.

Proposed by Mr. Michael O'Meara.
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Murray and
Resolved That the Notice of Motion Standing in the name of Mr. Michael O'meara respecting the establishing and Endowing of a Catholic University for Ireland be adopted by this Council.

Proposed by Mr. O'meara
Seconded by Mr. N. B. King
That the Notice of Motion Standing in the name of Mr. O'meara advocating the establishing of branches of the United Irish League in this County be adopted by this Council.

On a division there voted for Mr. O'Meara's Motion - Messrs. Byrne J.

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Dolan J. Kng. Maguire, McCarthy, McCourt, Murray and O'Meara (8)

Against the motion :- Messrs Byrne J. Hamill B. Hughes, Johnston, Kath and Roe (6)

The Chairman declared Mr. O'Mearas motion carried.

The notice of motion standing in the name of Mr. James P. Kelly was by leave withdrawn.

Resolutions.

Proposed by Mr. Bernard Hamill Seconded by Mr. James McCourt and Resolved. That the amounts as set out in the Secretary's Statements - viz - £0:18:9 Patrick Moonan and £4:17:1 - Patrick McDonnell - Showing errors in the amounts of Collectors Moonans and Mr. Donnel's Warrants be refunded by this Council and that the amount of £1:17:3 irrecoverable Arrears disallowed by the Ardee Rural District Council and subsequently allowed by them on the Collector explaining the items be refunded to Mr. McDonnell.

Notices of Motion.

I hereby give Notice

of Motion that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the Council having agreed to entertain the application of the Dundalk Branch of the Irish National Foresters for the purchase of the plot of ground known as the "old Jail premises now accept their offer of £300 as full value of said premises, giving due consideration to their position as a registered Society under the "Friendly Societies Act" and the very large amount saved to the rates annually by their combination -

(Signed) John P. Hamill

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that we apply to the Commissioners of Irish Lights for Statutory Sanction to the exhibition of a Light on Clogher Head Pier and that the County Secretary be instructed to publish such advertisements and circulate such handbills for the information of Mariners as may be considered necessary by the Commissioners of Irish Lights.

(Signed) Denis J Kath.

I hereby give Notice of Motion that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the resolution limiting the number of the Finance Committee to seven be rescinded and that the names of Mr. B Hamill and Mr. N.B.

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be added thereto.

Signed (James Mc. Carthy)

Peter Hughes Chairman.

J J Flynn Secretary.

Minutes of Proceedings of the County Council of Louth at their Annual Meeting held in the Council Chamber Courthouse, on Wednesday, the 13th day of June 1900.

Present:

In the Chair:. Peter Hughes Esq JP.

Other Members:. Patrick Byrne, Thomas J Byrne JP; William P. Carnes; Patrick Callan, Henry J Daly JP; Joseph Dolan, Thomas Dolan, Patrick Donegan JP; Charles A Duffy, John R Garstin Ex JP; Bernard Hamill JP; John Hamill, John Johnston JP; James P Kelly, Thomas Kinahan; Nicholas B Kng, J Callan Macardle JP; Thomas Maguire; Joseph H Mc. Ardle; James Mc. Carthy; James Mc. Court; James Moore; Laurence Moore; Patrick Murray, Charles Duffy, Richard O'Meara, James Quinn JP; Denis J Rath, Thomas Roe, and Stephen Segrave Esquires.-

Election of Chairman.

Proposed by Mr. John Johnston JP; Seconded by Mr. James Mc. Carthy and unanimously. Resolved. That Mr. Peter Hughes, of Castering, Channonrock, Louth, be elected Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.-

Election of Vice-Chairman

Proposed by Mr. James Mc. Carthy

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Seconded by Mr. Michael O'Meara and unanimously Resolved. That Mr. Thomas J Byrne of Roxmaka, Dundalk be elected Vice. Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

Co-option of a Councillor in room of the late Mr. Joseph Maxwell.

Proposed by Mr. J. Callan Macardle JP.
Seconded by Mr James Quinn JP ~~and unanimously~~ ~~Resolved~~.

That Mr. Henry O'Connell of Earl Street, Dundalk, be co-opted by this Council in the room of Mr. Joseph Maxwell deceased.

Proposed by Mr. Patrick Murray;
Seconded by Mr. Michael O'meara
That Mr. John Lewis Neary, of Whiterath, Castlebellingham, be co-opted by this Council

The Chairman took a division as between Mr. O'Connell and Mr. Neary with the following result :-
For O'Connell :- Messrs. Byrne T.J.; Cairnes, Daly, Dolan J. Duffy C.A. Duffy W. Gerstin, Hamill B, Hamill J, Johnston, Macardle J.C, Mc Court, Quinn and Roe - 14 -

For Neary :- Messrs. Byrne P., Callan P., Dolan J. Donegan, King, Maguire, McArdle JH, McCarthy, Moore J, Moore L, Murray, O'meara,

Rath and Segrave (14).

Both gentlemen having received an equal number of votes, the Chairman recorded his vote in favor of Mr. O'Connell, whom he declared elected.

On the motion of Mr. Thomas Roe Seconded by Mr. Laurence Moore Mr. Charles A Duffy was unanimously elected member of the Joint Committee of Management of Richmond District Lunatic Asylum in room of the late Mr. Maxwell.

On the motion of Mr. N. B. King. Seconded by Mr. P. Donegan Mr. Patrick Callan was elected Member of the Roads Committee in room of Mr. Maxwell; and Mr. Patrick Byrne's name was substituted for that of Mr. Neary's on the same Committee

Correspondence.

Letter from Mr. J. Dowdall, Clerk of Louth Rural District Council of Drogheda Union Stating, that Mr. Patrick Donegan, of Monasterboice, Drogheda, had been elected Chairman of his Council, and that consequently he would be an additional member of the Louth County Council for the ensuing Year.

Similar letter from Mr. T. B. Donegale, Clerk of Ardee Union, intimating that Mr. William de Salis Filgate of Ardee, had been Elected Chairman of the Ardee No. 1

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Rural District Council for the ensuing year.

Letter from Mr. J. R Finigan, Clerk of Dundalk Union, ~~intimating~~ stating, that Mr. Matthew Duffy, of Dunbin, Dundalk had been assigned by the Dundalk Rural District Council to be an additional member of the County Council during the term of office of the present Chairman.

The Council next considered the following Notice of Motion, handed in by Mr. John Hamill, at the last meeting of the Council.

"That the Council having agreed "to entertain the application of the "Dundalk Branch of the Irish National "Foresters for the purchase of the plot "of ground known as the old "Jail "Premises" now accept their offer of £300 as full value of said premises "giving due consideration to their position "as a Registered Society under the "Friendly Societies Act" and the very "large amount saved to the Rates "annually by their Combination".

The Chairman divided the Council on this matter, and the following was the result of the voting:-

For Mr. Hamill's Motion:- Messrs. Duffy E.A. Hamill B. Hamill J. Kelly, Kinahan, MacArdle T.C. Mc. Court, Moore J.;

Moore L. Murray, and Segrave (11)

Against the Motion:- Messrs. Byrne P. Byrne J.J. Carnes, Callan, Daly, Dolan J. Dolan J. Donegan, Gerstin, Johnston, King, Maguire, Mc. Ardle H. Mc. Carthy, Duffy M. O'Meara, Rath and Roe - 18.

The Chairman therefore declared Mr. Hamill's motion lost.-

Pursuant to Notice of Motion handed in by Mr. James Mc. Carthy, the Council rescinded the resolution of the Council limiting the number of the Finance Committee to seven, and added the names of Messrs. N. B King and Bernard Hamill to the same Committee.-

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Mr. Dickson, was next considered by the Council:-

"That at the next meeting of the Council I shall propose that the poundage paid Mr. Mc. Cullough for the collection of the rates in Drogheda Rural District be increased from 5d. to 6d." Mr. Dickson not being present Mr. Stephen Segrave, on his behalf, moved that the proposition Standing in the name of Mr. Dickson be adopted by the Council. The Chairman, however, pointed out that under Article 39 of the Standing Orders, Mr. Segrave could not do this in the absence of written authority from Mr. Dickson, whereupon Mr.

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Segrave moved the suspension of the Standing Orders.

The Chairman divided the Council on this matter, when there voted for the Suspension of the Standing Orders - Messrs. Byrne P, Callan, Dolan J. Dolan T. Donegan, Duffy C.A. Hamill Kng, Maguire, McCarthy, Murray, Rath and Segrave - 13.

Against Suspending the Standing Orders:- Messrs. Byrne J.J., Gerstin, Hamill B, Johnston, Kinahan, Macardle T.C McArdle J.H. Moore L. Duffy M, Quinn and Roe - 11.

The Chairman then declared that the Standing Orders were suspended.

The following amendment to Mr. Segrave's original Motion was Proposed by Mr. Thomas Kinahan, Seconded by Mr. Laurence Moore "That Mr. McCullough be paid his "travelling expenses to and from "Dundalk, with no further increase "of Salary"

On a division there voted for the Amendment:- Messrs. Byrne J.J., Kinahan, McArdle J.H. Moore L. Duffy M. and Quinn - 6.

Against the Amendment:- Messrs. Byrne P.

Callan, Dolan J. Dolan T. Donegan, Duffy Ca, Hamill J. Kng, Maguire, McCarthy, Murray, O'Meara, Rath Roe and Segrave - 15.

The Amendment was therefore declared lost.

The Chairman then put the original Motion to a vote with the following result. For the Motion:- Messrs. Byrne P, Callan, Dolan J. Dolan T. Donegan, Duffy Ca. Gerstin, Hamill B, Hamill J. Kelly, Kng, Macardle T.C; Maguire, McCarthy, Murray, Quinn, Rath Roe and Segrave - 19.

Against the original Motion - Messrs. Byrne J.J. Johnston, Moore L. and Duffy M. — 4.

The Chairman declared the original Motion carried.-

Pursuant to Notice of Motion handed in by Mr. Denis J Rath, the Council unanimously adopted the following:-

"That this Council apply to the Commissioners of Irish Lights for statutory Sanction to the exhibition of a light on Clogher Head Pier, and that the County Secretary be instructed to publish such advertisements and circulate such handbills for the information of Mariners as may be considered necessary by the Commissioners of Irish Lights. Pete Hughes Chairman

J.J. Filgate Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at a Special Meeting held on Monday the 13th day of August 1900.

Present:

In the Chair :- Peter Hughes Esq: JP.

Other Members :- Patrick Collan, Henry J Daly JP; Rt. Hon. J. A Dickson PC; Charles A Duffy. Matthew Duffy, William de Soles Filgate DL; James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B. King, James Moore, Patrick Murray, and James Quinn JP. Esquires.

The Secretary read the following Circular, which he had issued to each Member of the Council :-

Sir,

I have been directed by the Chairman to convene a meeting of the County Council to be held on Monday next the 13th day of August 1900 at Eleven O'Clock a.m. for the purpose of

To Considering the tender of Mr. William A McDougall for the printing of part of the printing required by the County Council accepted by the Proposal Committee and by them reported to the County Council.

This Meeting is convened as ordered by Mandamus from Queens Bench, and pursuant to opinion of Mr. Samuel Brown Q.C. furnished to this office by Mr. Rogers County Solicitor

Please

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Please note that the holding of this meeting is an absolute necessity, in order that a valid return may be forthwith made to the Writ of Mandamus, the failure to make this return will entail serious Consequences to the Council

Townley F. Filgate
Secretary to Louth County Council

The Council had before them the opinion of Mr Samuel Browne Q.C. respecting the rejection of Mr. W. A. Mc Dougalls tender for County printing and the Mandamus Served on the Council on the 11th July last and in accordance with Mr Browns instructions the Council unanimously passed the following resolution

Proposed by Mr James P. Kelly
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn J.P. and
Unanimously resolved — That having reheard & entertained and Considered the Tender of William A. Mc Dougall for the printing of part of the printing required by the County Council. accepted by the Proposal Committee and by them reported to this Council. this Council hereby reject the Same

Proposed by Mr H.G. Daly J.P.
Seconded by Mr Thomas Smithson, and
Unanimously Resolved — That the Tender of Mr Mc Dougall for printing having been rejected we hereby refer the proposal back to the Proposal Committee

Townley F. Filgate
Secretary to Louth County Council

Peter Hughes
Chairman

T F Filgate Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber of the Court House on Thursday the 30th day of August 1900.-

Present:

In the Chair:- Peter Hughes Esq.r J.P.

Other Members:- Patrick Byrne, William J. Cairnes, Rt. Hon. J.a Dickson P.C; Joseph Dolan, Patrick Donegan, Matthew Duffy, John R Garstin D.L.; John Johnston J.P. James P. Kiely, Thomas Maguire, Joseph H McArdle, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Patrick Murray, James Quinn J.P; John Quin J.P. Denis J Rath, and Thomas Roe Esquires.-

County Surveyor's Report.

Please See opposite page.

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COUNTY OF LOUTH.

County Surveyor's Report to the County Council at the Second Quarterly Meeting held on August 30th, 1900.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

The New Road through Glack, in Ardee Electoral Division, has been completed and handed over in good order, but an application for a Maintenance Contract (No. 1 Ardee) was rejected. The road cost £720 to construct, and after the first two years it might be kept in repair for about £12 per annum.

The protection wall (No. 1 Drogheda) is not required so far as I can judge. If there is any danger at one occupier's land, where the wall is to be built, then there is exactly the same danger in the case of three adjoining occupiers, whose lands ought also to be fenced.

The road through Rassan Bog (Creggan, Dundalk) has been badly damaged by an occupier who cut turf close up to the roadside where there is no fence, leaving a vertical drop of about nine feet.

The road, No. 260, 312 perches, contractor, James O'Neill, has been quite neglected for some months, and is in very bad order. I beg to recommend that proceedings be taken on the bond to break the contract.

Annexed is an Abstract of Road Expenditure for the year ending March 31st last, and a table in which the expenditure for last year is compared in detail, with the expenditure for the two previous years.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

P. J. LYNAM, County Surveyor.

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RURAL DISTRICTS OF COUNTY LOUTH.

Table 2.—Comparative view of Expenditure for the Years 1897, 1898 and 1899.

Rural Districts.	Year.	Maintenance of Roads. Mileage	Rate per Perch	Expenditure.	Construction of New Roads. Mileage.	Expenditure	Cost of all other Road Works	Total Road Expenditure. Amount.	Rate per £ on Valuation.	Expenditure on Harbours Amount.	Rate per £ on Valuation.
		M. F P.	In Pence	£ s. d.	M. F. P.	£ s d	£ s d	£ s d		£ s d	
Ardee, No. 1. ...	1897	196 0 26	13·10	3423 18 1	2 4 13	312 10 0	165 0 0	3901 8 1	13·29	109 15 0	...
	1898	197 3 26	12·67	3334 19 4	2 2 29	262 10 0	192 9 0	3789 18 4	12·91	109 15 0	...
	1899	198 5 16	12·97	3435 14 11	3 5 39	613 5 8	51 0 0	4100 1 7	13·97	109 15 0	...
Drogheda(Louth) ...	1897	125 1 33	13·81	2306 10 9	1 6 5	257 0 0	34 1 0	2597 11 9	16·14	369 3 0	2·29
	1898	125 2 9	13·73	2294 0 8	1 4 15	187 0 0	79 2 8	2560 3 4	15·91	369 3 0	2·29
	1899	125 2 9	14·21	2372 19 10	1 4 15	187 0 0	49 0 0	2608 19 10	16·21	369 3 0	2·29
Dundalk, ...	1897	270 2 39	14·43	5202 2 11	3 7 28	558 14 11	259 18 5	6020 16 3	17·57	386 12 10	...
	1898	270 1 1	14·38	5179 6 5	4 1 20	636 7 8	50 2 0	5865 16 1	17·12	394 12 10	...
	1899	272 5 5	14·40	5234 15 11	2 4 15	400 1 0	377 17 0	6012 13 11	17·55	417 3 4	...
Total for Three Rural Districts...	1897	591 5 18	13·86	10932 11 9	8 2 6	1128 4 11	458 19 5	12519 16 1	15·70	865 10 10	...
	1898	592 6 36	13·67	10808 6 5	8 0 24	1085 17 8	321 13 8	12215 17 9	15·32	873 10 10	...
	1899	596 4 30	13·88	11043 10 8	7 6 29	1200 7 8	477 17 0	12721 15 4	15·96	896 1 4	...

August 22nd, 1900.

P. J. LYNAM,
County Surveyor of Louth.

On the Motion of Mr. John Quin it was seconded by Mr. Ross and Resolved that the Report of the County Surveyor was adopted by the Council.

The following dates for Quarterly Meetings of the Home District Council and Standing Committee were fixed by the Council:-

Ordinary Home District Council
Tuesday 2nd day of October, 1900

Louth District Council of Appeals Court
Thursday the 4th day of October 1900.

Dundalk Rural District Council
Monday the 8th day of October, 1900.

Standing Committee
Monday the 12th day of November 1900.

List of Shippers formulated by the Rural District Councils and Standing Committee

Proposed by Mr. John Quin, Seconded by Mr. Patrick Mooney and Resolved:
That the Shippers for Louth No 1 Assignment formulated by the Rural District Council at their Quarterly Meeting held on the 3rd day of July 1900 and now in force be and is hereby adopted by this County Council as the Shippers for the Assignment of Contracts for the Supply of Stone for the Year ending 31st March 1901.
Proposed by Mr. Edward Bamber, Seconded by Mr. Patrick Mooney and Resolved:
That the Engineer for

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payments formulated by the Council of the South District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th day of July 1900 and set out in Form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

On the Motion of Mr. Mathew Duffy, Seconded by Mr. John Johnston it was Resolved. That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th day of July 1900, and set out in Form 12 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.

Proposed by Mr. John R Gerstin Jr.
Seconded by Mr. William P. Carnes and
Resolved. That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 13th day of August 1900 and set out in Form 10 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.-

Proposed by Mr. John Quinn Jr.
Seconded by Mr. Patrick Murray and
Resolved. That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th day of July 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be

hereby approved of.
Proposed by Mr. Patrick Donegan.
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Maguire and
Resolved. That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Council of the South District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th day of July 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.-
Proposed by Mr. Mathew Duffy
Seconded by Mr. John Johnston Jr. and
Resolved. That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 23rd day of July 1900 and set out in Form 11 furnished to the County Council be hereby approved of.-

With respect to the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee the Chairman read the following communication from D. Moynagh L.L.D. :-

To
The County Council of the County of Louth.

Gentlemen,

As Solicitor for Mr. W. A. McDougall of Drogheda, Ignter, who tendered for the above work, I hereby, on his behalf, caution you against approving of the Tender of Mr. William Tempest for the above painting accepted

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by your Proposal Committee at their meeting held in the Council Chamber Court House, Dundalk, on the 24th August 1900 And take Notice the grounds on which my client objects to the approval by the County Council of the said Tender is that said Committe adjourned their meeting for the purpose of obtaining tenders to a day less than seven days after the day on which the adjournment was made and that the notice inviting Tenders by the Council's Committe was insufficient contrary to the Provisions of Section 16 of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils Order) 1899 and Take Notice that should you neglect or decline to comply with the requirements hereof I shall take such legal Proceedings against you as I may be advised and shall make use of this notice against you in such Proceedings

(Signed.) Michl. C. Hoynagh.

Dated this 29th day of August 1900.

Proposed by Mr. James McCarthy
Seconded by Mr. Denis J Rath and
Resolved. That Mr. Hoynagh's objection re Printing Contract be referred to Mr. Rogers for his opinion

Appointment of Harbour Constables.

The Chairman read three applications

for the appointment of Harbour Constable at Carlingford viz from the following persons - viz - John H Farrier, Daniel Cunningham, and Michael McGowan -

Proposed by Mr. James Quin JP;
Seconded by Mr. John R Carstin &c and
Resolved. That the Harbour Constables be appointed at this Meeting of the Council and that their salaries remain as heretofore -

Amendment moved by Mr. John Quin JP.
Seconded by Mr. James J. Kelly.
That a Harbour Constable be appointed for Carlingford at a salary of £20 per annum and that the appointment of a Constable at Giles Quay be referred to the Harbour and Piers Committee for report.

On a division there voted for the Amendment:- Messrs. Caines, Dickson, Kelly, McCourt, Murray, Quin (John) and Roe. (7.)

Against the amendment there voted:- Mysrs. Byrne P. Dolan J. Donegan, Duffy M. Carstin, Johnston, McArdle H. McCarthy, Moore J. Quinn (James) and Rath. (11.)

The Chairman therefore declared the amendment lost.

It was then Proposed by Mr. J H McArdle Seconded by Mr. James McCourt and Resolved. That Mr. Michael McGowan

be appointed Harbour Constable for Carlingford Pier at a salary of £20 a year.- "There was only one application "for the appointment of Harbour Constable "at Giles Quay which he Chairman "read as follows:- I beg to offer "myself for re-election as Harbour "Constable at Giles' Quay. If you "appoint me I will Endeavour to "discharge my duties with satisfaction "to your Council."

(Signed) James Comisky

After considerable discussion as to the manner in which Mr Comisky discharged his duties heretofore and as to his fitness for the appointment it was

Proposed by Mr John R Garstin JP
Seconded by Mr John Johnston JP

That Mr James Comisky be appointed Harbour Constable at Giles' Quay for a period of six months and that he receive the sum of £5 for his services.

The Chairman divided the Council on this matter with the following result

Against the Motion:- Messrs Carnes, Dickson, Dolan J, McCarthy and Rath (5)

For the Motion:- Messrs Byrne P, Donegan, Duffy M, Garstin, Johnston, Kelly, McArdle JH, McCourt, Scoot, Murray, Quinn (James) Quinn (John) and Roe (13)

The Chairman therefore declared

Comisky appointed for a period of six months at a remuneration of £5.-

Approval of Rate for Second Half of Financial Year.-

Proposed by Mr Joseph H McArdle,
Seconded by Mr James Quinn and
Resolved. That the Estimate of rates for the second-half of the Financial year be adopted by this Council with the exception of the separate charge of 2½d in the £ on Carlingford Pier which is not to be levied this half year.-

Appointment of Clerical Staff for applotting Rate.

Proposed by Mr John Johnston JP,
Seconded by Mr James Quinn and
Resolved. That a Committee be appointed consisting of the Chairman Messrs Roe, Duffy and McCourt to appoint the Clerical Staff for applotting the rate for the half year ending 31st March 1901 at the same remuneration as heretofore.

Report of the Finance Committee

Proposed by Rt Hon J A Dickson PC,
Seconded by Mr William P Carnes and
Resolved. That the Report of the Finance Committee and the Minutes of

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their Proceedings together with the Payments contained therein be adopted by this Council with the exception of the substance of the Resolution in the names of Messrs. John Quin JP and Thomas Roe - which is as follows:- "That subject to "the recommendation contained in "the minutes of the Finance Committee "of the 16th July last re changing the "Office for the adjusting of Weights "and Measures the Report of the "Finance Committee be adopted"

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Committee the Council also passed the following Resolution Proposed by Mr. John R Garstin JP Seconded by Mr. Denis J Kirk and Resolved. That the Treasury be informed that the County Council are of opinion that inasmuch as the pension to be awarded Dr. Bradley is in respect of an area which was exclusively in the County of Meath until the change made by the Local Government Act no part of same should now fall on the County Louth.-

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr Patrick Murray was on the Motion of Mr. Patrick Byrne Seconded by Mr. John Quin J.P. adopted by the Council.

(10)—Notices of Motion.

1. I hereby give Notice of Motion, that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move:—That the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company be asked by this Council in making their next audit to take into consideration the earnings between the Junction at Dromin and the Seaport towns of Dundalk and Drogheda, accruing to them from the carriage of Goods, Cattle and Passengers, which come or go over the Ardee Branch Line, and which Goods, Cattle and Passengers, were taken to and from the Seaports by road previous to the building of the Ardee Branch Line, as we consider the present arrangement whereby the Company allows for earnings on the Ardee Branch only, to be unfair to the ratepayers, inasmuch as less than one-third of the earnings brought to said Company, by reason of Ardee Branch Line, is allowed by the Company to the credit of the ratepayers in the making of the audit.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Directors of the Great Northern Railway Company, and to the Parliamentary representative of South Louth.

(Signed), Patrick Murray.

Received 23rd July, 1900.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr T J Byrne JP was at the request of Mr. John Quin JP withdrawn by the Chairman

2. I hereby give Notice of Motion, that at the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council I shall move—That the following Four Committees be appointed in lieu of those at present existing, *i.e.*:—1st, Finance; 2nd, Proposals; 3rd, Roads and Piers; 4th, Executive under Diseases of Animals' Act, 1894, and that each Committee consist of nine members. No Councillor to be appointed on more than one Committee, and that the Chairman, and Vice-Chairman, for the time being, be Ex-Officio Members of all Committees. That each Committee shall elect its own Chairman and Vice-Chairman, who shall be responsible for its efficient working, and draft the Report of its Proceedings, and move same before the Council, and that the Chairman, with Councillors Dickson and O'Meara, be hereby appointed as a Selection Committee to arrange the names of the Councillors who are to act on the above Committees.

(Signed), T. J. Byrne.

The Notice of Motion in the name of Mr. John Quin JP respecting the rescinding of the Councils Fair Wages Resolution was by leave withdrawn.-

Correspondence.-

Letter from the Secretary Irish Lights Commissioners conveying the Statutory Sanction of the Commissioners to the Establishment of a Light for Clogher Head Pier as requested in the Secretary's letter of the 30th June last.-

The letter further adds that to obviate the possibility of this light being mistaken

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for those at Drogheda, Balbriggan, Skerries or Howth Pier the Commissioners desire that the light for Clogher should be a small quick occulting white light similar to that being exhibited on the Pier at Bray Co. Wicklow.

Proposed by Mr. Denis J Roth
Seconded by Mr. James McCarthy and
Resolved. That this Council make application to the Commissioners of Irish Lights for their Statutory sanction to the exhibition of a green light on Clogher Head Pier; that the County Secretary be instructed to make the application in the usual form and that the Secretary be requested to point out to the Commissioners that this Council do not feel justified in constructing an occulting light similar to that at Bray owing to the expense, and the greater risk of damage at Clogher Head.

Letter from Messrs. Cory & Son Ltd. Dublin, dated 16th instant advising the despatch per Steamer Carraige Point of one Pole and Banner and expressing the hope that same would reach the Council safely and in due course.

Arising out of the subject matter referred to in above letter the Chairman read the following communication:-

Sheriff's Office,
County Court-House,
Dundalk, 29th August, 1900.

Sir,

I am informed that it is the intention of the County Council to hoist a flag over the County Court House during the meetings of the Council and that the flag and flag-staff are now actually on the Court House premises.

I wish to remind you that the Court Houses are in my custody mainly and primarily for the purpose of providing for the administration of justice and that the County Council is only allowed the use of the premises so far as is consistent with that provision for the execution of their duties (Local Government Act Sec 72 S. 53) and for no other purpose whatever.

It is obvious that the hoisting of a green flag is no part of the duty of the County Council, it would necessarily involve the use of the Court House for political display, and it therefore becomes my duty to prevent any attempt to use the building for any such purpose. To prevent the possibility of misconception I now beg to inform you that the hoisting of a green flag will not be permitted by me and that force will be used to prevent if necessary and further that if after this notice your Council persist in their intention they will be held responsible for any disturbance or breach of the Peace that may occur.

Your obedient Servant
Mark Singleton
Sheriff of Louth

To
The Chairman
Louth County Council

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Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan
Seconded by Mr John Quinn

Resolved That the Flag, as sent from Messrs Clery & Co. Dublin, is not in accordance with the design of the Committee, wehereby instruct our Secretary to return same

The following Series of Resolutions were thenpassed by the Council:
Proposed by Mr. Joseph A. McArdle
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn J.P.

Resolved Resolved — That the County Treasurer be authorised to transfer from the General Account to the Subsidiary Account the Sum of One Hundred Pounds,
Proposed by Mr. J. Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Mr. Jo. Dolan

Resolved — That the Audited Statement of Accounts be furnished each Councillor at the end of each financial Year —
Proposed by Mr. Dickson
Seconded by Mr. Gaslin

Resolved That the following Contract No. 260 in Spring Warrant 1899, James O'Neill, Contractor Maintenance of 312. perches of road, be handed over to the Crown Solicitor for prosecution to break the Contract, as the County Surveyor reports that the road is in very bad Order —
Proposed by Mr. J. Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Mr. D. F. Rath

Resolved — That the Work — No. 1. Ardee Rural District Gullet at Cappoque, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor, no tender having been received

Proposed by Mr. M. Duffy
Seconded by Mr. Patk Murray

Resolved — That all Sums payable to the late Sydney Bellingham, or his Representatives, in respect of Rent of the Petty Sessions Court House at Castlebellingham be now paid to Sir Henry Bellingham of Castlebellingham
Proposed by Mr. James Moore
Seconded by Mr. James Quinn J.P.

Resolved — That the following Sum, Certified for payment on Contract in the name of Michael Smyth, now deceased be paid to Thomas Commons, Executor of said Michael Smyth, viz. — 875. perches of road £7.0.0
Proposed by Mr. J. Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Mr. John Quin J.P.

Resolved — That the following Sum of £3.7.0. Certified for payment on Contract, in the name of Patrick Lamb, deceased, be now paid to Bernard Lamb, Security for said Patrick Lamb.
Proposed by Mr. James McCourt
Seconded by Mr. Joseph A. McArdle

Resolved — That the following Sum of £0.12.0. Certified for payment on a Contract, in the name of James O'Neill, who is now in America, be paid to Thomas O'Neill of Glenmore, the said James O'Neill having executed a Power of Attorney, authorising the said Thomas O'Neill to receive all payments due on foot of said Contract.
Proposed by Mr. John Quin J.P.
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Roe

Resolved — That this meeting be adjourned until Thursday 6th. September 1900.

Peter Hughes Chairman

T. F. Fitzgerald Secretary

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Minutes of Proceedings of the South County Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber of the Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday the 6th day of September 1900.

Present in the Chair; Peter Hughes Esqr. J.P.,
Other Members — Thomas J. Byrne J.P. Joseph Dolan, Chas. A. Duffy, Matthew Duffy, Bernard Hamill J.P. John Johnston J.P. James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B. King, J. Callan Macardle J.P. James W. Coult, Michael O'Meara and Thomas Roe, Esquires

The Secretary read the following Communication from Dr. Moynagh L.L.D., Roden Place

Dundalk

In further pursuance of the notice which I served upon you on the 30th day of August 1900. cautioning you for the reasons stated in said notice, against giving the said Contract to Mr. William Tempest, and the consideration of which you adjourned for the purpose of being advised by your Solicitor, I now further ~~advise~~ caution you against giving the said Contract to the said Mr. William Tempest inasmuch as your Solicitor must have advised you if he advised you in the matter, that the period of adjournment of your Proposal Committee was insufficient being from 13th August 1900, to 20th August 1900. which is only Six days, instead of not less than Seven days, which, as I have no doubt you have been advised, means in law Seven clear days, This would make Tuesday the 21st day of August 1900. the earliest day to which the meeting could have been legally adjourned and no additional time, gained by the adjournment of the meeting of the Proposal Committee, from 20th to 24th August, has caused or could cause the defect in the Notice limiting the time for sending in

Tenders, for the said Contract to the said 20th day of August 1900. I also further Caution you, that by you giving the said Contract, with a full Knowledge of the law, and the facts, to the said Mr. William Tempest, would, under the Circumstances be a deliberate violation and disregard of the Provisions of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899. And take Notice that should you decline or neglect to Comply with the requirements of this notice, I shall institute against you such legal proceedings as I may be advised to set aside said Contract as being illegally entered into. and to recover damages and costs against such of you both individually and collectively, as may vote for the giving of the said Contract to the said Mr. William Tempest, and shall make use of this Notice in such proceedings.

Signed

Michael C. Moynagh
Solicitor for William A. McDougall

Dated this 5th day of September 1900.

Proposed by Mr. Chas. A. Duffy
Seconded by Mr. T. J. Byrne J.P.

Resolved — That the proposal of the Proposal Committe for the Printing Contract be rejected by this Council, and that the matter be referred back to the Proposal Committe to take steps for obtaining Tenders for the Printing Contract.

The Council next considered the following letter from the Rate Collectors of the County.

"We the undersigned Poor Rate Collectors beg respectfully to ask the County Council for an extension of One Month for the Completion of our present Collections viz: up to the 31st October next."

We

"We would further ask the Council, if possible to change the half yearly periods for the Collection of Rates from the 31st March and 30th September, to 1st May and 1st November respectively, for the convenience of the Ratepayers

Signed, Peter McDonnell; Patrick Cluskey; Patrick McDonnell, Patrick McCullough Patrick Moonan, Patrick Hughes John Woods,

Proposed by J. Callan Macardle J.P.
Seconded by James P. Kelly.

Resolved — That the term of Collection of Rate for the present half year be extended to 31st October subject to the approval of the Local Government Board

Proposed by John Johnston J.P.
Seconded by Thomas Kinaghan

Resolved — That the half-yearly periods should in future terminate on the 30th day of April, and on the 31st day of October each Year in order to meet the convenience of the Rural Ratepayers

Proposed by James McCourt
Seconded by Bernard Hamill J.P.

Resolved — That the amount required to pay the Staff in the Secretary's Office, be paid through the Subsidiary Account.

Letter from Messrs Cleary & Co. Dublin dated 3rd Instant, acknowleging the receipt of the Secretarys letter of the 1st Instant, Conveying a resolution of the County Council regarding a Flag, supplied by them, and stating in reply that the Flag, having been executed in accordance with Specification, dated 30th May 1900. They (Messrs Cleary & Co.) under the circumstances decline to Accept the return of the Flag, which is now awaiting instructions, and for which an account is enclosed as per estimate

The Account referred to amounts to £13.10.0

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan
Seconded by Mr. Thomas Roe

Resolved — That the letter from Messrs Clery & Co. Re- the Flag supplied by them be referred to the Committee of Selection

Letter from Mr. John W. Turner, Secretary to the South County Infirmary, dated 4th Instant, stating, that as requested by the Finance Committee of the County Council, he encloses Report from the Joint Committee of Management of this Infirmary showing why they ask for an increase of £150. to the yearly grant.

Copy of Report.

(1) The expenditure between the Years 1889. and 1899. has been, on an average, Some £60. in excess of revenue.

(2) There has been a decrease in Subscriptions, between the Years 1898. and 1899. of some £40.0.0, and it is anticipated that there will be a still further decrease probably £20.0.0

(3) The Contract for outside Painting is £22.
The Contract for new Water Closets is £21.
The increased price for Coal, Provisions &c, is estimated at about £20.
£63.0.0

Proposed by Mr. Chas. A. Duffy
Seconded by Mr. James McCourt

Resolved — That the Letter received from the Secretary of the South County Infirmary requesting an increase in the annual grant from the County Council, be referred to the Proposal Committee for their consideration and report

Letter from the Secretary, Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction, with reference to the Circular letter of 12th June last, from his Department, inquiring if the Council proposes to appoint

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a Technical Instruction Committee, and raise a rate for the purpose of the Agriculture and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act. 1899. and stating that he should be glad to be informed whether the Council has yet been in a position to consider the question, and if not, when they are likely to deal with the matter.

Ordered — That the further consideration of the foregoing letter be posponed until the next meeting of the Council, and that the Secretary have the matter inserted on the Agenda paper.

Letter from the Local Government Board, dated 19th July 1900. No. 38,043, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 23rd Ultimo. and stating that the Board have had under their consideration the scale of expenses at Elections of Aldermen and Councillors in Boroughs of Urban District Councillors and of Town Commissioners in the County of Louth, submitted to them by the County Council of Louth.

"A copy of the proposed scale, with suggested alterations in red ink, is forwarded herewith for the Consideration of the County Council. The Council will see that the alterations are merely verbal ones, with the exception of that in the second paragraph of Part II where the proposed scale is apparently wrongly transcribed. The amount allowed to the Returning Officer in the first paragraph in respect of each 1000 registered Local Government Electors being £1. not £5—

With respect to item 15, in Part I. the Board have grave doubts as to whether the services of a respectable person as Deputy Returning Officer could be secured for a fee of 10/= They would therefore suggest that this sum should be increased or, as an alternative, that the item should be altogether omitted— Approved

Letter from the Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle dated 5th Instant, transmitting for the information of the County Council, of the County of Louth, a copy of an Order in Council passed on the 3rd Inst. extending the time fixed for the completion of the Dundalk Electric Tramways to 1st November next, so as to enable the Committee of the Privy Council to report within that time whether any further extension should be granted.

Letter from the Local Government Board dated 16th June 1900. No. 35, 361 referring to the Secretary's letter of the 10th instant, relative to the claim of the Sub Sheriff for expenses incurred by him at the last Elections in County Louth, and stating that the Local Government Board for Ireland are not empowered by Article 6. of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of enactments) Order 1898, either to give or refuse approval of payments in respect to election expenses, The County Council must therefore be guided entirely by the provisions of the Article cited in deciding whether or not it is in their power to make the payment asked for.

Ordered — That the Secretary submit this matter to the Auditor, with the view of ascertaining whether the Council can recoup Mr. Russell the amount he claims or not.

Letter from Same, dated 13th July 1900. No. 40,072, with reference to an entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Council on the 13th ultimo, increasing Mr. Patrick McCullough's poundage rate from 5d. to 6d. in the £. and expressing their Sanction to same.

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Letter from same, dated 13th July 1900. No. 40,170 stating that the Local Government Board see no objection to the increasing of Mr. Patrick Neacy's Salary, Harbour Constable at Clogher Head from £10. to £12. per Annum

Peter Hughes Chairman

T F Filgate Secretary.

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Minutes of Proceedings of the South County Council at their adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Dundalk, Court House on Thursday, the 27th day of September 1900.

Present – In the Chair: Peter Hughes, Esqr. J.P.
Other Members – Charles A. Duffy, Matthew Duffy, William de Lalis Filgate D.L., Bernard Hamilton, John Hamill, James P. Kelly, Thomas Kinahan, Nicholas B. King, J. Callan Macardle J.P., Joseph H. McArdle, James McCarthy, James McCourt, James Moore, Laurence Moore, and Michael O'Meara Esqrs.

The Council proceeded to consideration of the Tender for County Printing and Stationery accepted by the Proposal Committee on the 19th instant for the period from the 1st June 1900. to 31st March 1901. In connection with this matter the Secretary read the following Communication from Dr. Moynagh L.L.D–

To the County Council of Louth.

Gentlemen

As Solicitor for Mr. W. A. McDougall of Drogheda, Printer, who tendered for the above work I hereby on his behalf, caution you against approving a proposal of your Proposal Committee for the above mentioned printing, or giving the Contract, the subject of said proposal to Mr. William Tempest, at your meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday the 27th day of September 1900.

And take Notice, that the grounds on which my client objects to your approving of said proposal or

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or giving the said Contract to said Mr William Tempest are, that your Proposal Committee acted illegally and contrary to Section 20. Sub Section 5, of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, in reconsidering, receiving accepting, or deciding upon a Tender for the above mentioned printing, inasmuch as said Sub Section 5. of Section 20. provides, that when a proposal is referred back to a Proposal Committee they shall re-consider it at a Quarterly Meeting to be held in the next Quarter, and I think it only fair to point out to the Council that Sub Section 4. of Section 25. of said Order does not in any way alter, enlarge, or abridge the requirements of Sub Section 5. of Section 20. for the concluding words of Sub Section 4. Section 25. are; "The County Council shall refer the Proposal back to a Proposal Committee and the Committee, on the reconsideration of the proposal, shall take steps for obtaining fresh Tenders, in manner provided by this Order, with respect to an original proposal" which means as provided by Sub-Section 5. of Section 20, and your Committee has not done this—

And take Notice, that should you neglect or decline to Comply with the requirements hereof I shall, on behalf of my Client, take such legal proceedings against you as I may be advised to set aside such Contract as being illegally entered into, and to recover damages against such of you both individually and collectively, as may vote for the giving of such Contract, and shall make use of this Notice in such proceeding

Signed

Michael C. Moynagh

Solicitor for said William McDougall

Dated this 26th September 1900.

Proposed by Mr. Hallow Macandle JP.
Seconded by Mr. John Hamill

Resolved — That the Tender, received, Considered and accepted by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting on Wednesday the 19th Inst. for certain County Printing and Stationery, from the period from 1st June 1900. to 31st March 1901. be hereby rejected by this Council and further, that the said Proposal be referred back to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee.

The following communication from the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction was read by the Secretary.

Upper Merrion St, Dublin
12th June 1900.

Sir

In forwarding the accompanying provisional Suggestions for principal Schemes of Technical and Agricultural Instruction, I am directed to enquire if your Council proposes to raise a rate for the purposes of the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act 1899. and if it proposes to appoint a Committee under Section 14. of the Act. to prepare Schemes to which the Sum so raised and grants from the Department may be applied.

The advantages of a County Council taking such action are great. The Department is precluded by Sub Section 6. of Section 16. of the Act, from making or sanctioning grants, in the absence of special considerations, for Schemes for which local aid is not forthcoming. The amount of local aid forthcoming will influence to a large degree the Amount of the contribution from the funds at the disposal of the Department. The provision of local aid is thus the first step towards obtaining the

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advantages of the Act. for any locality; and the most expeditious and simple manner in which a County Council can set the Act in motion would seem to be –

(a) To form a Committee under Section 14. and
(b.) To raise a rate which may be applied, either in its entirety or partially, to a scheme or schemes which that Committee may work out in consultation with the Department.

The County Council may raise a rate for the purposes of the Act generally, and afterwards it may give its Consent from time to time to portions, or the whole of the Sum so raised being applied in accordance with the recommendations of ~~this~~ its Agriculture and Technical Instruction Committee – Thus it will be free throughout the financial year without being obliged to levy a rate in respect of each application, to allot contributions to schemes in different parts of the County, or to schemes to which other County Councils may contribute.
At the end of the financial Year, if the full amount of the rate raised has not been applied, the balance will lapse to the County Fund –

Where Capital expenditure of any consequence is involved such as the purchase of School farms or premises, County Councils as well as Urban Councils are entitled to borrow for the purposes of this Act. (Sec 19. 4) –

The County Council may also act as the local Authority for the purposes of the Technical Instruction Acts, 1889. and 1891. Grants under these Acts which may be obtained in addition to the grants under the Agricultural and Technical Instruction (Ireland) Act have hitherto been administered through the Science and Art, Department, South Kensington

(now styled the Board of Education South Kensington) but after the present year they will be administered through this Department, and in any case, applications in reference to them may be made through this Department

Should the County Council elect to act in the manner above described, any other local authority may act concurrently with it, provided such Authority Acts in accordance with any scheme or schemes framed by the Council, or otherwise with the Council's Consent

Among the advantages of this method of procedure is the power it gives the County Council of Co-ordinating all schemes in the County, those of County Boroughs only excepted. The area to be administered is convenient for this purpose, for example in the following respects – the economical employment of itinerant teachers to instruct classes in different districts may be arranged; a central school for preliminary industrial or technical training may be established; experiment plots for agricultural instruction may be economically supervised –

The accompanying Suggestions are confined to the educational side of the Department's work, and are principally concerned with the funds which must be administered with the concurrence of the Board of Technical Instruction. If however as suggested in this Circular, the County Council raise a rate for the purposes of the Act, generally, that Rate may be applied, not only in aid of schemes of Technical Instruction, but also for any of the purposes of agriculture and other rural industries, to which the funds to be administered with the concurrence of the Agricultural Board may be applied – The Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committee appointed under Section 14. may also advise the County Council in reference to the application of

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of money for such purposes

I am to express a hope that these point may be considered by your Council, and that the Department may be informed of its decision as early as possible

I am Sir, Your Obt. Servt.

T. P. Gill. Secretary

Ordered — That the Secretary write to the various public bodies in the County and ascertain from them what steps they have taken in the matter of appointing a Technical Instruction Committee; also to ascertain the name and address of the persons so appointed, and that the Secretary Submit these particulars to Messrs King and Mr. Carthy, and that they be requested to confer with the Several Committees and formulate a Proposal to be Submitted at the next Quarterly Meetings of the Council.

Correspondence

Letter from Sir Charles A. Cameron, dated 10th Inst. stating that the Municipal Council, at their meeting on the 3rd Inst. received a deputation from the County Dublin County Council on the subject of the Inebriates' Act, 1898. and instructed the Public Health Committee to confer with the County Councils of Dublin, Wicklow, Kildare and Louth, and the Committee of Management of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum, with the view of taking Steps for the enforcement of the provisions of the Act. The letter further requests that the Louth County Council appoint a Sub Committee to consider and confer with the Dublin Municipal Public Health Committee.

Proposed by Mr. Chas. A. Duffy
Seconded by Mr. A. B. King

Resolved — That the following gentlemen be appointed a Sub Committee under the Inebriates Act. 1898-9. viz Messrs. J. Callan Macardle, Bernard Hamill, and James McCarthy

Letter from Mr. John W. Turner. Secretary Louth County Infirmary, dated the 26th instant, stating that at the last Quarterly Meeting of the Joint Committee of Management a letter was read from Dr. Macdonnell a Copy of which he encloses, and requesting the Secretary to submit same to the County Council.

County Louth Infirmary
September 25th 1900.

Gentlemen — Having noticed in the local papers a discussion at the County Council relating to the County Infirmary, I have the honour to lay the following facts before you, which may tend to correct some of the statements made at the County Council.

There are at present in the house 22. patients all of them acute cases, and most of them extremely grave They come from the following districts — Dundalk Cooley. Greenore, Ravensdale, Drumcashel, Kilcurry Mansfieldstown, Forkhill, and Louth, They include cases of Amputation of the Arm, Abdominal Section operation of the Onychia, Fracture of the Jaw. two Fractures of Legs, Fracture of Arm, Concussion of Spine and Concussion of the Brain,

I have not by me last year's report of the Infirmary, but in that published in 1898, I find the average Cost per bed in the Infirmary was £21.1.2 The average cost per bed for all the Counties of Ireland, in the last published statement I have been

been able to procure, is tabled at £20.2.10¾ shewing that the cost to this Infirmary approximates very closely to the mean average throughout Ireland. If there had been no exceptional expenditure that year, our averade Cost per Bed would have been even below the mean average. These figures prove very conclively that effeciency is combatible with economy. The average Cost per bed in the Dublin Hospitals, receiving parliamentry grants, is stated in the return alluded to above, as £49.0.0

I am, Gentlemen
Your Obedint Sevant
Hercules H. MacDonnell Jnr.

Ordered – That the matter be referred to the Proposal Committee

Peter Hughe
Chairman

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