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LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
16th February, 1917.

SIR,

The Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the COURTHOUSE, DROGHEDA, on THURSDAY, 22nd day of FEBRUARY, 1917, at 10.30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of considering the following business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of the Scholarship Committee Minutes.
5. Consider Report from County Surveyor.
6. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
7. Consideration of Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
8. Consideration of the Secretary's Estimate of Rates in respect of the ensuing Financial Year.
9. NOTICE OF MOTION:—
"I beg to give Notice that at next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that £75 of the present Grant of £150 for Technical Instruction be given to the Drogheda Technical Schools in future on the following conditions: That a fair share of Technical Instruction be given in the Rural Districts of South Louth; that all pupils from these Rural Districts be admitted to the Drogheda Schools on the same terms as pupils from the Urban Area; that the County Council get a fair representation on the Drogheda Technical Committee; that after the end of each year's working a full report of the working of both the Dundalk and Drogheda Technical Schools be submitted to the County Council."
18th January, 1917. (Signed.) N. T. MURPHY.
10. Reconsideration of Memorials from the Drogheda and Ardee Road Contractors for increases on road-maintenance contracts.
11. Consideration of resolution from Ardee No. 1 R.D.C. respecting Veterinary Inspector.
12. Consider resolution from Dundalk Rural District Council to increase the yearly limit of expenditure from £7,443 15s. 0d. to £8,000.
13. Consider letter from Local Government Board re releasing of labour for tillage purposes.
17. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda, on

Thursday, 22nd February, 1917, at the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m.

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

Other Members present:—P. Ballan, J.P.; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; Joseph Dolan, J.P.; P. Donegan, J.P.; B. Finnegan, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; J. Mc Berthy, J.P.; J. T. Meagher, J.P.; C. Meagher, J.P.; P. L. McKeon, J.P.; J. V. MacQuillan, J.P.; M. Meade, J.P.; J. T. Murphy, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; P. B. Moore, J.P.; D. J. Rath, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; and Sir A. Viv Foster, Bart.

Presentation to the Chairman.

Before the business of the meeting was commenced, Mr James Mc Berthy, J.P. proposed that the warmest congratulations of the Council be accorded to the Acting Chairman, Mr Charles A. Duffy, on the occasion of his marriage which took place recently. Mr Mc Berthy referred to Mr Duffy's long connection with the work of the Council and to his constant attendance at its various meetings, and to his unfailing courtesy in the Chair to all the members of the Council. He further stated that the County Council had decided to mark this occasion by presenting a solid silver service of a chaste Celtic pattern, that known as the "Ardaagh" Chalice design, as a suitable memento of the event.

Mr J. T. Meagher, J.P. seconded the vote of congratulation, and Mr W. T. Sheffington, J.P. Mayor of Drogheda, supported the motion and referred to the consideration which the Chairman always gave to the Southern members of the Council.

The Secretary of the Council, Mr Mc Alester, stated he wished on behalf of the officials and staff, which included the Medical Officers, Doctor P. H. O'Connell, and J. A. MacQuillan, the County Staff and rate collectors to be associated with the congratulations to the Chairman, who was ever considerate and courteous to all, and begged his acceptance of their gift, a Presentation Tray of old Irish pattern.

Mr D. O'Connell, County Solicitor, also expressed his pleasure in being associated with the presentation.

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously :-

Proposed by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P. and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 18th January, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes

The following resolution was:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P. and

Seconded by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.

That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Thursday, 18th January, 1917; Monday, 22nd January, 1917.
Monday, 5th February, 1917; Monday, 19th February, 1917.

Mr P. Mc Gee, J.P. proposed as an Amendment that the following addendum be made to the resolution :-

'Save and except that the Minute of the decision at Meeting on 19th February, with regard to the wages of quarrymen, be altered to read, 'That the wages of workers in all the quarries managed by the County Council be increased from 18/- to 20/- per week provided that the men agree to work on Saturday as on other days, that is from 8 o'clock a.m. till 6 o'clock p.m.'

Mr N. Murphy, J.P., seconded.

On a division there voted,

For the Amendment: Messrs. Callan; Coleman; John Delan; Joseph Delan; Donegan; Foster; McCarthy; J.T. McGee; P. McGee; McKee; J.T. Murphy; N.T. Murphy; and Rath. 13.

Against the Amendment: Messrs. Egan; Hemill; McQuillan; Meade; Moore; Sheffington; Woods and Wynne. 8.

The following resolution was then passed :-

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P. and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, ^{be and are hereby confirmed} save and except that the minute of the decision at the meeting held on the 19th February, 1917, with regard to the wages of quarry men, be altered to read: "That the wages of workers in all the quarries managed by the County Council be increased from 18/- to 20/- per week, provided that the men agree to work on Saturday as on other days, that is from eight o'clock a.m. till six o'clock p.m."

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W.T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P. and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 5th February, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W.T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P. and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on 14th February, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and we hereby approve of the conditions of the County Louth Scholarship Scheme for the year 1917-1918, as set out therein.

Sympathy.

The following resolution was passed in silence:

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

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.,

and

Resolved: That we tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr Lawrence Goodman, our sincere sympathy on the lamented death of his sister.

Mrs Mc Gough, and we direct our Secretary to convey to him our sincere condolence.

Technical Instruction

By leave of the Council, the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr N.T. Murphy, J.P. was taken out of order, in order to convenience the members of a deputation from Drogheda Technical Schools who appeared to lay their case before the Council.

Mr James Wynne, J.P. stated that the discussion of this question was out of order and requested a ruling from the Chair. The Chairman ruled that the matter was in order, and

In accordance with his Notice of Motion:

N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P. Proposed, and
D.J. Rath, Esq., Seconded

"That £75 of the present grant of £300 for Technical Instruction be given to the Drogheda Technical Schools in future on the following conditions:-

That a fair share of Technical Instruction be given in the Rural Districts of South Louth, that all pupils from these Rural Districts be admitted to the Drogheda Schools on the same terms as pupils from the Urban area; that the County Council get a fair representation on the Drogheda Technical Committee; that after the end of each year's working a full report of the working of both the Dundalk and Drogheda Technical Schools be submitted to the County Council.

After considerable discussion in which Messrs N.T. Murphy, J. Wynne, Hamill, McQuillan, P. Mc Gee, Sheffington and Mc Carthy took part and after the Council had heard Canon Ledoux, representing the Drogheda Technical Committee on the matter, the following amendment was proposed by Bernard Hamill, J.P., and

Seconded by J.F. Murphy, J.P.

"That the County Council grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts be increased by £50 per annum to £200, and that the Joint Committee carry out the Technical Instruction Scheme in the Rural Districts thoroughly and equitably for both North and South Louth.

On a division there voted:-

For the Amendment: Messrs Hamill, Meade, Murphy (J.P.); P. Woods, and Wynne. 5

Against the Amendment: Messrs Callan, Coleman, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, Mc Carthy, P. Mc Gee, J.T. Mc Gee, Mc Keon, Mc Quillan, N.T. Murphy, Moore, Rath and Sheffington. 15

Sir A. Vere Foster did not vote.

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost, and

the original resolution was then put, and there voted:

For the resolution: Messrs Callan, Coleman, Joseph Dolan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, Mc Carthy, P. Mc Gee, J.T. Mc Gee, Mc Keon, Mc Quillan, N.T. Murphy, Moore, Rath, and Sheffington and Sir A. Vere Foster. 16

Against: Messrs Hamill, Meade, J.F. Murphy, P. Woods and James Wynne. 5

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to convey the terms of same to the Department of Agriculture, and request their sanction to the proposal.

Confirmation of County Surveyor's Report

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved:

That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page One of the Schedule of Proposals for the 22nd day of February, 1917, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Ardu Works

Mr Laurence Halpinny of Stormanstown, Road Contractor, appeared before the Council and stated that in filling up his tender for Road No. 7 Ardee, he put down the price he was willing to do the work for at £55.19.11 instead of £65.19.11 as he intended. He asked the Council to alter the tender accordingly or break the contract as he was unable to do the work at the first mentioned sum. The Secretary stated that the contract could not be altered now, but an addendum could be made to the resolution approving of the Ardu Works refusing this particular contract.

Accordingly the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Sir Vere Foster, Bart.

and

Resolved:

That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardu No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 2nd January, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1917, be and are hereby approved.

of, save and except the contract of Laurence Halpenny of Stormanstown for Road No. 1, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. S. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, 9th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 30th January, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by B. L. Coleman, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 8th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 29th January, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. S. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. V. MacKillop, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th January, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 5th February, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Tenders for Works

In accordance with advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council next proceeded to consider tenders for works not set at Meetings of the Rural District Councils as follows:-

Ardee District.

Nos. 295; 296; 300; 301; 302; 303; 304; 312; 313; 315; 316; 317; 318.

No tenders were received for any of the above works.

Drogheda District.

Nos. 137 to 165 inclusive.

For work No. 138, William Fitzpatrick tendered for the sum of £34.10.8, and James Kirk, Hamlinstown at £34, and the latter tender was accepted.

The following being the only tenders received were accepted:-

No. 143	Michael Byrne, Clogherhead.	£34.8.0
145	James McGauley, Termonfeckin.	£19.18.0
146	James Finnegan, do.	£46.10.0
148	Patrick Usher, Balgatheran.	£89.5.0
155	Patrick Mesher, do.	£28.15.0
158	William Fitzpatrick, Fochall.	£69.2.6.

No tenders were received for any of the other works not set at Rural District Council Meetings.

Dundalk District.

Only one of the works not set at the Rural District Council Meeting was tendered for, viz: No. 193. For this, John Conroy tendered at £20.15.0, and Patrick McCabe, Carrickmullen, at £20.14.0, and the last named tender was accepted.

Works not Set by Contract.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. J. McGee, Esq., J.P.
and

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

Estimate of Rates.

The Secretary's Estimate of Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1917, a copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council and to the Public Bodies concerned, was next considered, and arising out of same the question of the Council's connection with the Richmond Asylum was discussed, and the Secretary was directed to submit to the Finance Committee Council's opinion as to the terms on which separation from that Institution might be obtained, the Committee to report their deliberations to next meeting of the County Council.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by James McCarthy, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the General Estimate of Rates, and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges as set out on Forms A5 and A6, with the various rates in the L as set out therein and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 5th February, 1917, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council.

Demands on Urban Districts.

The following Demands on the Urban Districts were ordered and signed, and the Secretary was directed to transmit same at once to the respective Clerks.

Drogheda Urban £3724 0 0
Dundalk Urban £5854 6 10

Veterinary Inspectors Residence.

In reply to letter which the Secretary had addressed to Mr. Maxwell by direction of the Council, the following letter was read:-

Ardee, 19th February, 1917.

Dear Sir,

In compliance with the request of the Louth County Council re my residence in Ardee, I beg to state that Ardee is my registered residence both to your Council, the Department of Agriculture and to the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons. To the latter it is compulsory to have a registered residence. It has been stated by the Ardee Board of Guardians that they have, or would have to send to Dundalk or Drogheda for a Veterinary Surgeon if urgently needed. I wish to state in connection with this, that I in my official capacity must get three clear days' notice from the police, therefore there can be no urgency in my official duties. Since I have received, as I stated in a previous letter, the appointment of Veterinary Inspector to your Council, I have never allowed private practice or personal considerations to interfere with that duty.

I am, Sir, faithfully yours,
W. E. MAXWELL, M.R.C.V.S.

The following resolution was

Proposed by J. J. McFee, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Sir A. T. Foster, Bart.

That our Secretary be instructed to convey the terms of his appointment to Mr. Maxwell, and request that he comply with same, and that failing an affirmative reply from him within ten days and his taking up permanent residence in Ardee within two weeks from this date the position be declared vacant, and appointment be advertised for next meeting.

After discussion, Mr. J. J. McFee withdrew his motion in favour of an Amendment proposed by Mr. Joseph Dolan and seconded by Mr. P. McFee, adjourning the consideration of the question till next meeting to see what Mr. Maxwell would do in the meantime, and the Amendment was unanimously agreed to.

Daylight Saving Bill.

The following resolution was passed, Mr. T. O. MacQuillan, dissenting, and the following gentlemen were appointed a deputation to wait on the Secretary of the Department to lay their views before him: Messrs Joseph Dolan, P. McFee, J.P.; J. McCarthy, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; J. McFee, J.P.; M. Meade, B. Hamill, J.P.; and the Chairman and Secretary.

Proposed by James McCarthy, Esq., J.P.,
Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P., and Resolved—

"That we, the County Council of Louth, emphatically protest against the re-enactment of the Daylight Saving Bill for Ireland, for the following reasons:—In the hay and corn harvests, farm work cannot be safely commenced before 9 o'clock, a.m., dews and night frosts rendering the grass and grain damp and quite unfit for careful harvesting: this fact will apply with increased force this year, when the Military Authorities and other purchasers of farm produce will require it supplied in dry condition. The weeding of farm crops and the singling and hoeing of swedes, mangels and turnips, &c., cannot be done in the early morning hours. Owing to the damp state of the land and leaves of the plants, hands are most reluctant to undertake the work before 9 o'clock, a.m. Tillage farmers are painfully aware that the stoppage of farm work at 4.30 p.m., Old Style wastes the two best hours of the summer afternoon for saving both hay and corn, and too often results in incalculable damage to crops. Farm hands will not work, unless most reluctantly, especially in the neighbourhood of towns and villages, after the hour at which tradesmen and other workers engaged in industrial pursuits cease working, and the result is the loss of two most precious hours daily or roughly a day every week, at a cost to the community and farmers which it would be hard to estimate. That the further imposition of Greenwich Time on Ireland is an additional and serious hindrance to the work of tillage farmers and a loss to all dependent on their labours uncalled for, unnecessary and opposed to national laws; that we resent it, and call for its prompt repeal and that a deputation from this Council and the Louth Farming Societies be appointed to wait on the Chief Secretary and Vice-President of the Irish Board of Agriculture, to place their views on the matter before them. That copies of this resolution be sent to every County Council in Ireland, respectfully and cordially inviting their earnest co-operation and united support in having a National grievance and serious loss to the entire people of Ireland promptly remedied. That this resolution be also forwarded to the Prime Minister, Vice-President of the Irish Board of Agriculture, Mr. John Redmond, Sir J. Lonsdale, and the Members of Parliament for the Counties Louth, Meath, and Dublin County and City."

Increases to Road Contractors

The reconsideration of the application by the Ardee and Drogheda Road Contractors for increase in their maintenance contracts, was next item on the Agenda. The letter from the Local Government Board in the matter, which appeared on the printed minutes was read, but no order was made.

Limit of Expenditure

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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

Seconded by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the resolution of the Dundalk Rural District Council to increase the yearly limit of expenditure from £7,443.15.0 to £8,000.0.0, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for sanction to the said increase of expenditure in the Dundalk Rural District.

Release of Labour

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board suggesting that as far as possible labourers employed by the Council be released for tillage purposes, and the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the County Surveyor was granted discretionary powers in the matter:-

Proposed by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. S. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby direct our County Surveyor to release any of the labourers under his direct employ, so that their services may be availed of under the Food Production Scheme for increased tillage.

Correspondence

The consideration of the correspondence on the Agenda was adjourned to next meeting.

Chas. Duff

Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
21st March, 1917.

SIR,

I am directed by the Acting Chairman (on requisition being presented to him signed by five members of the Council) to convene a

Special Meeting of the County Council for Monday next, the 26th day of March, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, for the purpose of considering the question of the wages and hours of the workmen in the employment of the Council on the Dublin Road, at Lurgangreen.

Your attendance is requested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Monday, 26th March, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

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

Other Members: D. J. Rath, B. Hamill, J.P.; J. T. Murphy, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; James Wynne, J.P.; S. J. Murphy, J.P.; P. McGea, J.P.; L. Goodman; M. Meady, J. Morgan; J. H. McTear, J.P.; P. H. McKeon, J.P.; and B. L. Coleman, J.P., Esquires.

The Chairman explained that the meeting was called on a requisition signed by five members of the Council being handed to him on the 19th instant, requesting him to convene a Special Meeting of the Council to consider the question of wages of the workers in the employment of the Council on the Lurgangreen Road, who had struck work in consequence of the County Council at their last Meeting, deciding that the advance in wages from 18/- to 20/- per week was contingent on the men working until six o'clock p.m. on Saturdays instead of two o'clock in the afternoon as customary. He further informed the Council that under Standing Order No. 2 "no resolution can be rescinded until a period of six months has elapsed from its adoption", and the only way that any change could be made was by suspension of the Standing Orders, and that the suspension, according to Order 81, could only be effected with the consent of the majority of the members present, which must be at least half of the whole Council. This would require an attendance of seventeen members, and as only fourteen were present, a motion to suspend the Standing Orders could not be received.

After a desultory discussion the matter terminated without any Order being made.

Charles Duffy

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
13th APRIL 1917

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 19th day of April, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the undermentioned Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes
- 4 Consideration of Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 5 Fix dates for Second Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 6 Making of Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918
- 7 Further consideration of the question of the Residence of the Ardee Veterinary Inspector
- 8 NOTICE OF MOTION:—
I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Louth County Council I will move to rescind the resolution on Minutes with reference to the letting of the Council's Store on Carlingford Pier, and that directions be given to the Finance Committee to let the Store at a yearly rent
(Signed) WILLIAM WOODS
10th April, 1917
- 9 Consider letter from Department regarding the proposed Division of the Council's Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County
- 10 Correspondence
- 11 Consideration of the connection of Louth County with the Joint Committee for Richmond District Asylum

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 19th day of April, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Charles A. Duffy, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: J. T. McGeer, J.P.; B. Linnegan, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; J. H. McAdams, J.P.; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; M. O'Meara, J.P.; John Dolan, J.P.; T. B. McCourt, J.P.; L. Goodnan, J.P.; T. V. MacKinnon, J.P.; P. Doregan, J.P.; J. O'Rourke, J.P.; A. Meade, J.P.; J. T. Murphy, J.P.; P. McGeer, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; J. Morgan, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, J.P.; P. B. Moore, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; and W. Woods, J.P., Esquires; and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

Misses: J. Walsh, County Surveyor; J. M. C. Lyons, and J. Dringdale, Assistant Surveyors; and Daniel O'Donnell, County Solicitor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. Dolan, Esq., and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 2nd day of February, 1917, and their Special Meeting held on 26th March, 1917, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

On these Minutes Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P., raised the question of the paying on the entire County of the compensation amounting to £111. 9. 2 awarded Messrs. Acheson, for malicious destruction of linen, which had occurred at their bleaching mills at Ravensdale; and requested why the amount had been so levied, instead of on the district concerned only. In reply, the County Solicitor stated that he had raised this point with Judge Green who had made the award, but as the amount exceeded £100, His Honour would not pay the area of charged made by him, namely, the entire County.

On the suggestion of Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P., the Secretary was directed to write again for payment of the outstanding liability of the Council's Demand on Dundalk Urban District Council.

The Secretary was directed to enquire and inform the Council at next Meeting ^{as to} the effect on Grants of Defaults in payments by Land Purchase Annuitants.

The following resolution was then passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq., J.P. and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 5th March, 1917; Monday, 19th March, 1917;
Monday, 2nd April, 1917; Monday, 16th April, 1917.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq., and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, 16th day of April, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Ardee Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. T. Moyle, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart., and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 3rd day of April, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £582:12:2.

Drogheda Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the South Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on the 10th day of April, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £387:14:2.

Dundalk Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by William Woods, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 2nd day of April, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £998:12:9.

County-at-Large Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

Seconded by J. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 16th day of April, 1917, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £7750:5:11.

Making of Rates for Year ending 31st March, 1918.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That in accordance with the Estimate of Rates for General

and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their meeting held on the 22nd day of February, 1917, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1918, as assessed in the rate books, and as set out as follows: - viz:

The Rates in the £ for General Charges, are: -
 Ardee No. 1. - Land 31 pence; Buildings 47 pence.
 Drogheda (Louth) - Land 34 pence; Buildings 55 pence.
 Dundalk - Land 47 pence; Buildings 68 pence.

And, further, that the rates in the £ in respect of Separate Charges, as set out on Form 43, and adopted at the said Meeting of the 22nd day of February, 1917, be also made by the Council, and that the Secretary be directed, in accordance with Article 48 of the Public Bodies Order, to publish the statutory Notice of said Rates for General and Separate Charges having been made.

Messrs B. Hamill, J.P., and J. Wynne, J.P., were appointed to sign the rate books and the rate collectors' warrants, with the presiding Chairman.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
 Seconded by T.B. McCourt, Esq.,

and

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

Ardee	Tuesday, 3rd July, 1917.
Drogheda (Louth)	Tuesday, 10th July, 1917.
Dundalk	Monday, 2nd July, 1917.

And that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 9th July, 1917.

Veterinary Inspectors' Residence.

At last Meeting of the County Council, the question of the residence of Mr W.E. Maxwell, the Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee Rural District, who, it was stated did not reside within his district in accordance with the terms of his appointment, was adjourned till this meeting to see what course Mr Maxwell would follow in the meantime.

The Secretary stated that he had informed Mr Maxwell of

this decision, and in a letter dated 17th March, 1917, which had reached the Office on 18th April, 1917, Mr Maxwell, wrote as follows:-

Dear Sir,

I am in receipt of yours of the 16th instant. In reply I beg to state that I have now and always had a residence in Ardee. Up to the 29th March ultimo, that address was Mr Kavanagh, William Street, Ardee. My present rooms are in Mrs Keilly's, Market Street, my office is in Mr Hamill's yard, Bridge Street, Ardee.

Faithfully yours,

W.E. Maxwell, M.B.V.S.

Mr J.T. McGuire, J.P., stated that the position with regard to the Veterinary Inspector was most unsatisfactory, and that the people of Ardee District were very much inconvenienced by the non-residence of Mr Maxwell who was bound under his appointment to live in his district. He proposed, and it was seconded by Sir A.V. Foster, Bart. that the position of Veterinary Inspector in Ardee Rural District be declared vacant and that the appointment be advertised for next Meeting of the Council.

To this Mr B. Hamill, J.P. proposed an amendment, which was seconded by Mr Wm. Woods, J.P., as follows:- "That the explanation of Mr Maxwell with regard to his residence be considered satisfactory".

After discussion, the following further amendment was proposed by J.H. McArdle, Esq., J.P. Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq., approved by the proposers and Seconders of both the original resolution, and the first amendment, and passed unanimously:-

Resolved: "That Mr Maxwell be asked to state definitely whether or not he will reside in Ardee District in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and that if he does not so reside, the position become vacant, and the question of the appointment of a successor be considered at next meeting of the County Council."

Letting of Store at Barlingford Pier

In accordance with his Notice of Motion which appeared on the Agenda:-

William Woods, Esq., J.P. proposed, and J.H. McArdle, Esq., J.P. seconded the following resolution which was passed unanimously:-

Resolved: That the resolution on Minutes with reference to the letting of the Council's Store on Barlingford Pier be and is hereby rescinded, and that directions be given to the Finance Committee to let the Store at a yearly rent.

Rural Technical Instruction.

The following letter was read:-

No. T. 3637/17.

Department of Agriculture, Dublin,
12th April, 1917.

Sir, Adverting to your letter of the 27th February last regarding the suggested revision of the administrative areas in which the County Louth Joint Technical Instruction Committee and the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee at present conduct schemes of technical instruction, and to the Conference which the Assistant Secretary in respect of Technical Instruction had with representatives of the bodies concerned on the 23rd ultimo, I have to state that the Department have given careful consideration to the proposal that the annual contribution of £150 granted by the County Louth County Council to the Joint Scheme should be divided so that £75----- should be made available for the Drogheda Technical Schools, and also to the proposal that another Joint Committee be established to administer a scheme for Drogheda Urban District and the Rural Districts of the south of the county. The Department would be unable to approve of the formation of a second Joint Committee to administer a scheme in the south of the county.

It is understood that the object underlying the proposal is to secure that more instruction should be given in the rural areas, especially in the south of the county. The Department feel that any such change could readily be secured without establishing another Committee, and they are willing to approve of the inclusion in the present Joint Scheme of a clause securing that classes should be given in the southern Rural Districts involving an expenditure of not less than £75 during the academic year. They are however of opinion that such a division of the funds would not entirely meet the need. The contribution from your Council to the scheme has, since its initiation, been very small, and this circumstance has necessarily limited the operations of the scheme in the rural areas. They would suggest, therefore, the allocation of at least £250 per annum from the funds of your Council for the purposes of the scheme administered by the County Joint Technical Instruction Committee. The Department desire that the Committee should consider whether a portion of the funds which it is hoped may be allocated should not be employed in assisting students from the rural districts to attend classes in the Technical Schools at Dundalk and Drogheda. It is understood that, in the case of the former school, there are eighty students attending from districts outside the Urban Area, while there are thirty such students attending the Drogheda Technical School. An increased number of students might be induced to attend the Schools if a small aid were given to them in the form of a scholarship.

I have to state that there is nothing to prevent the services of any teacher engaged by the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee being utilised for the conduct of classes in the rural districts where such an arrangement would be advantageous from the point of view of efficiency and economy. In such a case the County Louth Joint Technical Instruction Committee would arrange with the Drogheda Technical Instruction Committee for a payment in respect of the services of the teacher so employed.

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

Mr N. T. Murphy, J. P. said the Department should not override the Councils considered decision in this way, and he proposed the following resolution, which was seconded by Mr W. T. Sheffington, J. P.:

"That we adhere to the terms of our resolution with regard to the division of the grant for Rural Technical Instruction, and if the Department refuse to accept same that we withhold entirely the grant for such Instruction."

To this Mr B. Hamill, J. P. proposed and Mr J. B. McBourt, seconded the following amendment:

"That the Department's letter be referred to the County Louth and Dundalk Joint Technical Instruction Committee with instructions to the Rural representatives to have the suggestions contained therein carried out by the Joint Committee."

On a division there voted:
For the Amendment: Messrs L. Goodman, Hamill, McBourt, and

J. T. Murphy, Morgan, O'Rourke and Wm. Woods. 8

Against: Messrs Callan, Dolan, Donegan, Linnegan, McBride, J. McGea, McGea, McQuillan, N. T. Murphy, Moore, Sheffington, and Sir A. V. Foster ... 12

Did not vote: Messrs Coleman, Kearney, O'Meara, P. Woods, and J. Wynne.

The resolution was then voted on with the following result:

For: Messrs Callan, Dolan, Donegan, Linnegan, McBride, J. McGea, McGea, McQuillan, N. T. Murphy, Moore, Sheffington and Sir A. V. Foster 12

Against: Messrs Goodman, Hamill, McBourt, Made, J. T. Murphy, Morgan, O'Rourke, and Wm. Woods. 8

Did not vote: Messrs Coleman, Kearney, O'Meara, P. Woods and J. Wynne.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to convey the terms of same to the Department.

Education Grant.

By leave of the Council the following resolution was:

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

Seconded by B. Linnegan, Esq. and passed unanimously, and copies were ordered to be sent to the Chief Secretary, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, Messrs J. E. Redmond, J. Dillon, J. Deolin, P. J. Whitty, J. Nolan, Sir E. Carson, and T. M. Kealy, M. P.

Resolved:

That we, the Louth County Council, emphatically protest against the exclusion of Ireland from the coming legislation on Education, and we demand the full equivalent grant which will be due to Ireland owing to the proposed large additional grant (said to be £6,000,000) to be devoted to English Education in the immediate future, and that we hope Ireland's Parliamentary Representatives will at once take steps to obtain justice for Ireland in this most important matter.

Correspondence.

Letters were read from Mr John E. Redmond, M. P. and the Prime Minister acknowledging the Council's resolution on the question of the retrial of those imprisoned in connection with the Easter Week Rising.

Resolutions

A resolution submitted by the Dublin Corporation calling Government attention to the need which will arise after the war for providing Public Works of an extensive nature, and pointing out that the creation of a trans-Atlantic Port at Galway would be an eminently desirable undertaking, was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to inform the Dublin Town Clerk accordingly, and to say that the Council considered that the laying of the Kells and Mullingar Railway would be equally desirable, and should also be urged on the Government by Irish Public Bodies.

Resolution from the Irish Game Protection Association regarding the increasing of the amount of Dog Licences was marked "Read".

Correspondence with reference to the Council's resolution protesting against the Summer Time Bill was read and initialled.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Dublin, stating that he had been directed to summon a Conference of Representatives of the County Borough Councils and County Councils of Ireland to consider the present undue burden falling on the rate payers by the greatly increased cost in the maintenance of Lunatics, and to take steps to induce the Government to contribute their full half of the burden thus arising. The Conference would be held in the City Hall, Dublin, at 11.30 on 5th April, and County Councils were requested to appoint representatives.

The following were unanimously appointed to represent the Council at the Conference:

Messrs G. A. Duffy, J. P.; J. Wynne, J. P.; J. McCarthy, J. P.; J. Dillon, J. P.; W. L. Sheffington, J. P.; B. Hamill, J. P.; and N. T. Murphy, J. P.

The Circular Letter from Count Plunkett requesting that representatives be appointed to attend a Conference to be held in Dublin on 19th April was not considered as the date was the same as the date of this meeting of the Council.

Confidence in Irish Party.

The following resolution was passed, Mr B. Hamill, J. P., dissenting:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J. P.
Seconded by M. O'Hara, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That we, the Members of the Leath County Council, express our confidence in the Irish Party under the leadership of Mr J.

Redmond, and believe that the interests of Ireland are safe in their hands.

Richmond Joint Committee.

The question of the connection of Leath County with Richmond Asylum Joint Committee was next on the Agenda. The Chairman suggested the postponement of this question for three months and this course was unanimously agreed to.

G. H. Sanduff
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

25th MAY, 1917

The First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 31st day of May, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes
- 4 Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes
- 5 Consideration of Report of County Surveyor
- 6 Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 7 Consideration of Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 8 Reconsideration of the question of the position of the Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee Rural District, as per the resolution on the subject passed by the Council at their last Meeting
- 9 Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth county council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 31st May, 1917 at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

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

Other Members: Thomas B. McKeown, Esq., J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; Bernard Feenegan; J. O'Rourke; B. Hannell, J.P.; J. P. Kearney; L. Goodman; Michael Meade; P. McGeer, J.P.; J. J. McGeer, J.P.; J. J. Murphy, J.P.; N. J. Murphy, J.P.; and James Wynne, J.P., Esquires.

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

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on 19th April 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. B. McKeown, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:-

Monday, 30th April 1917.

Monday, 14th May 1917.

Monday, 28th May 1917.

Confirmation of Executive Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. O'Hearney, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 30th April 1917.

Monday, 14th May, 1917.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. J. Murphy, J.P.

Seconded by L. Goodman, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 28th May 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of County Surveyor's Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. O'Hourke, Esq.

Seconded by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page 2 of the Schedule of Proposals for the 31st May, 1917, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Ardee Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. J. Noher, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by M. Neade, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on

Tuesday, 3rd April, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 14th April, 1917, be and are hereby approved of and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. J. Sheffingtons, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 10th April, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, 2nd April, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting, held on 30th April, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. B. MacCourt, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on 16th April, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Monday, 28th May 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Works not set by contract.

No tenders were received for any of the works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, and the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by B. L. Coleman, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by L. Goodman, Esq.

and

Resolved That the Proposals for works passed by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meetings, and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyor, save and except Work No. 171, Dundalk District, which we hereby refer back to the District Council to re-advertise.

Residence of Ardee Veterinary Inspector

The next item on the Agenda was the re-consideration of the above question in accordance with the resolution passed by the Council on 19th April, as follows:

"Resolved - That Mr Maxwell be asked to state definitely whether or not he will reside in Ardee District in accordance with the terms of his appointment, and if he does not so reside the position become vacant, and the question of the appointment of a successor be considered at next meeting of the County Council."

The Chairman stated that Mr Coffey, Mr Maxwell's solicitor, desired to be present and to address the meeting on behalf of his client, and the Council unanimously granted him permission to do so.

The Chairman informed the Council that the terms of the resolution as set out above had been sent to Mr Maxwell by the Secretary, but as no reply was received, he directed the Secretary to again point out to Mr Maxwell that the question would come up at this meeting, and that a definite statement as to his residence should be submitted by him. To this the following letter was received:

Ardee, 20th May, 1917.

Dear Sir,

It was through no want of courtesy to the County Council on your part that I have not replied to yours of the 24th April. I simply took your letter as a notice of the adjournment of the question to the 31st May. I can only re-affirm that my registered residence is Market Street Ardee. This is not an office: it is here my room are, my office being situated in Bridge Street.

I notice that Mr Mc Gee stated that my salary was raised

the time of my appointment. It was not raised but as a matter of fact was lowered and has never been raised since.

For a time we were paid for extra work under the Tuberculosis Act, which ceased in 1914, at the commencement of the war.

I am, faithfully yours,

W. C. Maxwell, M. B. C. V. S.

Mr Coffey stated that his client, Mr Maxwell, was living in Ardee, and intended to continue to reside there. He was thus complying with the terms of his appointment. He had never neglected the duties of his position.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr Coffey definitely stated that Mr Maxwell was residing in Ardee.

In reply to Mr O'Rourke the Chairman stated that no complaints as to neglect of duty by Mr Maxwell, had been received.

Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P., pointed out that Mr Maxwell in his letter did not definitely state that he was residing in Ardee, but re-affirmed that he had a registered residence there, which in his opinion was a different thing.

After discussion the following resolution was

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

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.,

"That the statement made by Mr Maxwell's solicitor, that Mr Maxwell is residing and will continue to reside in Ardee, be accepted."

The following amendment was

Proposed by J. T. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Bernard Coleman, Esq., J.P.

"That we do not consider Mr Coffey's statements as to Mr Maxwell's residence satisfactory, and we hereby declare the position of Veterinary Inspector for Ardee No. 1 Rural District, vacant."

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Coleman, Kearney, J. T. Mc Gee, Mc Gee, N. T. Murphy, and P. Woods. 6

Against the Amendment: Messrs Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Rourke, Sheffington and Wynne. 8

Mr J. F. Murphy did not vote.

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost, and the resolution was then put, when there voted:

For the Resolution: Messrs Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Rourke, Sheffington and Wynne. 8

Against the Resolution: Mr P. Mc Gee. 1

Messrs Coleman; Kearney; J. T. McGee; J. F. Murphy; N. T. Murphy, and P. Woods, did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and Mr Coffey having thanked the Council for the courtesy extended to him, withdrew.

Resolutions

By permission of the Council Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P. proposed resolution copy of which is given below.

Considerable discussion took place, and various amendments were submitted, but ultimately, on the suggestion of the Chairman these amendments were put in the form of resolutions, and all were passed as noted below:-

The following resolution was passed: Messrs P. McGee; J. T. McGee, and J. F. Murphy, dissenting:

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

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That in common with other Public Bodies we beg to thank the Irish Bishops for their timely and telling warning against any attempt at the dismemberment of the Country at the forthcoming Home Rule Conference, and to place on Record our conviction that partition under any guise would be fatal to the best interests of our people. That in order to give a reasonable chance of success to the proposed Conference, we ask the Government to order at once the release of the political prisoners and declare an amnesty in connection with the late rebellion.

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we, the Members of the Fouth County Council request the Government (in view of the forthcoming Convention) to release all political prisoners, and we believe this act of clemency will create a much better atmosphere in Ireland.

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we call for the immediate release of the political prisoners that Colonial Home Rule be immediately granted to this Country

the same basis as that already enjoyed by the Colonies, and that we deprecate any partition of the Country in any shape or form.

The Secretary was directed to send copies of the resolutions to the Prime Minister and Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Threshing

Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P. raised the question of hiring out the Council's engines for threshing operations, and it was agreed that this should be done on the understanding that they were to be used only within the County. It was also agreed that the Council's employees in charge of the engines should be sent with the machines.

Correspondence

With reference to the resolution passed at last Meeting of the Council relative to Grant for Education in Ireland, letters acknowledging receipt of same were read from Messrs Redmond, Devlin, Dillon, Whitty, Sir E. Carson, the Prime Minister and the Chancellor of the Exchequer.

Mr John E. Redmond, M.P. wrote acknowledging receipt of resolution of the Council expressing confidence in the Irish Party.

Resolution submitted by the Dublin County Council demanding for Irish Primary Education the full equivalent which would be due owing to the proposed large additional Grant to be devoted to English Education, was passed unanimously on the motion of Mr W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; seconded by Mr J. Wynne, J.P.

Resolutions submitted by the Dublin City Council and the Monaghan County Council, demanding that the half cost of maintenance of lunatics be contributed by the Government, were unanimously adopted on the motion of Mr B. Hamill, J.P.; seconded by W. T. Sheffington, J.P.

Letter from the Irish Malsters Association pointing out the dangers to the Irish Brewery and Distilling Trade of the rumoured drastic restrictions was read and initialed.

Technical Grant

Letter dated 29th May, No. 5294/17, was read from the Department of Agriculture, in reply to resolution of the Council withdrawing the Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts unless the Department approved of the division of the Grant between Drogheda and Sandleah Schools. The letter stated that the matter had received most careful attention

but the Department could not alter their decision objecting to the proposed division. The letter was initialed.

Resolution was read from the Dundalk Trades Council stating that it was understood that owing to the withdrawal of the Council's grant, the technological Instructor at Dundalk Technical School was being dispensed with, and stating that this was a serious loss to the town. The resolution pointed out that economies could be effected otherwise in the schools, than by the withdrawing of this teacher. Copies of the resolution were ordered to be sent to each of the Technical Schools.

Elections

Sealed Order of the Local Government Board was read, modifying the terms of the Local Government Act with regard to elections, in order to conform to the terms of the Parliamentary and Local Elections Act of 1917, which extended the life of the Council for an additional year.

Resignation

Mr J. R. Garstin, D.L., Braganstown, wrote resigning his position on the Richmond Asylum Committee and the Ardee School Attendance Committee, and it was unanimously agreed that Mr Garstin be asked to reconsider his decision; and the Secretary was directed to convey to him the thanks of the Council for his services.

Committal

Rev. Father Hurson, C.C. wrote asking the approval of the Council (which was granted) to the committal to an Industrial School of the following children, under fourteen years of age, namely: Nellie Kelly, Wrightson's Lane; Margaret, Catherine, and Elizabeth Gray of Mill Street, Dundalk.

W. J. Sleeffington
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
11th JUNE, 1917

The Annual Meeting

OF THE COUNCIL WILL BE HELD
IN DROGHEDA COURTHOUSE,
ON SATURDAY, the 16th day of JUNE, 1917,

At the hour of ELEVEN o'clock, a.m.,

For the transaction of the undermentioned Business. Your attendance is requested

Agenda:

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year
2. Nomination of Eight persons to act as Commissioners for Annagassan Harbour for three years under Section 8, Sub-sections 2, 3, 4 and 5 of 2 and 3 George V.
3. Appointment of Old Age Pensions Committees for Ardee, Drogheda, Dunleer, Dundalk (South), and Dundalk (North).
4. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Annual Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda, on

Saturday, 16th June, 1917, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Present: Messrs J. Mc Carthy, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; P. B. Moore, J.P.; J. T. Mc Ga. J.P.; M. Meade, P. Woods, J.P.; C. A. Duffy, J.P.; B. Finnegan, J. T. MacQuillan, P. Donegan, J.P.; P. Callan, J.P.; John Dolan, D. J. Rath, J.P.; L. Goodman, B. Hamill, J.P.; P. L. McKen, J.P.; and Joseph Dolan.

On the motion of Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

Mr Charles A. Duffy, J.P. was unanimously moved to the Chair.

Ex-Officio Members.

Letters were read from the Clerks of the Rural Districts of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk, stating that at the Annual Meetings of those Bodies, the following gentlemen had been elected Chairmen, and were accordingly members of the County Council for the ensuing year: Ardee: Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., D.L. Drogheda: Mr Patrick Donegan, J.P.; Dundalk: Mr William Woods, J.P.

Election of Chairman.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That Captain W. A. Doran, of 9th Royal Dublin Fusiliers, France, and Harriestown, Ardee, be, and is hereby elected Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That Mr Charles A. Duffy, J.P., of Seaton Place, Dundalk, be, and is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of this Council for the ensuing year.

and in the event of Captain Doran not being able to attend at the forthcoming convention that Mr Duffy act in his stead.
Mr Duffy returned thanks for his re-election.

Postponement of Elections

Circular letter No 27341/1917, was read from the Local Government Board enclosing copy of the Parliament and Local Elections Act 1917, and pointing out that concurrently with the postponement of the elections of County and Rural District Councillors and of Guardians in Urban Districts, the Act provides that the term of office of existing Councillors and Urban Guardians is to be extended by one year. The Annual Meeting of a County Council, the circular stated, will be held this year as usual. The effect of the Act on Committees was that where there was no enactment otherwise determining, the members of a Committee held office for the same period as the appointing body, provided no restrictions as to the life of such Committee were made at the time of its appointment by the appointing body. Thus, Agricultural and Technical Instruction Committees, Finance, Executive, Proposal and Scholarship Committees would not need to be re-appointed. The Local Government Board have exercised the powers given them in the Act and have made an Order dated 7th June, 1917, extending the term of office of Lunatic Asylum, Infirmary and Tuberculosis Committees, and the Insurance Commissioners propose to make regulations extending the term of office of Insurance Committees for one year, so that none of these Committees need be re-appointed this year. The Old Age Pensions Committees must be re-appointed, as these were governed by the Act of 1908, and the Secretary pointed out that under the Special Act of Parliament, the Annagassan Pier Commissioners must be re-appointed that day, the term of office (three years) of the existing Commissioners expiring on the 18th June.

In accordance with the Act and the Local Government Board Orders, the Council accordingly proceeded to appoint the Annagassan Pier Commissioners, and the Old Age Pensions Committees:-

Nomination of Annagassan Pier Commissioners

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Patrick Donegan, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby nominate the following persons as members of the Annagassan Pier Commissioners under Section 8 of the Annagassan Pier Order, (2 & 3 Geo. V) for the ensuing three years

Council Commissioners (3)

Messrs Michael Meade, Castlebellingham; Patrick McGee, J.P., Charleville, and John Morgan, Dromiskin.

Local Commissioners (3)

Messrs Mathew Clinton, Charles Doherty Smig, and Peter McGuinness, all of Annagassan.

County Commissioners (2)

Messrs John J. Russell, Ballynagassan, and Joseph T. Clinton of Dundalk, and Mayne, Castlebellingham.

Appointment of Old Age Pensions Committees

The following committees were unanimously appointed.

Resolved that we hereby appoint the following gentlemen as the Old Age Pensions Committees for the several Districts as set out hereunder, for the ensuing three years.

Proposed by J. J. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. V. MacQuillan, Esq.

Ardee West

Very Rev. Canon P. Lyons, P.P., Ardee; Mr William Brennan, Loughanmore, Castlebellingham; Mr Richard Stokes, Ardee; Mr J. McDonnell, Mulladoc, Mr Gerald Brophy, Ardee; Mr Patrick Mohan, Nicholstown; Mr J. C. Kieran, J.P., Ashville; Mr James McKeever, Rathgarnan; Mr Owen McDonald, Ardee.

Ardee East (Dundee)

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.

Seconded by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Mr Patrick Daly, J.P., Dundee; Mr Mathew Landy, Rosstown; Mr Patrick McGee, Charleville; Mr Thomas McConachy, Mullinscross; Mr Richard Kieran, Drumcar; Mr Thomas Kearney, Shiveloy; Mr Joseph McGee, Richardstown; Mr James T. McGee, Burren House, Dundee; Mr Joseph McNamee, J.P., Mayne.

Drogheda

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by John Dolan, Esq.

Mr Denis J. Rath, J.P., Biggerhead; Mr Patrick Donegan, J.P., Monasterboice; Mr N. J. Murphy, J.P., Mill of Rath; Mr James McBarry, J.P., Newfoundwell; Mr Patrick McNamee, J.P., Sandpits, Limerick; Mr James Moore, Ganderstown; Mr Joseph Dolan, Gaulestown; Mr Laurence Murphy, Rinestown; Mr Andrew Collier, Cruicetown, Biggerhead.

Dundalk (North)Proposed by L. Goodman, Esq.Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq.

Mr Charles A. Duffy, J.P.; Dundalk; Mr Patrick J. Connolly, J.P., Ravensdale;
 Mr Bernard Finnegan, Dundalk; Mr J. P. Kearney, Willville;
 Mr J. H. McArdle, J.P., Ranspark; Mr James McCourt, Junr., Dundalk;
 Mr Michael O'Hara, J.P., Omeath; Mr Peter Woods, J.P., Redmont;
 Mr William Woods, J.P., Carlingford.

Dundalk (South)Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.Seconded by C. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Mr J. J. Murphy, J.P., Stordown; Mr Patrick Byrne, J.P., Milltown;
 Mr Thomas Farney, Killybeg; Mr Bernard L. Coleman, J.P., Ballybarrack;
 Mr James Mathews, Tully; Michael McArdle, Ash Bog.

It was unanimously agreed that the three vacancies on this Committee should be filled by cooption at the next meeting of the Council.

Amnesty.

The Chairman said that it appeared from the Press that all the men imprisoned in connection with the Rising of 1916 were to be released immediately, and he thought the Council should by resolution express their approval of the Government's action. He proposed the following resolution which was seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P., and passed unanimously.

Resolved: "That we desire to place on record our extreme satisfaction at the generous Amnesty extended by the Government to all the Irish Political Prisoners. We congratulate the Irish Party and Irish People on the success of their efforts for their release, and we appeal to all to now combine in a united effort to secure a comprehensive and satisfactory measure of self government for Ireland."

Resignation

Letter was read from Mr J. B. Garstin, D.L., Braganstown, thanking the County Council for their kindness in asking him to reconsider his resignation of the positions he held on the Richmond Asylum Committee and the Ardee School Committee, but regretting that he could not alter his decision.

The resignation was accordingly accepted, and it was

decided to fill the vacancies thus caused at the next meeting of the County Council.

Tuberculosis

Letter dated 11th June, 1917, was read from the Clerk of Dundalk Union enclosing copy of a resolution passed at the last meeting of that Body, in which it was stated that the Workhouse Hospital does not admit of the isolation of the abnormal number of consumptive patients now there, and also that the medical reports showed that the disease was on the increase, and that active steps should be taken to improve matters. It had been accordingly decided that a meeting should be held on Tuesday, 19th instant at 12 o'clock, noon, in the Town Hall to consider the matter, and the County Council was requested to send three representatives.

It was unanimously decided

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

Seconded by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.
 that Sir A. Wre Foster, Bart. and Messrs N. T. Murphy, J.P., and Michael Meade, should represent the Council at the Meeting.

Arising out of this question, Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P. said he understood he was a member of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management, but he had never received notice of any of its meetings, and the Chairman promised to enquire into the matter.

The Town Clerk, Dundalk, wrote asking the County Council's approval to the adoption by the Urban Council of Dundalk of Part one (I) of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: That we, the County Council of the County of Louth hereby approve of the adoption of Part one (I) of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act of 1908 by the Urban Council of Dundalk as required by Section 3, Sub-section 2 of the said Act.

Land Purchase

The following letter was read and initialled by the Chairman -

No. A.23905/17.

The Irish Land Commission, Dublin,
9th June, 1917.

Sir,

I am directed by the Irish Land Commission to acknowledge the receipt of your communication of the 21st ultimo, and to inform you in reply to your enquiry relative to the deduction made from the Grant to County Louth in aid of local taxation, owing to the default of

certain Land Purchase Annuitants, that there is no reason to suppose that the deductions so made are likely to result in any permanent charge on the Guarantee Fund. As showing the temporary nature of this charge it may be pointed out that at the date of the balancing of the account for the purposes of the Guarantee Fund in February last the total amount due for arrears of Land Purchase Annuitants in respect of the County Louth amounted to £1666:19:10, while on the 1st instant £1351:7:4

of that amount, had been repaid leaving but £315:12:6 due.

This arrear is in daily process of recovery, and when received will be recouped to the Guarantee Fund for the benefit of the County Louth.

Your obedient Servant,

T. G. H. GREEN.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Sign Posts.

With reference to the proposal of the Ford Motor Company to erect signs in the county, the Secretary had by direction of the Finance Committee written the company asking whether they proposed doing all the work of erection themselves, or whether they expected the County Council to supply the labour, and received a reply dated 13th June, stating that in the case of other Councils, the signs had been supplied and the Local Authorities had erected them. The company enquired whether the Council would erect the signs at spots mutually agreed by them and the County Surveyor, and undertake their maintenance when erected.

Letter dated 12th May was read from the Gaelic League in this matter, stating that the League desired that facilities should be given Messrs Ford & Co. for the erection of the signs provided that these were in Irish and English.

The Council unanimously agreed that if the Ford Company provided the signs in Irish and English, they would undertake to have them erected under the supervision of the County Surveyor, and maintain them.

Holidays.

The Secretary applied for his annual leave of absence which was unanimously granted.

W. J. Shefflin,

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
20th JULY, 1917

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk on Thursday, the 26th day of July, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes
- 4 Consideration of proposals for payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 5 Fix dates for Third Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee

6 NOTICES OF MOTION:-

[A] I hereby give Notice that at the Second Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, to be held on the 26th day of July, 1917, I shall move that the resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting, held on the 31st May, accepting the statement of Mr Maxwell's Solicitor that Mr Maxwell was residing, and would continue to reside, in Ardee be rescinded; and that as Mr Maxwell is not complying with the terms of his appointment by residing within his district, that the position of Veterinary Inspector for the Rural District of Ardee No. 1 be declared vacant, and that the Council consider the question of the appointment of his successor

Dated this 18th day of July, 1917 [Signed] JAMES T. MCGEE

[B] I hereby give Notice that at the Second Quarterly Meeting of the Louth County Council, to be held on the 26th day of July, 1917, I shall move that the resolution of the Council withholding the Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County be rescinded

Dated this 17th day of July, 1917 [Signed] BERNARD HAMILL

- 7 Consideration of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to grant a war bonus of two shillings per week to the Council's workmen
- 8 Co-option of Member on Richmond District Asylum Committee, vice Mr J. R. Garstin, D.L., deceased
- 9 Co-option of Member on Ardee District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr J. R. Garstin, D.L., deceased
- 10 Co-option of three Members on Dundalk [South] Old Age Pensions Committee
- 11 Correspondence

CHARLES MCALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Thursday, 26th July, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: P. McGahey, J.P.; L. Goodman, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; J. Dolan, J.P.; J. F. Murphy, J.P.; M. Meade, M. O'Meara, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; T. V. McQuillan, M. Mc Ardle, J. Morgan, P. Woods, J.P.; J. T. Mc Gee, J.P.; T. B. Mc Court, B. Finnegan, P. B. Moore, J.P.; P. L. McKee, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; P. Callan, J.P.; P. Donegan, J.P.; D. J. Rath, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; J. H. Mc Ardle, J.P.; and Thomas O'Rourke, Esquire, and Sir A. V. Foster.

Messrs Daniel O'Connell, County Solicitor, and James Dromgole, and J. M. C. Lyons, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on 31st May, 1917, and their Annual Meeting held on 16th June, 1917, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by T. B. Mc Court, Esq.
Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bt., D.L.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed. -

Monday, 11th June, 1917.

Monday, 25th June, 1917.

Monday, 9th July, 1917.

Monday, 23rd July, 1917.

Encroachment

Arising out of the Minutes of the Finance Meeting held on 23rd July, at which Meeting the matter of an encroachment by a new building erected at Drumbilla by Mr Peter Kelly, within seventeen feet from the centre of the county road, had been referred to the County Council for their decision.

The following resolution was
Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. T. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

That we refer the matter of the encroachment at Drumbilla by a new building erected by Mr Peter Kelly, to the County Surveyor, and County Solicitor.

The following Amendment was
Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by M. O'Meara, Esq., J.P.

"That we take no action in the matter of the encroachment at Drumbilla by the building erected by Mr Peter Kelly."

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Callan, John Dolan, Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, P. McGahey, Meade, Morgan, O'Meara, O'Rourke, Rath, and P. Woods. 13

Against: Messrs Donegan, J. H. Mc Ardle, M. Mc Ardle, J. T. Mc Gee, McKee, McQuillan, J. F. Murphy, N. T. Murphy, Moore, Sheffington, and Wynne. 11.

Sir A. V. Foster did not vote.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and was about to take a division on the resolution when Mr Hamill stated his Amendment as set out above was not put as he desired it, as he wished to add a clause by which Mr Kelly should agree to remove the building in case the road required widening. On this being added to his Amendment, it was put as follows as a resolution, and carried unanimously:-

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by M. O'Meara, Esq., J.P., and

Resolved: That we take no action in the matter of the encroachment at Drumbilla by the building erected by Mr Peter Kelly, provided that Mr Kelly sign an Agreement to remove the building in case that at any future time

the road requires to be widened at the place where the building is erected.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Patrick Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on 9th July, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the County Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Ardee Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart.
Seconded by P. Ballan, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 3rd July, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £583.10.8.

Drogheda Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the South Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 10th July, 1917, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £279.15.6.

Dundalk Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P., and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk

Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting, held on 2nd July, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1029.13.9.

County-at-Large Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously

Proposed by J. B. Mc Court, Esq.
Seconded by J. O'Rourke, Esq., and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 9th July, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £6853.8.2, be and are hereby approved of.

Demands

The Treasurer's Advice Note for the following Instalments of Demands was signed:

	£	s.	d.
Ardee Union	1256	12	8
Drogheda Union	1334	1	1
Dundalk Union	3123	0	0
Ardee No. 1 Rural District	160	10	0
Drogheda (South) "	7	10	0

Dates of Quarterly Meetings.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
and

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

Ardee	Tuesday, 2nd October, 1917.
Drogheda	Tuesday, 9th October, 1917.
Dundalk	Monday, 1st October, 1917.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 15th October 1917.

Notices of Motion.

Residence of the Ardee Veterinary Inspector.

The next item on the Agenda was the Notice of Motion standing

in the name of Mr J. J. McGee, J.P. with reference to the residence of the Ardee Veterinary Inspector. The Chairman pointed out that as the resolution referred to therein, had been passed within the last six months, and as according to the Standing Orders, no resolution could be rescinded until six months had elapsed since it was passed, it would be necessary to have the Standing Orders suspended to bring Mr McGee's motion before the Council.

Accordingly it was
Proposed by J. J. McGee, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

That the Standing Orders be now suspended in order that the Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr J. J. McGee be considered.

Mr B. Hamill, J.P. called for a division on this resolution, when there voted:-

For the resolution: Messrs Callan, John Dolan, Donegan, J. H. Mc Ardle, J. J. McGee, P. McGee, McKee, MacQuillan, J. J. Murphy, N. J. Murphy, Moore, P. Woods and Sir V. Foster. 13.

Against: Messrs Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, M. Mc Ardle, Mc Court, Meade, Morgan, O'Nea, O'Rourke, W. Woods, and J. Wynne. 11.

Mr D. J. Rath did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried and the Standing Orders suspended.

The following resolution was then

Proposed by J. J. McGee, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

That the resolution passed by the Council at their Meeting held on the 31st May, accepting the statement of Mr Maxwell's Solicitor that Mr Maxwell was residing, and would continue to reside, in Ardee is hereby rescinded and that as Mr Maxwell is not complying with the terms of his appointment by residing within his district that the position of Veterinary Inspector for the Rural District of Ardee No. 1 is hereby declared vacant, and that the Council consider the question of the appointment of his successor.

Before putting the resolution to the meeting, the Chairman stated that there was a letter from Mr J. J. Dolan, M.A. giving copy of a resolution which was passed at a Meeting of Ardee Householders and he asked the Secretary to read same. The resolution stated that Mr Maxwell did not reside in the district in accordance

with the terms of his appointment, and asked the Council to declare the position vacant, and appoint a successor.

A deputation consisting of Messrs J. B. Kieran, J.P., J. J. Dolan, M.A., and R. Stokes, R.D.C., representing Ardee ratepayers was introduced, and by permission of the Chairman and Council, all of these gentlemen spoke in favour of Mr McGee's resolution, and asked the Council to pass it, pointing out that it was an absolute necessity to have a Veterinary Surgeon in a district like Ardee, which depended to a great extent on live stock.

Mr B. Hamill, J.P. supported by Mr J. B. McCourt, called for a division on the resolution which was then voted on with the following result:-

For the Resolution: Messrs Callan, John Dolan, Donegan, J. J. McGee, P. McGee, McKee, MacQuillan, J. J. Murphy, N. J. Murphy, Moore, O'Nea, P. Woods, and Sir A. V. Foster. 14.

Against: Messrs Goodman, Hamill, M. Mc Ardle, Mc Court, O'Rourke and Wynne. 6

Messrs Finnegan, Meade, Morgan, Rath and Sheffington did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and the position of Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee No. 1 Rural District, vacant, and the question of the appointment of a successor to Mr Maxwell was referred to the Executive Committee, and the Secretary was directed to notify the Department of the Council's decision.

Technical Grant.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr B. Hamill, J.P. was next on the Agenda:-

"I hereby give Notice that at the Second Quarterly Meeting of the South County Council, to be held on the 26th day of July, 1917, I shall move that the resolution of the Council withholding the Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County be rescinded."

The Chairman stated that as the resolution referred to had been passed by the Council at their Meeting held on 19th April, 1917, the same procedure must be followed as in the preceding Notice of Motion, and the Standing Orders suspended before it could be considered.

The following resolution was accordingly

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

Resolved: That the Standing Orders be suspended to enable Mr Hamill's Notice of Motion to be discussed.

On

On a division there voted:
For the Resolution: Messrs Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Meara, O'Rourke,
 Rath, Peter Woods, W. Woods and J. Wynne. 9

Against:
 Messrs Ballan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan, Goodman, J. H. McDole,
 Mc Ardle, J. T. Mc Gee, P. Mc Gee, McKeon, MacQuillan, N. T. Murphy,
 Moore, Morgan, and Sir Vere Foster. 15
 Mr J. T. Murphy, did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost, and Mr Hamill's Motion accordingly fell through.

Arising out of this question, the following resolution was

Proposed by J. V. MacQuillan, Esq.
Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

"That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen a deputation to wait upon the Department to urge them to accept the Council's resolution of 19th April, dividing the Council's Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts as between the Drogheda and Rundaish Schools:
 Messrs C. A. Duffy, J.P.; J. H. McDole, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; J. T. Mc Gee, J.P.; and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart."

Mr B. Hamill, J.P. objected to this resolution and on a division being taken there voted:

For the Resolution: Messrs Ballan, John Dolan, Donegan, Finnegan,
 J. H. McDole, J. T. Mc Gee, P. Mc Gee, McKeon, MacQuillan, N. T. Murphy,
 Moore, Morgan, Sheffington and Sir A. V. Foster. 14

Against:
 Messrs Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Rourke, P. Woods and Wynne. 6

Messrs J. T. Murphy, O'Meara, Rath, and William Woods did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried, and the Secretary was directed to arrange with the Department to meet the deputation as early as possible.

War Bonus to Workmen.

The following resolution was

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

"That we hereby approve of the Finance Committee's recommendation to grant a war bonus of two shillings per week to the Council's workmen."

The following Amendment was

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. T. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

"That we refer the matter of the wages of the Council's workmen to a Committee composed of two members from each of the Rural Districts and that this Committee consider the question and report to the County Council."

On a division there voted:
For the Amendment: Messrs Ballan, Dolan, Donegan, J. H. McDole,
 M. Mc Ardle, J. T. Mc Gee, P. Mc Gee, McKeon, J. T. Murphy, N. T. Murphy,
 and Sir V. Foster. 11

Against: Messrs Finnegan, Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, MacQuillan,
 Meade, Moore, Morgan, O'Meara, O'Rourke, Rath, Sheffington, P. Woods,
 W. Woods and Wynne. 15

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost and the resolution granting the War Bonus was then put and declared carried by the same majority.

Coooption on Richmond Asylum Committee

The next item on the Agenda was the cooption of a Member on Richmond Asylum Committee vice Mr J. B. Garstin, deceased.
 Mr N. T. Murphy, J.P. proposed, and Sir Vere Foster, seconded. the cooption of Mr J. T. Dolan, M.A., but on Mr Hamill proposing that Mr M. be coopted, Mr Murphy asked leave to withdraw his motion, and leave being granted, the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by John T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr Michael Meade a member on the Richmond District Asylum Committee, vice Mr J. B. Garstin, Esq., deceased.

Mr Meade returned thanks for his election.

Coooption of Member on Ardee District School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P., and
Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr J. H. Blanton of Pokely Hall, Dundee, a member on the Ardee District School Attendance Committee, vice Mr J. B. Garstin, Esq., deceased.

Cooption of Memberson Dundalk (South) Old Age Pensions Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq. J. P.

Seconded by J. B. McBrist, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt the following gentlemen as Members on the Dundalk (South) Old Age Pensions Committee:

Messrs Bernard Hughes, Newtown.

John Clarke, Cortial,

Joseph Sharkey, Knockbridge.

Correspondence.

Thanks.

Letter was read from Captain W. A. Doran, thanking the Council for his unanimous election as Chairman for the ensuing year. The letter was initialed by the Chairman.

Resolution

Resolution from Queen's County Council protesting against the licensed Trade restrictions was unanimously adopted.

Committal.

Letter was read from Canon Hamilton stating that he intended to apply to the Magistrates for the committal to an Industrial School of a boy named Charles Cunningham. The application was approved.

Dundalk Demand

Letter dated 25th July, was read from the Town Clerk, Dundalk, stating that the balance of the County Council's Demand on the Dundalk Urban District, namely: £2450.1.9 had been lodged to the credit of the County Council on that date. The letter was initialed.

Local Standards

An application from the County Inspector, Royal Irish Constabulary, for leave to have the Weights and Measures Local Standards reverified at a cost not to exceed twenty shillings, was granted.

Motor Licence Duty.

Letter was read from the Local Government Board dated 9th July, enclosing statement showing the amounts collected in each County and County Borough in Ireland for Motor Licence Duty in the year ended 31st March 1917. The amount collected in South was £896 8. 6. The statement was initialed.

W. G. A. Doran
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,

COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

10th AUGUST, 1917

The Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber,

COURTHOUSE, DROGHEDA,

On Thursday, the 16th day of August, 1917, at 10-30 o'clock a.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes
- 4 Consider Report from County Surveyor
- 5 Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 6 Consider Tenders [if any received] for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils
- 7 Appointment of Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee No. 1 Rural District
- 8 Consider Account from Messrs O'Callaghan and Webb, Architects, for Prize and Remuneration for Plans for New County Offices
- 9 Report of Deputation to Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction re Proposed Division of Technical Grant
- 10 Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda, on

Thursday, 16th day of August, 1917, at 10-30 o'clock, a.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W.A. Doran, J.P.

Other Members: B.D. Coleman, J.P.; J. McCarthy, J.P.; J.T. McGee, J.P.; P. McGee, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; P.B. Moore, J.P.; J.B. McBurt, J.P.; D.J. Rath, J.P.; V.V. Murphy, J.P.; P. Donegan, J.P.; P.D. McKean, J.P.; J.T. Murphy, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; John Dolan; and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

Messrs Thomas Walsh, County Surveyor; Daniel O'Connell, Solicitor to the Council; and James O'neill, Assistant Surveyor, were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J.T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 26th July, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.B. McBurt, Esq.
Seconded by Sir Vere Foster,

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on the 6th August, 1917, with any recommendations contained therein, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P.D. McKean, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 6th August, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Arising out of these Minutes, the Secretary in reply to Mr. Hamill, stated that the documents asked for by Mr. Coffey on behalf of his client, Mr. W. E. Maxwell, M. R. C. D., had been sent to him, on the instruction of the County Solicitor.

In reply to the Chairman, Mr. O'Connell, County Solicitor, stated that in his opinion Mr. Maxwell had not a residence in Ardee in accordance with the terms of his appointment.

Confirmation of County Surveyor's Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. B. McCourt, Esq.

Seconded by B. L. Coleman, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That the report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page one of the Schedule of Proposals for the 16th August, 1917, a copy of which has been furnished to each Member of the Council be and is hereby confirmed.

Various questions were put by councillors to the County Surveyor re scouring of channels, destruction of weeds, and cutting of hedges, and he informed the Council that all these matters were having his attention.

Ardee Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J. P.

Seconded by Sir V. Foster, Bart.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday, the 3rd July, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McCarthy, Esq., J. P.

Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday the 10th day of July, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J. P.

Seconded by John Dolan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 3rd day of July, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 30th July, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by P. McGee, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th day of July, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Tenders.

Only one tender was received for Works not set at Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee. This tender was from Mr. M. P. McGowan for Work No. 247, Dundalk, but as Mr. McGowan was not in attendance, the County Surveyor was directed to arrange with him to have the work done.

Works not Taken.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J. P.

Seconded by D. J. Bath, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works passed by the Rural District

Councils and Proposal Committee at their last Quarterly Meetings and for which no contracts have been entered into, be placed in charge of the County Surveyors, save and except Work No. 174, Dundalk approved at April 1917 Meeting of the Rural District Council, and which was referred back, and which is hereby rejected.

Appointment of Veterinary Inspector for Ardee.

The next item on the Agenda was the appointment of a Veterinary Inspector for Ardee No. 1 Rural District vice Mr W. E. Maxwell, in accordance with the terms of the following advertisement issued by the Secretary:

Louth County Council.

Appointment of Veterinary Inspector

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL Appointment of Veterinary Inspector.

NOTICE is hereby given that the County Council will, at their Meeting to be held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, 6th day of August, 1917, at the hour of 10.30 a.m., proceed to elect a properly qualified person as Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee Rural District.

The person appointed must be a member of the Royal College of Veterinary Surgeons, and will be required to perform all the duties thereunder in Ireland. He will also be required to reside in the said Rural District, and his appointment must be approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland.

The salary attached to the position will be £30 per annum. Applications, containing full particulars as to qualifications, etc., will be received by me at this Office up to 4 o'clock p.m. on Wednesday, the 15th August, 1917. Personal attendance of Candidates on the day of election will be necessary.

CHARLES McALESTER
Secretary to the County Council
Dated this 6th day of August, 1917.
Court House, Dundalk.

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For the position only one application was received, that of Mr Owen D. Neary, M.B. & V.S., Castle Street, Ardee, and accordingly the following resolution was:

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

Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq. J.P., and Mr B. Hamill, J.P., dissenting, it was:

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Mr Owen D. Neary, M.B. & V.S. of Castle Street, Ardee, Veterinary Inspector for the Ardee No. 1 Rural District at the salary of £30 per annum, and subject to the terms as set out in

the advertisement issued by our Secretary.

The Secretary was directed to inform the Department of Agriculture of the appointment, and request their sanction.

New County Offices.

An account for £150 was submitted from Messrs O'Callaghan & Webb, Architects, winners of the first prize in the recent competition for plans for the proposed new County Offices. They claimed £50 as the amount of the prize, and £100 in accordance with clause 3 of the General Conditions which read that if the winning Architect "should not receive instructions to proceed with the working drawings within two years of the date of the Award, he will be paid a sum of £50, which will form part of his commission, if and when the work proceeds. If, for any reason, the scheme should be abandoned or indefinitely postponed he will be paid a further sum of £100 in full discharge, and the drawings submitted will become the property of the County Council.

On the reading of this Clause the Secretary stated that it did not appear that Messrs O'Callaghan & Webb were entitled to more than the £50 as prize, as the project of building the office had not been abandoned nor indefinitely postponed. The Council agreed, and it was ordered that a Paying Order for £50 be issued to Messrs O'Callaghan & Webb, and that they be informed that the £100 was not due in accordance with the General Conditions.

Rural Technical Instruction Grant.

The report of the deputation to the Department in the matter of the division of the Council's grant for Rural Technical Instruction, together with the Department's letter with reference thereto, were on the motion of

James McBarth, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by W. J. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.

ordered to be printed and circulated and to come up for consideration at a Special Meeting of the Council to be held in Dundalk on Thursday, 23rd instant, at 1.30 o'clock.

Thanks.

Letters of thanks for election, and acceptance of office, on the Ardee School Attendance Committee, and Dundalk (South) Old Age Pensions Committee, were read from Mr J. T. Clinton of Rokeby, and Mr John Clarke of Cortals, respectively. The letters were initialed by the Chairman.

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Hours of Meeting.

Mr. P. McGe, J.P. raised the question of the hour of meeting of the Council, namely, 10.30 o'clock, and handed in notice of motion "that the question of the hour of meeting of the various committees of the Council be considered at next meeting of the County Council."

The Secretary was directed to prepare a return showing the attendance at meetings held at the old hour of one o'clock as compared with attendance since the meetings were changed to 10.30.

County Council Scholars.

Report on the Louth County Council Scholars for the year 1916-17 was read from the Registrar of University College, and referred to the Scholarship Committee.

Arbor Day.

Letter dated 25th July was read from the Irish Forestry Society, impressing on Councils the desirability of instituting and carrying out of an Arbor Day celebration in each county on the first Saturday in November, and suggesting that efforts should be made to induce National School Teachers to organise such celebrations. The Council approved of the movement, and the Secretary was directed to write the various schools throughout the county in the matter, and point out the advantages of re-afforestation, and ask the teachers to arrange for celebrations as suggested in the circular.

Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

Letter dated 8th August, 1917, No. 52, was read from the Priory Council Office, enclosing, for the information of the Council, copy of Orders made on the 29th June, 1917, by His Excellency in Council, under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908. The Order was initialled by the Chairman.

Food Prices.

The following resolution was submitted by Waterford County Council. "We demand that the producer gets representation in fixing the price of food, and that the price of stall fed beef should be in conformity with the existing price of oil cake, etc., and we demand that simultaneous with the fixing of the price of food, that the cost of production be also adjusted. We consider the withdrawal of the recent Food Order desirable."

After discussion, it was

Proposed by N. Y. Murphy, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. McCarthy, Esq. J.P.

and

Resolved: "That we demand that the producer gets representation in fixing the price of food."

Wm. J. Donnan
Chairman.

Proposed by

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
17th AUGUST, 1917

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman to convene

A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD IN THE

COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

On THURSDAY next, 23rd AUGUST, 1917,

At the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m.,

For the purpose of considering the Report of the Deputation appointed by the Council to interview the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction with reference to the proposed Division of the Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County, and the Department's reply, copy of which is enclosed herewith.

Your attendance is earnestly requested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk,
on Thursday, 23rd August, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Patrick Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: N.T. Murphy, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; J. O'Rourke; J.B. McEbert;
L. Goodman; W.T. Skeffington, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; M. Meade; and
Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., D.L.

The County Solicitor was also in attendance.

The Chairman read the circular convening the meeting which had been called to consider the report of the deputation which had waited upon the Department in the matter of the division of the Council's Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County, and the Department's reply.

REPORT

OF THE

Deputation Appointed by the County
Council to interview the Department

re

the proposed Division of the
GRANT FOR TECHNICAL INSTRUCTION.

To the Louth County Council at their Meeting, 16th August,
1917.

Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

We beg to report that the Department having fixed Tuesday, the 7th day of August, to receive the deputation, the following members, with your Secretary, travelled to Dublin on that day:—Messrs. W. T. Skeffington, J.P., Mayor of Drogheda; N. T. Murphy, J.P., and J. T. M'Gee, J.P. Sir A. V. Foster and Mr. J. H. M'Ardle, J.P., sent apologies for inability to travel on that day owing to very urgent private reasons, while the Acting Chairman, Mr. C. A. Duffy, J.P., was from home

on holiday, and did not receive the notice of the appointment in time.

The Vice-President of the Department, Sir T. W. Russell, M.P., received the deputation at the Department's new offices, and the Secretary, Mr. T. P. Gill, and Mr. Fletcher, of the Technical Education Department, were also present.

Mr. Skeffington introduced the deputation, and stated that the County Council had passed a resolution deciding to divide the grant of £150 given by the County Council for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts, equally between the divisions of North and South Louth in the manner following:—That £75 be given to the Drogheda Technical School on the understanding that the amount be expended in the Rural Districts of Drogheda (Louth) and Ardee No. 1, on Technical Instruction; and that the remaining £75 be given to the Dundalk Technical School for like instruction in the Rural District of Dundalk. He pressed on the Department the urgency of agreeing to a scheme on these lines.

Mr. Murphy stated that it might be desirable that a scheme for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of the County would be formulated, to be managed by the County Committee of Agriculture under Departmental supervision. In this view Mr. M'Gee concurred, and expressed his conviction that better results could be obtained in Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts under a purely Rural scheme than in any schemes run from Urban centres.

In reply to the deputation, Sir T. W. Russell stated that a deputation from the County Louth Joint Technical Committee were due to put their views before the Department that evening and that nothing would be decided until he had an opportunity of hearing their side of the case. He pointed out that in the

early days of the Technical movement, Drogheda Urban was included in the County Louth scheme, but had claimed their right to secede from the County Joint Committee and had got the Department's sanction to set up a purely Urban School. He thought the Department could not agree to the suggested arrangement to hand over all the County grant to the Drogheda and Dundalk Technical Schools, as it was possible, and even likely, that the Urban Authorities would be more anxious to use the money for local needs, and the Rural Districts might suffer in consequence. He stated that the amount of the County grant was too small for any adequate Technical Instruction to be given in the Rural Districts, as taking £150 as the grant, with the addition of £80 from the Department's Endowment, the amount for the entire Rural Districts was only £230. He informed the deputation that it was just possible that out of some special fund the Department might be able to supplement this amount later on, and stated he would remember Louth when the money was available. He thought that the question of working a Technical scheme in connection with the County Committee of Agriculture might be feasible, but that this would involve an outlay for administration which the funds available could not afford. He stated that as County Louth had made such a splendid effort in the Food Production scheme this year, the Department would endeavour to help all they possibly could to try and fix a proper working arrangement in the interests of Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts. He promised that the views of the Department would be transmitted to the County Council in time to be considered at their next meeting.

The members of the deputation returned thanks for the courtesy extended them by the Vice-President of the Department, and the interview terminated.

expenditure for administration which would be excessive in view of the amount of funds available, and the Department cannot, in the circumstances, see their way to approve of a separately administered scheme for the Rural Districts.

The funds available for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts are made up of (a) the County Council's contribution of £150, from rates raised over the Rural Districts; (b) a contribution of £80 from the Department's Endowment, which, however, is subject to a reduction in accordance with the terms of the Department's Circular Letter, No. 79, of September, 1911 (copy enclosed); and (c) the grants paid by the Department under the conditions of the Programme for Technical Schools and Classes in respect of the attendance of approved students at classes conducted in the Rural Districts. The grants earned from this source during the four years ended the 31st July, 1916, averaged £52 per annum. The total funds available therefore amount to about £256 annually.

The Department are of opinion that these funds should continue to be administered by the County Joint Committee for Technical Instruction, but that, in order to ensure that the Southern portion of the County receives its due proportion of benefits under the scheme, the following provisions be incorporated in the scheme for Technical Instruction for the County:—

(a) That, after providing the sum of £30 for general administration, the amount available for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts be divided into two equal portions: one to be expended in the Rural Districts of Ardee and Louth, and the other in the Rural District of Dundalk.

(b) That a small Committee, confined to representatives from the Rural Districts of Ardee and Louth, and to be nominated by the County Council, be appointed, to determine

The following letter from the Department on the subject has since been received:—

No. T.7397-17.

Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction for Ireland,

Upper Merrion Street, Dublin,

11th August, 1917.

Sir,

I have to acquaint you that the Department have had under consideration the representations, respecting the administration of the funds available for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts of County Louth, which were placed before them by the deputation which waited on them on the 7th instant. Two proposals for the administration of these funds were put forward by the deputation, but the Department regret that they are unable to give their assent to either of these suggestions.

The first proposal was that the funds should be divided into two portions, and handed over to the Technical Instruction Committees for the Borough of Drogheda and the Urban District of Dundalk, to be devoted by them to the purposes of Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts in the South and North of the County respectively. The Department have been advised, however, that it is not competent for one Local Authority to hand over moneys raised by rates for expenditure by another in the manner suggested. In this connection I have to direct attention to the Department's circular letter, No. 36, addressed to the County Louth County Council in April, 1905.

The second proposal was that the funds should be administered by the present County Committee of Agriculture, who would arrange with the two Urban Technical Instruction Committees for the utilisation of the services of their Instructors in the Rural Districts. This proposal would involve an

in what manner the funds available for the Southern portion of the County are to be expended, and to make arrangements with the Technical Instruction Committee for the Borough of Drogheda for the services of their Instructors, and the use of equipment, for Classes to be conducted in these Rural areas, in cases where such arrangements are desirable. The decisions of this Committee, subject to the general conditions governing the scheme as a whole, and to their not involving an expenditure in excess of the amount available, to be confirmed by the County Joint Committee. In case of difficulty the question to be submitted to the Department, whose decision shall be final. The Committee to meet at Drogheda or some other convenient centre in the Southern portion of the County, and the Principal Executive Officer of the County Joint Committee to act as Secretary and Convener.

The Department hope that the County Council will be able to see their way to concur in this suggestion, which would seem to secure all that is desired, namely, that the Rural Districts of Ardee and Louth should secure the full benefit of the funds available, and that these funds shall be expended as economically as possible.

The Department further hope that this matter may receive the consideration of the County Council at an early date.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

T. P. GILL,

Secretary.

W. T. SKEFFINGTON.

N. T. MURPHY.

J. T. M'GEE.

CHARLES M'ALESTER,

Secretary.

After discussion the following resolution was:

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

Seconded by J. B. Mc Court, Esq.

That we approve of the suggestions contained in the Department's letter of 11th August, with regard to the grant of the County Council for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts.

The following Amendment was

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. T. Skeffington, Esq., J.P.

That the County Grant for Technical Instruction in the Rural Districts be administered by the present County Committee of Agriculture, who will arrange with the two Urban Technical Instruction Committees for the utilisation of the services of their Instructors in the Rural Districts.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Donegan, Murphy, Skeffington, and Sir A. Vere Foster. 4

Against the Amendment: Messrs Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Rourke and Wynne. 6

The Amendment was declared lost, and the resolution was then voted on with the following result:

For the Resolution: Messrs Goodman, Hamill, Mc Court, Meade, O'Rourke, and Wynne. 6

Against: Messrs Donegan, Murphy, Skeffington, and Sir Vere Foster. 4

The resolution was declared carried.

In accordance with the suggestions of the Department that a Sub-committee of South Louth representatives should be appointed to make the necessary arrangements for Instruction in the Rural Districts of Ardee and Louth, The following resolution was:

Proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.
and unanimously

Resolved: That we hereby appoint the following Sub-committee to represent

South Louth for the Administration of their portion of the Grant for Technical Instruction.

For Ardee District: Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., Messrs J. T. McGee, J. P., P. McGee, J. P., and P. Donegan, J. P.

For Drogheda District: N. J. Murphy, J. P., D. J. Rath, J. P., and P. Donegan, J. P.

The following letter was read:-

Ardee,
16th August, 1917.

To the County Council of Louth.

Gentlemen,

I read in the report of the last meeting of the County Council a criticism of my voting in favour of a resolution of the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils, which urged that the "Representation of the People" Bill should be applied to Ireland, but that the framing of a new franchise should be left to the coming Irish Parliament.

I value highly the position which the County Council has given me as one of its representatives on the General Council and wish to explain whatever may seem to any member deserving of censure.

The Executive Committee in scrutinising all proposals of Bills which might affect County Councils formed the opinion that the proposed assigning of registration work to Clerks of the Crown instead of County Council officials, and compiling of six months instead of yearly registers, were costly and objectionable features, and in pressing this view on the Government, it took the opportunity to assert the right of Irishmen to be given the framing of their own franchise instead of having it imposed on them by the English Government at the same time that that Government was asking them to draw up a Constitution for themselves. The Committee thought it desirable to show that they expected practical results from the Convention, at which the franchise of the new Irish Parliament would be under consideration, and that they expected the Government to give effect to its recommendations if approved by Irish opinion, and to set up an Irish Constitution without delay.

There was no objection expressed, nor as far as I could see, felt, to the extension of the male franchise and the introduction of woman suffrage, and no intention of trying to avert them.

Under the Representation of the People Bill, the new franchise would not come into force till a general election after the new registers had been prepared. And if Ireland is in earnest about exacting a Home Rule Constitution the Irish framework ought to be set up as soon as this English Bill would provide it.

I do not remember that the men who are now so alarmed at the danger of these reforms being delayed ever advocated them before, but I know that at least two others who supported the General Council's resolution have been, as I have, in favour of them.

I would be interested to learn any Louth man's explanation of the consistency of the Sinn Féin editors whose comments have inspired the references to this resolution.

He condemns Nationalists of the General Council for claiming that the framing of a franchise for Ireland is the right of, and should be entrusted to the Irish Nation, instead of being imposed on it by the English Government. Yet the principle which he puts forward as the special groundwork of his party's policy and which he repeated in the very next issue of his paper, is "the repudiation of the title of an English Parliament to bind Ireland by its laws."

Yours truly,
JOSEPH DOLAN.

On the reading of this letter, Mr Hamill stated that when he raised this matter at a previous Meeting of the Council, the Chairman ruled that the business of the meeting was over, and he was not heard. He expressed himself dissatisfied with Mr Dolan's explanation, and proposed a resolution, which was seconded by Mr O'Rourke, condemning the action of the General Council of County Councils in the matter, and calling for the extension of the Representation of the People Bill to Ireland.

The Chairman stated that Mr Dolan's letter was a personal explanation of his action, and was a satisfactory one. No action was taken on Mr Hamill's motion, and the meeting concluded.

W. P. Doran
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

17th SEPTEMBER, 1917

Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend

A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL, TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

On FRIDAY next, 21st SEPTEMBER, 1917,

At the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m.

Agenda:

1. Consider the Recommendations and Confirm the Minutes of the University Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, the 17th September, 1917, and Award such Scholarships as may be deemed necessary.
2. Approval of the Adoption of Part I. of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act, 1908, in the Dundalk Rural District.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Friday, 21st September, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: T. V. MacQuillan, M. McArdle, B. Hamill, J.P., D. J. Rath, J.P., P. Woods, J.P., J. Morgan, P. Donegan, J.P., J. J. Murphy, J.P., A. J. Murphy, J.P., J. O'Rourke, J.P., M. Court, M. Meade, B. Finnegan, and J. Byrne, J.P., Esquires.

The Meeting was called to consider the recommendations of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on 17th September, 1917 - the minutes of which meeting were printed and circulated.

The recommendations were as follows:

That the two new Scholarships of £50 each be awarded to Mr P. J. Mathews Drogheda, and Miss E. N. Kelly, Grangebella.

That the existing scholarship of Mr Leo Mc Gohick, Drogheda, be renewed for the Session 1917-18.

That the existing scholarships of Miss E. N. Tewan, and Mr J. V. A. Magrath be renewed, if these two scholars pass their examinations in September, 1917.

That the Secretary procure the following information from the College Authorities with regard to Mr Gerald J. Carroll, who had failed in his examination, to enable the Council to decide question of the renewal of his Scholarship: whether his markings in the examination for Honours which he failed, would entitle him to a pass on an ordinary pass examination: whether a special examination could be arranged for him at an early date: whether, if not, he would be able to finish his degree course in 1917.

The question of the renewal of the Scholarship of Mr G. J. Carroll, whose failure in his examination was consequent on his failure in one subject (Logic), was considered first. The Secretary had written the College Authorities as directed by the Scholarship Committee, and a letter in reply was read from the Registrar, in which it was stated the President was in favour of recommending the continuance of Mr Carroll's Scholarship, and that Mr Carroll would be free to enter on his Second Year work in October and present himself for the First Arts examination next June finishing his degree examination the following year - 1917.

The Secretary also submitted letter from Mr Carroll's father, enclosing medical certificate that about the time of Examination Mr Carroll had been suffering from neuralgia, and that he was run down in consequence.

The Council were satisfied that Mr Carroll was entitled to a renewal of his scholarship and embodied their decision in a

subsequent resolution.

Confirmation of Minutes

The following resolution was:

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington Esq. J.P., and
Seconded by D. J. Rath, Esq. J.P.

That we hereby confirm the minutes of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on the 17th September, 1914, a copy having been sent to each member of the Council, and approve of the recommendations contained therein, and award new scholarships to Miss Edith M. Grilly, Grangebell, and Mr Patrick J. Mathews, Drogheda.

Mr B. Hamill, J.P. dissented from the above resolution, and proposed the following amendment, which was seconded by Mr J. B. McBourt:

That we award the new scholarships to Messrs P. J. Mathews and E. McEnteggart, instead of to Miss Grilly and Mr Mathews as recommended by the Scholarship Committee.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Finnegan, Hamill, McArdle, McBourt, Morgan, O'Rourke, Woods and Wynne. 8

Against the Amendment: Messrs Donegan, MacQuillan, Meade, J. F. Murphy, J.P., N. T. Murphy, J.P., D. J. Rath, J.P., and Sheffington. 7

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and it was then put as a substantive resolution, proposed by Mr Hamill and seconded by Mr McBourt.

The following Amendment was then:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq. J.P., and
Seconded by Denis J. Rath, Esq. J.P.

That we award a full scholarship of £50 to Mr P. J. Mathews, and that we divide the second scholarship between Mr E. McEnteggart and Miss E. M. Grilly, granting £35 per annum to each.

The Chairman proceeded to take a division on the Amendment when Mr Hamill questioned his right to do so. The Chairman ruled that he was in order in taking the division, and quoted Standing Order No. 40 which supported his decision.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Donegan, MacQuillan, Meade, J. F. Murphy, N. T. Murphy, Rath, Sheffington and Wynne. 8
Against: Messrs Finnegan, Hamill, McArdle, McBourt, Morgan, O'Rourke, Woods. 7

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried and it was then put as a resolution proposed by Mr N. T. Murphy and seconded by Mr D. J. Rath.

To this the following Amendment was:

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq. J.P., and
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq. J.P.

"That we award a full scholarship of £50 to Mr McEnteggart and divide the other scholarship between Mr P. J. Mathews and Miss E. M. Grilly giving £35 per annum to each."

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Finnegan, Hamill, McArdle, McBourt, Morgan, O'Rourke, Woods and Wynne. 8

Against: Messrs Donegan, MacQuillan, Meade, J. F. Murphy, N. T. Murphy, Rath and Sheffington. 7

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and the following resolution was then:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. B. McBourt, Esq.

That we hereby award the County Scholarships as follows: A full scholarship of £50 to Mr Eugene McEnteggart, Dundalk; and scholarships of £35 each per annum to Miss E. M. Grilly, Grangebell, and Mr P. J. Mathews, Drogheda.

On a division there voted:

For the resolution: Messrs Finnegan, Hamill, McArdle, McBourt, Morgan, O'Rourke, Woods, and Wynne. 8

Against: Messrs Donegan, MacQuillan, Meade, N. T. Murphy, Rath and Sheffington. 6

The Chairman declared the resolution carried.

The following resolution regarding renewals was passed unanimously.

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

Resolved:

That we hereby grant renewals of their existing scholarships to

Messrs Leo McElrick, Drogheda, and G. F. Carroll, Maggardstown, And also to Miss E. M. Levan, Carronstown, and Mr J. V. A. McGrath, Dundalk, if they pass their examination in the present year. In the event of either of these students failing to pass the examination, that we decide to withhold their scholarships for the Session 1917-18.

Tuberculosis Prevention

Letter was read from Mr J. P. Johnston, Solicitor to Dundalk Rural District Council stating that his Council had instructed him to take steps for the adoption of Part I of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act of 1908 in their district, and as a preliminary, it was necessary to obtain the consent of the County Council to the adoption of the Act, and he therefore requested same.

The following resolution was accordingly passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

and.

Resolved:

That we hereby approve of the adoption by the Dundalk Rural District Council as the Rural Sanitary Authority of Part One of the Tuberculosis Prevention (Ireland) Act of 1908.

W. J. Doran
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
26th SEPTEMBER, 1917

Sir,

I have been directed by the Chairman of the Council (on requisition being presented to him signed by six members of the Council) to convene

A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL FOR

MONDAY next, the 1st day of OCTOBER, 1917,

At the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m.

For the purpose of considering the following

NOTICE OF MOTION.

"I beg to give Notice that at the Special Meeting of the Louth County Council to be held on the 1st day of October, 1917, I shall move to rescind the Resolution passed at the Meeting of the County Council on the 21st September, 1917, awarding a Scholarship of £50 per annum to Mr. Eugene McEnteggart, and Scholarships of £25 per annum each to Miss Edith M. Crilly and Mr. Patrick J. Mathews; and shall move that a Scholarship of £50 per annum each be awarded to Mr. Patrick J. Mathews, Drogheda, and Miss Edith M. Crilly, Grangebellew."

Dated this 22nd day of September, 1917.

(Signed),

W. T. SKEFFINGTON.

Your attendance is earnestly requested

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Monday, 1st October, 1917, at 1-30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W. A. Doran, J.P.

Other Members: W. Woods, J.P.; J. H. McDole, J.P.; J. Mc Carthy, J.P.; J. J. Murphy, J.P.; J. J. Mc Gee, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; W. J. Sheffington, J.P.; Michael McDole, J.P.; J. Morgan, J.P.; T. O'Rourke, J.P.; P. Mc Gee, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; T. B. Mc Cart, J.P.; P. B. Moore, J.P.; D. J. Rath, J.P.; T. V. MacQuillan, J.P.; John Dolan, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; P. Donegan, J.P.; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; Michael Meade, J.P.; P. L. McKeon, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, J.P.; N. J. Murphy, J.P.; and Joseph Dolan, Esquires, and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart., D.K.

The Chairman stated that he had received a requisition signed by six members of the Council to call a Special Meeting of the Council to rescind the resolution passed at the meeting of the Council held on 21st September, and to consider a Notice of Motion handed in by Mr. Sheffington, and he had accordingly instructed the Secretary to convene this special meeting for the purpose stated. Mr. Sheffington's Notice of Motion was set out in the notice of the meeting.

He stated that before the business of the meeting could be proceeded with, it would be necessary to have the Standing Orders suspended, and accordingly:

The following resolution was:

Proposed by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P., and unanimously

Resolved: That the Standing Orders be suspended in order that Mr. Sheffington's Notice of Motion may be considered.

Putting his Notice of Motion in the form of a resolution, W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P., proposed, and N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P., seconded.

That the resolution passed at the meeting of the County Council on the 21st September, 1917, awarding a scholarship of £50 per annum to Mr. Eugene McEnteggart, and Scholarships of £25 per annum each to Miss Edith M. Crilly and Mr. P. J. Mathews, be rescinded, and that a scholarship of £50 per annum each be awarded to Mr. Patrick J. Mathews, Drogheda, and Miss E. M. Crilly, Grangebellew.

As an Amendment, it was:

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J.B. McBourt, Esq.

That full scholarships of £50 per annum each be awarded to Messrs P.J. Mathews, Drogheda and Mr Eugene McEnteggart, Dundalk.

After discussion, on the suggestion of Mr. Made, Mr. Hamill agreed to support the granting of a full scholarship to Mr. Mathews and the division of the other between Miss Brilly and Mr. McEnteggart, and the following resolution was then passed unanimously:-

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by W.T. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.
and

Resolved: That the resolution passed by the County Council at their meeting held on 21st September, awarding a full scholarship of £50 to Mr. Eugene McEnteggart, and scholarships of £25 per annum each to Miss Brilly and Mr. P.J. Mathews, be rescinded, and that we hereby award a full scholarship of £50 per annum to Mr. P.J. Mathews, Drogheda, and scholarships of £25 per annum each to Miss Edith M. Brilly, Grangehall, and Mr Eugene McEnteggart, Dundalk.

Wm. J. Doran
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

9th NOVEMBER, 1917

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, the 15th day of November, 1917, at the hour of 1-30 p.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes
- 4 Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes
- 5 Consider Minute of Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee, proposing increase of salary to their School Attendance Officer, Mr P. J. Campbell
- 6 Consideration of Proposals for Payments formulated by Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 7 Fix Dates for Fourth Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 8 Appointment of Committees of Management for Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts
- 9 Co-option of Member of the County Council, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased
- 10 Co-option of Member on each of the following Committees:- Richmond Asylum, Louth County Infirmary, County Committee of Agriculture, Dundalk School Attendance, Dundalk (North) Old Age Pensions, Technical Instruction, and Tuberculosis, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased
- 11 Election of Vice-Chairman of the Council
- 12 Further Consideration of the County Scholarships awarded in the present year
- 13 Co-option of Members on County Louth War Pensions Committee
- 14 NOTICES OF MOTION:-

"I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I shall discuss the question of the hour of meetings of the various Committees of the Council, and move a resolution to alter same."
Dated 16th day of August, 1917
PATRICK McGEE

"I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that in future the Scholarships to be awarded by the Council shall be decided by a Special Examination, to be conducted by the University College, Dublin; and that the two candidates who obtain the highest aggregate marks at this examination be awarded the Scholarships, provided all the other conditions are complied with."
Dated 1st day of October, 1917
WILLIAM A. DORAN

"I beg to give Notice that I shall move at next Meeting of the County Council that discussion be invited as to the advisability of continuing our financial support to the County Scholarships, considering the results obtained for the expenditure occurred since their establishment."
Dated 1st day of October, 1917
PATRICK McGEE
- 15 Consider letter from the Local Government Board re Treatment of Venereal Diseases
- 16 Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council,

To each Member of the County Council.

adjourned to 29. Nov 1917

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held in the Council, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 15th day of November, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W.A. Doran, J.P.

Other Members: Sir Vere Foster, Bart.; Thomas B. McKeon, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; G. Hallan, J.P.; P. Donegan, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; N. J. Murphy, J.P.; Thos. O'Rourke, J.P.; J. McCarthy, J.P.; J. L. Murphy, J.P.; P. L. McKeon, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; P. McGeer, J.P.; J. H. McArde, J.P.; Michael Keade, and Joseph P. Kearney, Esquires.

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

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by N.J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held on the 16th August, 1917, and their Special Meetings held on the 23rd August, 1917; 21st September, 1917; and 1st October, 1917, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates (a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council), with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:-

Monday, 20th August, 1917;	Monday, 3rd September, 1917.
Monday, 17th September, 1917;	Monday, 1st October, 1917.
Monday, 15th October, 1917;	Monday, 29th October, 1917.
and	Monday, 12th November, 1917.

On the suggestion of Mr. P. McGeer, J.P., The Secretary was directed to write again to the Great Northern Railway Company, and impress on them the necessity of conveniencing the people of Ardee District, by arranging the mid-day train service between Drogheda and Dundalk, so as to avoid the long wait at the former station, which was now necessary.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.B. McKeon, Esq.

Seconded by P.L. McKeon, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meetings held on 3rd September, 1917, and 12th November, 1917, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Mr. P. McGeer referred to the loss sustained at all but the Ardee Dipping Tank, in the working of the tanks during the Summer Dipping Period, but no action was taken in the matter.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N.J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Sir Vere Foster, Bart.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on the 15th October, 1917, and their Third Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th November, 1917, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Dundalk School Attendance Committee.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T.O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J.H. McArde, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby confirm the recommendation set out in the Minutes of the Dundalk School Attendance Committee, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, and increase the salary of Mr. P.J. Campbell, Assistant School Attendance Officer, from ten pounds (£10) to seventeen pounds ten shillings (£17.10.0 per annum).

Ardee Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir Vere Foster, Bart.
Seconded by P. Ballar, Esq. J.P.

Resolved: and
That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Meeting held on the 6th November, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £528:18:10.

Drogheda Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McCarthy, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq. J.P.

Resolved: and
That the Proposals for payments formulated by the Drogheda (South) Rural District Council at their Meeting held on the 3rd November, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £222:19:0.

Dundalk Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. Woods, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq. J.P.

Resolved: and
That the Proposals for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Meeting held on the 5th November, 1917, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £856:10:11.

County-at-Large Payments.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Henzell, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by P. McGe, Esq. J.P.

Resolved: and
That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 15th October, 1917, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, and amounting to the sum of £19486:19:7, be and are hereby approved of.

Dates of Meetings.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir V. Foster, Bart.
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.

Resolved: and
That we hereby fix dates for the holding of Fourth Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee, as follows:

Ardee Tuesday, 15th January, 1918.
Drogheda Tuesday, 8th January, 1918.
Dundalk Monday, 7th January, 1918.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 7th January, 1918.

Parliamentary Representation.

The following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to send copies of same to the Prime Minister, Mr. John Redmond, M.P., the County Louth representatives in Parliament and the Boundary Commissioners.

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by N. J. Murphy, Esq. J.P.

Resolved: and
That the population of County Louth being so greatly diminished, is due mainly to the fact that the British Government insisted on our accepting Free Trade in this country for the purpose of supplying cheap food for their teeming populations in the English Cities, thereby turning this tillage County back into grass, and as the new idea of developing tillage will quickly increase our population, and in as much as Dundalk, which is situated in North Louth is one of the most progressive towns in Ireland, and Drogheda in South Louth is a most important town, and famous in Irish History, we think it is unfair that Louth should be losing one of its members in Parliament, and that this Council use all the pressure it can on Parliament to see that County Louth shall still be represented by two members of Parliament.

Treatment of Prisoners.

The following resolution was
Proposed by Sir Vere Foster, Bart.

Seconded by Bernard Henzell, Esq. J.P.
and after discussion passed unanimously:

Resolved: That we protest against the change in the treatment accorded to the

Political Prisoners in Dundalk Jail, being a distinct violation of the arrangement made while in Mountjoy Prison, and that our Secretary be directed to wire at once to the Chief Secretary and to the Chairman of the Prisons Board, asking that the treatment of those prisoners be altered at once to meet the arrangement made with the Lord Mayor of Dublin as to diet and general conditions.

Death of Mr C. A. Duffy.

The following resolution was:

Proposed by Captain W. A. Doran, J.P.
Seconded by Thomas B. McKart, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we learn with deep regret of the lamented death of our esteemed Vice Chairman, Mr Charles A. Duffy, whose whole hearted work in connection with the business of the Council has merited our sincere approbation. He was one of the original members of the County Council and has been a prominent figure in its affairs during his lifetime; his attentive interest in all its activities earning him well deserved promotion to the Vice Chairmanship, which position he filled with success and dignity. His businesslike ability in the management of the affairs of the Council resulted in making the machinery of its Government run with extreme smoothness, while his courtesy and tact were apparent to all. We tender to his widow and relatives our sincere sympathy in their bereavement and now adjourn this meeting as a mark of respect to his memory.

It was unanimously agreed that as the usual Adjourned Meeting of the Council would be held on 29th November, the remainder of the business set down on today's Agenda should be adjourned until then.

W. A. Doran

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
23rd NOVEMBER, 1917

The Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 29th day of November, 1917, at the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes
- 4 Consideration of the Report of County Surveyor
- 5 Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 6 Consider Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 7 Consider the question of the Poor Rate Collection of the Electoral Divisions of St. Peter's East and St. Peter's West
- 8 Appointment of Committees of Management for Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts
- 9 Co-optation of Member of the County Council, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased
- 10 Co-optation of Member on each of the following Committees:—Richmond Asylum, Louth County Infirmary, County Committee of Agriculture, Dundalk School Attendance, Dundalk (North) Old Age Pensions, Technical Instruction, and Tuberculosis, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased
- 11 Election of Vice Chairman of the Council
- 12 Further Consideration of the County Scholarships awarded in the present year
- 13 Co-optation of Members on County Louth War Pensions Committee
- 14 NOTICES OF MOTION:—

"I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I shall discuss the question of the hour of meetings of the various Committees of the Council, and move a resolution to alter same."

Dated 16th day of August, 1917

PATRICK McGEE

"I beg to give Notice that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that in future the Scholarships to be awarded by the Council shall be decided by a Special Examination, to be conducted by the University College, Dublin; and that the two candidates who obtain the highest aggregate marks at this examination be awarded the Scholarships, provided all the other conditions are complied with."

Dated 1st day of October, 1917

WILLIAM A. DORAN

"I beg to give Notice that I shall move at next Meeting of the County Council that discussion be invited as to the advisability of continuing our financial support to the County Scholarships, considering the results obtained for the expenditure incurred since their establishment."

Dated 1st day of October, 1917

PATRICK McGEE

- 15 Consider letter from the Local Government Board re Treatment of Venereal Diseases
- 16 Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court-house, Dundalk, on
Thursday, 29th November, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W. A. Doran, J.P.

Other Members: J. Wynne, J.P., P. McGea, J.P., J. H. McArde, J.P., W. Woods, J.P., P. Woods, J.P., Michael Meade, B. Hamill, J.P., T. Hourke, T. B. McCourt, J.P., J. P. Kearney, T. V. MacQuillan, P. Donegan, J.P., J. T. McGea, J.P., P. Bellan, J.P., P. L. McKee, J.P., J. F. Murphy, J.P., N. Murphy, J.P., W. T. Sheffington, J.P., and B. L. Coleman, J.P., Esquires.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on 15th November, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by T. B. McCourt, Esq.

Seconded by P. McGea, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meeting held on the 26th November, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, (with all payments and recommendations contained therein), be and are hereby confirmed.

County Surveyors Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page one of the Schedule of Proposals for the 29th November, 1917, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Arising out of a query by Mr. Hamill as to the large amount of money deferred on road contracts last quarter, a general discussion took place on the contract system at present in operation in the County, and opinions for and against a direct labour scheme were expressed by the members of the Council. Eventually the County Surveyor was directed to submit to a Finance Meeting his views as to the best method of having the work on the roads done, and to set out the advantages and disadvantages of the contract and direct labour schemes.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by T. B. McCourt, Esq.

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

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held on 1st October, 1917, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 5th November, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by P. McGea, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 15th October, 1917, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 12th November, 1917, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

In connection with the advertisement of Proposals for Works, Mr. Wynne, J.P. said it was undesirable to give in the advertisement the amount proposed for each work. In reply to the Chairman the County Surveyor stated that

it was usual and necessary, in one form or another to advertise the amount available for the work, and no order was made.

Tenders

In accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary the Council proceeded to consider tenders for works not set at the meeting of the Rural District Council of Dundalk.

For Work No. 249 only one tender was received, that of Michael Conlon, Mount Hill, Ballemill, who proposed to do the work for £10. This tender was accepted. His tender for Work No. 251 @ £95.0 was also accepted. For Work No. 253 three tenders were received as follows: Joseph Moyle @ £22, Patrick Rush @ £19, and Michael Conlon @ £17.7.6. The latter being the lowest tender was accepted.

Works Placed in Charge of County Surveyor.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

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

Drainage District Committees

The Secretary stated that in order that the work in the Drainage Districts of Fane and Wottonstown might be proceeded with, it would now be necessary for the Council to appoint a Committee of Management for each district, all the members of which must be County Councillors. The following resolutions were accordingly

Proposed by J. L. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

and passed unanimously

Resolved: That in virtue of the powers conferred on the County Council as transferees of the business of the Fane Drainage District, we hereby appoint the following Committee of Management for that Drainage District:-

Captain W. A. Doran, J.P.; Sir V. Foster; Messrs M. Meade; P. McEa, J.P.; J. L. McKee, J.P.; John Morgan; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; J. L. Murphy, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, and B. Hamill, J.P.

Resolved: That in virtue of the powers conferred on the County Council as transferees of the business of the Wottonstown Drainage District, we hereby appoint the following Committee of Management for that Drainage District: Captain W. A. Doran, J.P.; Sir V. Foster; Messrs M. Meade; P. McEa, J.P.; J. L. McKee, J.P.; John Morgan; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; J. L. Murphy, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, and B. Hamill, J.P.

Cooption of Member on Louth County Council

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.

Seconded by William Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr Thomas Ballan Macardle, D.L., J.P., of St. Margaret's, Dundalk, a member of the Louth County Council, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

The Secretary stated that by his cooption to the County Council, Mr Macardle became a member of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture.

Cooption of Member - Richmond Asylum Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P.; a member of the Richmond District Lunatic Asylum Committee, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

In connection with the vacancy on Richmond Asylum Committee a letter from Mr L. J. O'Byrne, Dublin, was read and initialed.

Cooption of Member Louth County Infirmary

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr T. B. McBurt a member of the Joint Committee of the Louth County Infirmary, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Coooption of Member-Dundalk School Attendance Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by T. B. McCourt, Esq.
and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr T. Ballan Macardle, D.L., J.P., a member of the Dundalk School Attendance Committee, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Coooption of Member-Dundalk (North) Old Age Pensions Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.
Seconded by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr B. L. Coleman, J.P. a member of the Dundalk (North) Old Age Pensions Committee, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Coooption of Member-County Louth & Dundalk Joint Committee for Technical Instruction

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.
Seconded by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr B. L. Coleman, J.P. a member of the County Louth & Dundalk Joint Committee for Technical Instruction, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Coooption of Member-County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr Thomas B. McCourt a member of the County of Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Election of Vice Chairman

The next item on the Agenda was the election of Vice Chairman, vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

It was proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

"That Mr Patrick McGee, J.P., be elected Vice Chairman of the County Council."

It was proposed by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq.
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

"That Mr Bernard Hamill, J.P. be elected Vice Chairman of the County Council."

On a division there voted:

For Mr McGee:- Messrs The Chairman, Coleman, Donegan, Mc Ardle, McCourt, J. T. McGee, McKee, MacQuillan, Meade, J. T. Murphy, N. T. Murphy, Sheffington, W. Woods and Wynne. 11.

For Mr Hamill:- Messrs Ballan, Kearney, O'Rourke and P. Woods. 4.

Messrs Hamill and P. McGee did not vote.

The Chairman declared Mr P. McGee elected Vice Chairman of the Council and Mr McGee suitably returned thanks.

County Scholarships

The Secretary submitted letter dated 7th November from the Registrar, University College, Dublin, with reference to a request by Miss E. M. Brilly, Grangebellaw (who had been awarded a £25 scholarship by the County Council) that her Senior Grade Examination should be accepted in lieu of the Matriculation Examination which she had not presented herself for. The Senate of the University had instructed the Registrar to inform the Council that Miss Brilly could not be exempted from Matriculation and could not at present be registered as a matriculated student of the University. Letter was read from Miss Brilly stating that she intended presenting herself for matriculation next June, and asking the Council to hold over the half scholarship for her for the two following years.

The following resolution was:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

That the scholarship of £25 awarded to Miss Brilly be held over for

her until she has matriculated next year.

To this the following Amendment was:

Proposed by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by T.B. McBourt, Esq.

That we do not accede to Miss Brilly's request to hold over her scholarship of £25 until she has matriculated, and that we now award the full scholarship of £50 to Mr Eugene McIntegart.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs The Chairman, Coleman, Hamill, Kearney, McBride, McBourt, J. T. McGee, P. McGee, Meade, J. F. Murphy, O'Rourke, P. Woods, W. Woods and Wynne. 14

Against: Messrs Donegan, McKeon, McGuillan, N. L. Murphy and Sheffington 5
Mr P. Ballan did not vote.

The Chairman declared the resolution lost and then put the Amendment as a resolution which was declared carried by the same majority.

Co-options on War Pensions Committee.

Letter was read from the Secretary of the County Louth War Pensions Committee stating that at their last meeting that body had under consideration the question of vacancies on the Committee through non-attendance of members, and had recommended the County Council to co-opt the following on the Committee: Miss Pratt, Red House, Ardee. Messrs N. L. Murphy, W. L. Sheffington and P. B. Moore.

Mr N. L. Murphy stated he would be unable to attend the meeting owing to pressure of work, and Mr Hamill's name was substituted, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.
Seconded by T.B. McBourt, Esq.
and

Resolved: That in accordance with the recommendations of the County Louth War Pensions Committee, we hereby co-opt the following to fill the vacancies on that Committee:-
Miss Gemima R. Pratt, Red House, Ardee.
Messrs W. L. Sheffington, Mayor of Drogheda; B. Hamill, J.P., Dundalk and Peter B. Moore, J.P., Shamrock House, Drogheda.

Hour of Committee Meetings.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Patrick McGee, Esq., J.P. was next considered:

I beg to give notice that at the next Meeting of the Council I shall discuss the question of the hour of meetings of the various Committees of the Council, and move a resolution to alter same.

In connection with this matter the Secretary had prepared a return showing the attendances at Committee Meetings held for twelve months prior to the changing of the hour to 10.30 o'clock, a.m., and attendances at meetings for twelve months following the change. The return showed a falling off generally in the attendances at 10.30 o'clock, and an analysis of the attendances showed that the attendances of the rural members at 10.30 o'clock, showed a very considerable falling off.

Mr McGee stated that the early hour of 10.30 was most unsuitable and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: and That the hour of meetings of the Finance and other ^{regular} Committees of the Council be 1.30 o'clock, p.m. (one-thirty) in future.

Scholarships.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Captain W. A. Doran, J.P. was put as a substantive resolution and after discussion was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Captain Doran, J.P.
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.

Resolved: and That in future the Scholarships to be awarded by the Council shall be decided by a Special Examination to be conducted by the University College, Dublin, and that the two candidates who obtain the highest aggregate marks at this examination be awarded the Scholarships provided all the other conditions are complied with.

The following notice of motion standing in the name of Patrick McGee, Esq., J.P. was next considered, and Mr McGee proposed and Mr J. F. Murphy seconded a Resolution that the County Scholarship Scheme be discontinued. After discussion Mr McGee decided to withdraw his resolution for the present.

I beg to give notice that I shall move at next Meeting of the County

Council that discussion be invited as to the advisability of continuing our financial support to the County Scholarships, considering the results obtained for the expenditure occurred since their establishment.

Rate Collectorship

The Secretary stated that it would be necessary for the Council to appoint immediately a Rate collector in room of collector Kelly, whose suspension from office by the Council had been confirmed by the Local Government Board.

In connection with the vacant position letter was read from Mr Patrick McCullough, Rate collector of the No. 3 District, requesting the Council to let him have the district formerly covered by Mr Kelly and to give to Mr Patrick McDonnell of No. 2 district, one or more of the divisions which he at present collected. After discussion, on the motion of N. Y. Murphy, Esq., J. P., Seconded by J. V. MacBuilton Esq. it was unanimously agreed that the position of rate collector in room of John Kelly be advertised in the usual way, the poundage fees to be the same as those paid to Mr Kelly; It was also agreed that a Special Meeting to consider applications and appoint a collector to the position be held on Thursday, 5th December, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

The remainder of the business set out on the Agenda for this day was adjourned for consideration at the Special Meeting of the Council on 5th December.

T. H. G. J.
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
30th NOVEMBER, 1917

Sir,

You are hereby requested to attend

A SPECIAL MEETING

OF THE COUNCIL TO BE HELD IN THE
COUNCIL CHAMBER, COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

On THURSDAY, 6th DECEMBER, 1917,

At the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m., to consider the following

Agenda:

- 1 Appointment of Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of St. Peter's East and St. Peter's West, in the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union
- 2 Consideration of letter from the Local Government Board relative to the Treatment of Venereal Diseases
- 3 Consider Correspondence adjourned from the Quarterly Meeting of the Council

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk on

Thursday, 6th December, 1917, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGu, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: T.B. McLaure; J. McBarthy, J.P.; T.V. Macduillan; P. Donegan, J.P.; N. Meade; B. Hamill, J.P.; J.H. McAdle, J.P.; P. Lullan, J.P.; J. Morgan; P.L. McKeon, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; B. Linnegan; N.T. Murphy, J.P.; P. Woodcock; W.L. Skeffington, J.P.; John Dolan, and J. O'Rourke, Esquires.

Appointment of Rate Collector.

The Special ^{Business} Meeting of the ~~Council~~ was to appoint a Rate Collector in room of Mr John Kelly for No. 4 District in accordance with advertisement issued. The Secretary submitted Sealed Order from the Local Government Board confirming the suspension of Mr John Kelly by the County Council, and ordering that same be not removed.

Only one application for the position thus vacant was received: that of Mr John A. Gannon, 25 West Street, Drogheda, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by James McBarthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Mr John Augustine Gannon, 25 West Street, Drogheda, Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of St. Peter's East and St. Peter's West, in the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union on the terms and conditions as set out in the advertisement issued by our Secretary, viz: Poundage fees at the rate of sixpence halfpenny (6½d) in the £ on all monies collected and lodged to the credit of the Council and an additional halfpenny in the £ when 25% of his warrant for the half year is lodged on or before the 31st July and 31st December, and in accordance with the Orders, Rules and Regulations of the Local Government Board, together with the prescribed fees for the duties he will be required to perform under the Franchise and Jurors Acts.

Louth County Council.
THE County Council of Louth will, at their Special Meeting to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on THURSDAY, the 6th day of December, 1917, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock, p.m., consider applications and appoint a COLLECTOR OF THE POOR RATE for the Electoral Division No. 4, consisting of the Electoral Divisions of St. Peter's East and St. Peter's West, in the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union.
The remuneration for the collection of the rate to be at the rate of 6½d in the £ on all monies collected and lodged to the credit of the Council, and in accordance with the Local Government Board. A further sum of ½d in the £ will be paid to the Collector should he lodge 25 per cent of the half year's warrant on or before the 31st July and 31st December in each year.
The person appointed shall be required to enter into a Fidelity Bond of a Guarantee Society approved by the County Solicitor, must discharge the duties under the Franchise and Jurors Acts, and shall receive the prescribed fee to be approved of the Local Government Board.
Personal attendance of Candidates is necessary on the day and place above mentioned.
Applications in Candidates' own handwriting, will be received in accordance with above, and must reach the Secretary not later than 4 o'clock, p.m. on Wednesday, the 28th day of December, 1917.
Dated this 28th day of November, 1917.
By order,
CHARLES M. ALISTER,
Secretary to the Council,
Court House, Dundalk.

The Council unanimously agreed that the new collector should enter into a Bond in the sum of £600 (Six hundred pounds) - the same as the previous collector - for the due performance of his duties, until the end of the current financial year when the amounts of the Bonds of all the collectors will be considered in accordance with the directions of the Local Government Board.

Vereal Diseases

The Council unanimously refused to consider correspondence from the Local Government Board on above subject, and same was marked "read".

Thanks.

Letter of thanks for his cooption was read from Mr Thallan Macardle, D.L., who regretted that business matters prevented him attending this day's meeting.

The following letter was read and ordered to be inserted in Minutes:

Sexton Place, Dundalk.
27th November, 1917.

Dear Mr. Alister,

I am deeply grateful to the Chairman and Members of the Louth County Council for the resolution of sympathy passed on the occasion of my husband's death, at their meeting on the 15th November. Please also accept my thanks for yours and the Staffs own personal sympathy.

Yours sincerely,

Georgiana Duffy.

Correspondence.

Letters of acknowledgment of the Council's resolution re redistribution were read from Mr John Redmond, Mr P.J. Whitty, The Prime Minister, and the Boundary Commissioners.

Letter of thanks for full scholarship was read from Mr Eugene McInteggart.

Resolutions.

The following resolutions were read and dealt with as noted:

From Irish Trades Union Congress: Re Fair Wages. Approved.
Irish Industries, and Automobile Drivers' Licences. Approved.
Institute of Electrical Engineers: Re Water Power. Read.
Irish Technical Instruction Association: - Re Increased Grants for Technical Instruction in Ireland. Approved.

Lavan County Committee of Agriculture. - to increase grants for the work of such committees. Approved.

Kildare County Council. Urging that a practical man should be appointed to the vacant Estates Commissionership. Approved.

Arising out of a resolution submitted by Limerick County Council in the matter of Appropriation of Food Stuffs, the following resolution was passed unanimously, and ordered to be sent to the Food Controller, and the Department

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Bernard Hamill, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we are of opinion that the butter question should be considered immediately, say by a Committee formed by a meeting composed of representatives of each county committee in Ireland, and that the Vice President of the Department be asked to call such a Committee together; and further, that we call upon the Government to supply more wheat and flour to this country, as the present supplies are not at all in keeping with the demand.

As requested by the Joint County Louth Teachers' Association, the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we, the County Council of County Louth, desire to express our most emphatic protest against the utter inadequacy of the supplemental grant for Irish Primary Education voted last July; and we regard the financial treatment of Ireland in the matter of Education as both morally and legally wrong.

That while Ireland receives 18^d per head of population less than Scotland, dissatisfaction and discontent must prevail, and consequently we ask that the Irish Educational Grant of £432,000:0:0 be increased to £762,000, the sum we are entitled to for the current year, and furthermore ask that the grant be allocated in an impartial manner, according to the expressed wishes of the Associated National Teachers' Educational Committee.

Resolution submitted by the South of Ireland Cattle Trade Association protesting against and demanding Parliamentary enquiry into the conduct of the Government in dealing with the cattle trade with reference to the purchase of cattle for Army requirements was unanimously adopted.

Resolution forwarded by the Louth Land and Labour League re direct labour was read, but as the Council are dealing with this matter

no action was taken.

Letter was submitted by Mr. J. T. Dolan, M.A., in which he stated that a large number of grazing farms would probably be offered for sale this year under pressure of the Tillage Order and the inducements of high prices of land.

If the Allotments Act were applied to Ireland and County Councils enabled to buy such lands for resale in small lots, and if the Estates Commissioners were empowered to pre-empt at market prices non-residential grazing farms subject to Land Commission Annuity, to working farmers who have no other land or occupation, it could easily be done this Session of Parliament.

The Council approved generally of the contents of the letter with the exception that lands should be taken over at pre-war values instead of at market price and arising out of this matter the following resolution was passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to forward copies of same to the Department, the Prime Minister, the Chief Secretary, and the Congested Districts Board:-

Proposed by James McBarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we call on the Government to break up into economic holdings the lands in their possession, and that we further request the Government to insist on large graziers tilling a fair proportion of their lands.

Resolution from Drogheda Branch Gaelic League re Lord Motor Signs was adopted.

Maintenance of Lunatics.

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Dublin, in reference to the above-named subject, stating that since the conference of County representatives to demand increased Government Grants had been held, he had been in constant communication with the Prime Minister, the Chancellor of the Exchequer, and the Chief Secretary for Ireland. In correspondence the Chancellor of the Exchequer stated he was of opinion that this matter would have to be dealt with after the war, but that at present nothing could be done.

Richmond Expenditure.

Arising out of a statement submitted by Mr. James Wynne, J.P. of proposed increases of salaries and wages at Richmond and Portrane Asylums the position of Louth County with regard to those Institutions was discussed at length and it was the general opinion that owing to the greatly increased cost of upkeep it would be preferable to sever connections with the Richmond District Committee.

Eventually the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. L. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
 Seconded by T. B. McEwart, Esq.

and
 Resolved: That owing to the very large and increasing charges imposed on the rates of this County by the Richmond Asylum Board, we hereby appoint the following Committee to consider and report to this Council on the best means of bringing relief to the rates of this County:-
 Captain Doran, Messrs P. McEw, J.P., J. Wynnes, J.P., B. McNeill, J.P., M. Neale, James McBarth, J.P., W. L. Sheffington, J.P., N. L. Murphy, J.P., T. B. McEwart, and T. B. Macardle, Esq.

Grazing Farms.

Resolution from Meath County Council, as follows, was adopted unanimously:

Proposed by N. L. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
 Seconded by James McBarth, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That this Council views with alarm and regret the continued decline in the population of Ireland. In order that some attempt may be made to arrest the decay of our population and provide work and food for our people at home, we request the Government to forthwith introduce legislation the same in principle as the Small Holdings and Allotments Act 1908 now in operation in England. We furthermore declare that in our opinion having regard to the large number of grazing farms at present in the market, it is the imperative duty of the Government to take immediate legislative action to secure the land for the people at pre-war values.

Treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis.

Report from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management giving result of a conference between the Dundalk Board of Guardians and the Tuberculosis Committee outlining a scheme for the erection of shelters at the grounds adjoining the Dundalk Workhouse was read, and after discussion was referred to the Finance Committee and the Secretary was directed to place same on the Agenda for the January Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

Elections.

Letter dated 5th December No. 168/M was read from the Local Government Board stating that the Royal Assent had been given to a Bill making further provision for the postponement of Local Elections. The Act provides that Local Government Elections which would be due prior to 1st October, 1918, shall be postponed for

a year, and that the term of office of existing Councillors and Guardians shall be extended by one year.

Finance Committee

As a meeting of the Finance Committee would in the ordinary course be due on Christmas Eve, it was unanimously agreed that the meeting should be held instead on Wednesday, 19th December, so that the workmen would receive their money before Christmas.

Bonus.

It was unanimously agreed that a Christmas bonus of five shillings (5/-) be granted to the workmen in the Council's employment, the same as last year.

T. B. McEwart
 Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
18th JANUARY, 1918

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on Thursday, 24th day of January, 1918, at the hour of 1-30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend

Agenda:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
3. Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes
4. Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes
5. Confirmation of the Scholarship Committee Minutes
6. Consider Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
7. Fix Dates for First Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
8. Consider Report from Tuberculosis Committee and Recommendation from Finance Committee relative to the provision of accommodation at Dundalk Workhouse for advanced cases of Tuberculosis
9. Consider the question of the Renewal of the Agreement between the County Council and the County Louth Insurance Committee for the treatment of insured and exempt persons suffering from Tuberculosis
10. Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 24th January, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: T. O'Rourke, P. Woods, J.P.; L. Goodman; M. O'Seara, J.P.; J. B. McCourt, J. McCarthy, J.P.; P. L. McKee, J.P.; M. Meade; B. Hamill, J.P.; J. H. McDade, J.P.; B. Sinnegar, and J. Morgan, Esquires.

The County Surveyor, Assistant Surveyor, and County Solicitor were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.
and.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 29th December, 1917, and their Special Meeting held on the 6th December, 1917, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. B. McCourt, Esq.
Seconded by T. O'Rourke, Esq.
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council with all payments and recommendations contained therein (save and except the recommendation as to the provision of accommodation for advanced cases of Tuberculosis at the Dundalk Union Workhouse set out at page 25 of the minutes of the 10th December, 1917), be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 10th December, 1917; Wednesday, 19th December, 1917;
Monday, 7th January, 1918; Monday, 21st January, 1918.

Arising out of the minutes:

On the motion of M. Meade, Esq.

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

the Secretary was unanimously directed to request Mr. Harney, the County Horticultural Instructor to mark those trees in Killinstown Plantation, which should be felled, the Finance Committee to have power to advertise for sale and dispose of these.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by M. Meade, Esq.

Seconded by M. O'Keefe, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 7th January, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. H. McBride, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on the 7th January, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Scholarship Minutes

The following resolution was

Proposed by M. O'Keefe, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

and after discussion passed unanimously, and the Secretary was directed to advertise the scheme in the usual manner.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on the 14th January, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and that we approve of the Scholarship Scheme for the Session 1918-19 as set out therein.

Ardee Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by M. Meade, Esq.

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on 15th January, 1918, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £597.5.2.

Drogheda Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Drogheda Rural District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 8th January, 1918, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £259.1.2.

Dundalk Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 7th January, 1918, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £901.10.11.

County-at-Large Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 7th January, 1918, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £7883.12.9.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. O'Hourke, Esq.

Seconded by M. Meade, Esq.

and

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

Ardee Tuesday 2nd April, 1918.

Drogheda Tuesday 9th April, 1918.

Dundalk Monday 8th April, 1918.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 15th April, 1918.

Tuberculosis Treatment.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of the question of providing accommodation at Dundalk Workhouse for advanced cases of tuberculosis, and in this matter, a scheme had been prepared at a Conference between the Dundalk Guardians and the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee, and was printed in the Minutes of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 10th December, 1917. The Clerk of the Tuberculosis Committee wrote that his Committee had been in communication with the Local Government Board, and forwarded letter from the Board dated 19th January, No. 2961, in which it was stated that their circular letter dated 28th September last contemplated the provision of suitable accommodation to be provided by the Poor Law Guardians, and that a maintenance allowance should be agreed on between the County Council and the Guardians calculated on the cost of affording treatment for advanced cases of tuberculosis. As the scheme prepared by the Conference had intended that provision for these cases should be provided outside the Union, the Local Government Board's letter was referred back to the Tuberculosis Committee for further consideration and report.

In connection with this matter letter was read from the Clerk of Drogheda Union, stating that the Drogheda Guardians have made provision in the Workhouse Hospital for the treatment of advanced cases of tuberculosis belonging to the Union, and that if the expenses of the scheme prepared by the Tuberculosis Committee, and referred to above, are intended to be borne by the County at large, the Drogheda Guardians are opposed to it. The consideration of the letter was deferred till a further report is received in the matter from the Tuberculosis Committee.

Agreement with County Louth Insurance Committee

The Secretary stated it would be necessary for the Council to formally approve of the renewal of the Agreement between the Council and the County Louth Insurance Committee for the year 1918, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. O'Hourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve to the renewal for one year, 1918 of the Agreement between the County Council and the County Louth Insurance Committee of the arrangements for the treatment of insured and exempt persons in the County of Louth.

Wages Board.

By leave of the Council, the following resolution was received by the Chairman, and passed, Mr Hamill, J.P. dissenting, and copies of the resolution were directed to be sent to Sir J.W. Russell, the Chairman of the Agricultural Wages Board; the Members of Parliament for Louth and Meath and to each County Council in Ireland:-

Proposed by James Mc Carthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Michael O'Hara, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we emphatically disagree with the proposal of the Agricultural Wages Board for Ireland, dated the 14th January, 1918, defining the value of weekly "benefits" and wages for Agricultural Labourers, and demand its suspension pending the appointment of District Wages Boards to examine and determine if it be generally applicable to the different modes of farming practised in the various Counties of Ireland.

Death of Mr. Wynne.

The following resolution was passed in silence:-

Proposed by B. McGee, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That we learn with regret of the death of Mr Valentine Wynne, brother of our esteemed colleague, Mr James Wynne, J.P., to whom we tender our sincere sympathy in his bereavement. Messrs J. Mc Carthy, J.P.; J.H. Mc Adde, J.P.; M. Meade; and J.B. McCourt, desired to be specially associated with the resolution.

Education Grant.

Letters of acknowledgment of the Council's resolution on above matter passed at last meeting of the Council were read and initialled.

Food Supply.

Letter was read from the Dublin Corporation with reference to conservation of food supplies, and inviting the attendance of two representatives of the Council at a Meeting on the subject to be held in the Mansion House, Dublin, on 28th January, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J.B. McEurt, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we appoint Messrs P. McGee, J.P. and James McCarthy, J.P., to represent this Council at the Conference re Food Supply to be held in Dublin on 28th January.

Richmond Asylum Grant.

The following resolution submitted by the Dublin County Council was unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to send copies of same to the Members of Parliament for Louth and Dublin:

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

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

and

Resolved: That as the gross expenses of the Richmond Asylum, to which this Council is a Contributor, have increased by over 50% since the outbreak of the war, as a result of the increase in the general cost of living, we are of opinion that the Government contribution should be correspondingly increased, and we request the Members of Parliament for the Counties of Dublin and Louth to press for an increase in the Government grant for maintenance of lunatics to half the maximum cost per patient in lieu of a fixed sum per head.

The Secretary read letter from the Chief Clerk, Richmond Asylum, stating that the Demand on County Louth would amount to £18006 this year, and giving reasons for this increase. The whole question was referred to the Special Asylum Sub-Committee for consideration.

Tree Planting

On a suggestion contained in a letter from Mr J. J. Dolan, M.P. the following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by M. Keara, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we call on the Government to issue Orders empowering the Department of Agriculture to require that trees cut down be immediately replaced by saplings; and that copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister and the Department of Agriculture.

Kate Collector.

The Secretary reported that the London & Lancashire Fire Insurance Company had issued a covering note in respect of the guarantee of M. J. A. Gannon, Kate Collector, No. 4 District, and it would now be in order to issue the collection books to Mr Gannon. The Council unanimously directed the Secretary to do so, and the warrants for the collection were then signed.

Co options.

Letter was read from the Secretary, Tuberculosis Committee of Management requesting the County Council to co-opt on that body the following members of the County Louth Insurance Committee, and the Secretary was directed to place the consideration of same on Agenda for next meeting: - Rev. J. McKeone, Adm., Dundalk; Mrs. M. McKittrick, P.M., Drogheda; Messrs P. L. Neary, Whitewater; James Kelly, North Marsh, and Charles O'Scherty, Brook Street, Dundalk.

Chair of Scientific Agriculture.

Correspondence with reference to the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in the National University was referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

Council of Agriculture.

The consideration of the question of appointing representatives on above in accordance with circular letter No. 6514/18 from the Department was ordered to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting of the Council.

National Teachers' Salaries.

Resolution from Cork County Council in above matter was read, and it was suggested therein that a deputation composed of a Member from each County Council in Ireland, with the Lord Mayor of Dublin should interview the Chief Secretary in the matter.

On

On the motion of B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
 Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.
 it was unanimously agreed that M. C. Mara, Esq., J.P. should represent
 the Council.

Infectious Diseases.

After hearing a statement from Dr Brown of the Local
 Government Board, the following resolution was passed unanimously
 and it was agreed the Committee should meet on Monday, the 14th
 February at 12.30.

Proposed by James McCarthy, Esq., J.P.
 Seconded by J. Hourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we appoint the following sub-committee to meet Dr Brown, on
 the matter of infectious diseases and report to the Finance Committee:
 Messrs P. Woods, J.P.; B. Hamill, J.P.; J. Hourke; J. H. McArdle, J.P.;
 J. B. McCourt; B. Finnegan and M. Meade.

J. B. Donnan
 Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
 COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
 22nd FEBRUARY, 1918

The Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be
 held in the

COURTHOUSE, DROGHEDA,

On THURSDAY, the 28th day of FEBRUARY, 1918.

At the hour of 10.30 o'clock a.m.,

For the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you
 are requested to attend

Agenda:

- 1 Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council
- 2 Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes
- 3 Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes
- 4 Consider Report from the County Surveyor
- 5 Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee
- 6 Consideration of Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils
- 7 Appointment of Two Members to represent the Council on the Council of Agriculture
- 8 Consideration of the Secretary's Estimate of Rates in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919
- 9 Co option of Five Members on the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management
- 10 Consider Resolutions from Drogheda and Dundalk Rural District Councils increasing their limits of expenditure
- 11 Consideration of the Recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the Treatment of Infectious Diseases
- 12 Consider Recommendation of the Finance Committee re Grant for Endowment of Chair of Scientific Agriculture in the University College, Dublin
- 13 Consider Letter from the Local Government Board in regard to the question of the Division of the Parliamentary Constituency of Louth County into Polling Districts under "The Representation of the People Act, 1918"
- 14 Correspondence

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda
on Thursday, 28th February, 1918, at 10.30 o'clock, a.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W.A. Doran, J.P.
Other Members: C. Mc Gee, J.P., M. Meade, J.P., P. Callan, J.P., P. Donegan, J.P.,
P.B. Moore, J.P., L.O. Kourke, J.P., J. Dolan, J.P., D. J. Sheffington, J.P., J. Wynne, J.P.,
J.P. MacCallan, and J.B. Macardle, Esq., J.P., Esquires.

The County Surveyor, County Solicitor, and Assistant Surveyor
were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by John Dolan, Esq.,
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council
at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th January, 1918, a copy
of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are
hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by L.O. Kourke, Esq.,
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee
at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each
having been sent to each member of the Council with all payments
and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby
confirmed:

Monday, 4th February, 1918.
Monday, 18th February, 1918.

In reply to the Mayor of Drogheda, the Secretary stated that
in the Assessment against the Council of Income Tax on Bank
Interest, the Council received credit for any Interest paid by
them on Loans, etc.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at
their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 24th February, 1918,
a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and
are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of County Surveyor's Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by C. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. Callan, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the report of the County Surveyor, as appearing on Page one of
the Schedule of Proposals for the 28th day of February, 1918, a copy of
which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be, and
is hereby adopted by this Council.

Ardee Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by M. Meade, Esq.
Seconded by C. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural
District Council, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday,
22nd January, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County
Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting
held on Tuesday, 12th February, 1918, be and are hereby approved
of, save and except the contract of Laurence Callan, Ardee, No. 345
as the tender is informal and is now rejected, and we authorise
our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to the
other contracts.

The County Surveyor pointed out that at the Adjourned Meeting
of the Ardee District Council the tender of Patrick McGuire for work
No. 342 was refused on the ground that he was a defaulting contractor,
but that his tender for work No. 343 had been accepted. After discussion
the Council allowed the matter to remain as it was.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the South Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th January, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 12th February, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 7th January, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 11th February, 1918, save and except the contract of Patrick Mc Court, Milltown, which is now rejected, the lowest tender not being accepted, and Contract No. 309, Patrick Mc Venna, Stoneytown, which is also rejected - bond not being completed, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to the other Contracts.

County at Large.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. V. MacQuillan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 7th January, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 4th February, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Tenders for Works not set.

The Works not set at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils, the Secretary had, as usual, advertised for tenders. For the Works in Ardee and Drogheda no tenders were received.

In Dundalk Rural District: For Work No. 266, Philip Clarke, Braganstown, tendered at £89.19.0, and W. Cunningham, Bottonstown, at £90. Clarke's being the lowest tender was accepted.

For Work No. 275, P. Mohan, Drumgour, tendered at £62.18.0, and this being the only tender received, was accepted.

For Work No. 278, James Lynch, Milltown, tendered at £87, and on the advice of the County Solicitor, this tender was accepted, but as Lynch did not appear to complete his bond, the work was placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

For Work No. 294, Owen Rice, Benagh, tendered at £142.3.6, but as he did not appear to complete his Bond, this work was put in the County Surveyor's hands.

Works Not set by Contract.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

and

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

Council of Agriculture - Appointment of Members.

The following resolution was passed unanimously; the appointment of Mr. McBarthy being proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and that of Mr. N. J. Murphy, being proposed by M. Meade, Esq.

Seconded by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P., and

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Messrs James McBarthy, J.P., and N. J. Murphy, Esq., to represent the Council on the Council of Agriculture.

Estimate of Rates.

The Secretary submitted his Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 1st March, 1918, a copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council, to the clerks of the Unions, and the clerks of the Rural and Urban Districts in the County, and which estimate was recommended for adoption by the Finance Committees.

The Estimate showed increases over last year's general rates in the Districts as follows: Ardee 1.2 in the £; Drogheda 1.3 in the £, and Dundalk 1 in the £. In the Dundalk District a Special rate of 4 (fourpence) in the £ had to be levied over the entire District for Carlingford Sewerage, etc., and as this item was absent from last year's Estimate, the result was that the Dundalk District rate was increased by 1/3 in the £.

The Secretary in reply to various Members of the Council explained the reasons for the increases, and the items of the rate were discussed.

The enormous Charge for Maintenance of Lunatics was referred to by Messrs Wynne and Sheffington, and by leave of the Council Mr J. B. Macardle, Esq., J.P. Proposed, Mr W. J. Sheffington, J.P. Seconded and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Louth County Council in Meeting assembled are horrified to find the abnormal increase of the Demand from the Richmond District. As given, amounting to £2,792 for Louth County, making the total amount £18,006; and request the Members for Louth, Wicklow and Dublin to bring the matter before the notice of the Chief Secretary for Ireland, with a view to getting relief from Imperial Sources, as the number of insane and afflicted persons is due to the fact of Emigration from Ireland caused by circumstances of which the Government is well aware."

Letter was read from Mr J. B. Dromgoole, Clerk, Ardee Union and District Council, stating that his Council viewed with alarm the County Council's proposal to increase the rate this year by 1.3 in the £ in order to re-instate their bank balance, depleted last year, and suggesting that the amount taken from Bank last year for the purpose of reducing the rate, should be recovered gradually, and not in the one year.

The Secretary stated that Mr Dromgoole's letter was apparently written under a misapprehension, as there was no intention of recovering any portion of the amount taken from reserve last year. The Estimate as submitted was for the actual expenditure which would be incurred by the Council during the coming year. The Secretary was directed to write Mr Dromgoole accordingly.

After further discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the General Estimate of Rates, and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges, as set out on forms 45 and 46, with the various rates in the £ as set out therein and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their Meeting held on 4th February 1918, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council, and we hereby decide to strike rates against the various persons named in the lists furnished by the Clerks of the Ardee No. 1 and Dundalk for

seeds, etc. supplied in this year, and in accordance with the Local Government (Allotments) and Cultivation (Ireland) Act 1917, Section 16.

Demands

The Demands on the Urban Districts of Drogheda and Dundalk for the following amounts were then signed by the Chairman and ordered to be sealed with the common Seal of the Council, and transmitted:

Urban District of Drogheda £4410:0:0.

Urban District of Dundalk £6698:8:6.

Polling Districts

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board re the Re-distribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918, and pointing out that under the Act, the Council had power to alter where necessary the polling districts of the County, but that the consideration of the question must take place not later than 1st March. As the matter was urgent, the whole question was referred to the Finance Committee with full powers to deal with the matter.

Criminal Injury Appeal

Letter was read from the County Solicitor in the matter of the claim for £245 by J. W. Brooks for the alleged malicious burning of a Grass Mill at Shean near Foshhill. At Ballybot Quarter Sessions a decree for £200 with costs and witnesses expenses had been awarded, one half to be paid off the Electoral Division of Foshhill, County Anagh, and one half off the Electoral Division of Taggart in County Louth. As instructed by the Council Mr O'Connell had appealed, and the Newry No. 2 District Council had also appealed. The Newry Council had now withdrawn the appeal, and as Mr O'Connell stated that he had no reason to believe that an appeal would be successful, the Council unanimously instructed him to withdraw the Appeal lodged on behalf of the County Council.

Limits of Expenditure

The following resolutions were passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. V. MacQuillan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads of the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union from £3273:15 to £4,000:-

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.
 Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.
 and

Resolved:

That we hereby approve of the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in the Rural District of Dundalk from £8,000 to £9,500 for one year to the 31st March 1919 and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board accordingly.

In the above matter the Secretary was directed to advise the Local Government Board and to take the usual action.

The remainder of the business set out on the Agenda was adjourned till the First Quarterly Meeting to be held on 18th April.

A. M. f. p.

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,

Court House, Dundalk,

11th April, 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by the Vice-Chairman of the Council to convene a

SPECIAL MEETING

of the County Council to be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

MONDAY, 15th APRIL, 1918

at the hour of 1.30 o'clock, p.m., for the purpose of considering the proposed application of Conscription to Ireland, and to take such action as may be decided.

As the matter is urgent, your attendance is earnestly requested.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk,
on

Monday, 15th day of April, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Captain W. A. Dorian, J.P.
Other Members: P. McFee, J.P.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P.; T. B. McCourt; B. L. Colman, J.P.;
D. J. Rath, J.P.; J. H. McArdle, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; T. O'Rourke; P. B. Moore, J.P.;
M. Meade; N. T. Murphy, J.P.; T. V. MacQuillan; P. L. McKeon, J.P.;
W. Woods, J.P.; J. T. McFee, J.P.; B. Finnegan; J. P. Kearney; J. L. Murphy, J.P.;
B. Hamill, J.P.; L. Goodman; J. Wynne, J.P.; Mr. McArdle; J. Morgan,
Esquires, and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

The circular convening the meeting was read, and the Vice Chairman explained that as the business to be transacted, namely, to protest against conscription, was extremely urgent, he had thought it well to instruct the Secretary to call this Special Meeting. The Council unanimously approved.

The following resolution was then
Proposed by P. McFee, Esq., J.P., and
Seconded by J. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

That we, the Louth County Council, in Special Meeting assembled, protest against the application of conscription to Ireland. We maintain that, as a Home Rule Act for Ireland was duly placed on the Statute Book by the Parliament of the United Kingdom, that the action of the Government in attempting to conscript Irishmen without consulting her representatives, is an outrage on justice. We claim the same rights as Australia, Canada and New Zealand to be consulted to determine this most portentous question. That as there is already a scarcity of labour in this tillage county of Louth, we wish to point out that any further reduction of the number of men available, by conscription or otherwise would be disastrous in the interests of food production. That if the Government persists in their intention, we will use every possible means within the limits of passive resistance to defeat its object. That copies of this resolution be sent to the Prime Minister; Mr. Asquith; and Mr. John Dillon.

The resolution was supported by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.; Messrs J. T. McFee, N. T. Murphy; B. Hamill; W. T. Sheffington; T. V. MacQuillan; M. Meade; D. J. Rath; P. L. McKeon; B. Finnegan; and T. O'Rourke; and letter was read from Mr. James McBarthly protesting against the application

of conscription to Ireland; and regretting his inability to attend the meeting. The Chairman dissented from the resolution, which was then passed, and ordered to be immediately wired to the Prime Minister, Mr. Asquith, and Mr. John Dillon.

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
12th April, 1918.

The First Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court-House, Dundalk, on THURSDAY, 18th day of APRIL, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the undermentioned business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.
4. Consideration of Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
5. Fix dates for Second Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
6. Making of Rates for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919.
7. Co-option of Five Members on the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management.
8. Consider recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the Treatment of Infectious Diseases.
9. Consider recommendation of Finance Committee re Grant for Endowment of Chair of Scientific Agriculture in the University College, Dublin.
10. Consider Tenders for Printing under the Representation of the People Act, 1918.
11. Consider Scheme for re-arrangement of Polling Districts in the County under the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act, 1918.
12. Consider recommendation of Finance Committee re Purchase of Quarry at Bush.
13. Consider letter from Transport and Coal Controller re Coal Supply.
14. Consider resolution of Ardee No. 1 R.D.C. re Extension of Limit of Road Expenditure in the District.
15. NOTICES OF MOTION:—
 - (a). I beg to give Notice, that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move that a Special Committee, including Members of the Council and others interested, be formed to prepare and promote schemes of re-afforestation in County Louth.
Dated this 7th day of March, 1918. (Signed.) T. CALLAN MACARDLE.
 - (b). I hereby give Notice, that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move that a complete list of all the patients from Louth County in Richmond Asylum be furnished to each Member of the County Council, with a view to making the relatives of all such patients, who are in a position to do so, contribute to their maintenance.
Dated this 2nd day of April, 1918. (Signed.) MICHAEL MEADE.
16. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the County Council.

To each Member of the Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 18th day of April, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: P. Woods, J.P.; T. V. Macquillan, J.P.; J. O'Rourke, B. Hamill, J.P.; J. T. Mc Gee, J.P.; T. B. Mc Court, T. B. Macardle, Esq.; J. H. Macardle, J.P.; L. Goodman, J. Wynne, J.P.; and W. T. Sheffington, J.P. and Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

The County and Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

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

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held on the 28th February, 1918, and their Special Meeting held on the 15th April, 1918, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by J. O'Rourke Esq.

Seconded by T. V. Macquillan, Esq.

Resolved:

That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein (save and except that recommendation that the names of defaulting land purchase Annuitants be published, which is rejected), be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 4th March, 1918; Tuesday, 19th March, 1918.
Tuesday, 2nd April, 1918; Monday, 15th April, 1918.

Confirmation of Proposal Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. B. McCourt, Esq.,

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Meeting held on Monday, 15th April, 1918, a copy of which had been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Ardee Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart., D.C.

Seconded by J. J. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on 2nd April 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £544.3.2

Drogheda Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. V. MacNaughtan, Esq.

Seconded by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Rural District of Drogheda Union at their First Quarterly Meeting, held on 9th April, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £385.16.11

Dundalk Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. H. McArdle, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th April, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County

Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £1004.13.3.

County-at-Large Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by L. Goodman, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their First Quarterly Meeting held on the 15th April, 1918, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £8412.5.6

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by L. Goodman, Esq.

Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart.

and

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

Ardee No. 1 - Tuesday, 2nd July, 1918.

Drogheda (North) - Tuesday, 9th July, 1918.

Dundalk - Monday, 1st July, 1918.

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 8th July, 1918.

Making of Rates for Year ending 31st March, 1919.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by W. J. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That in accordance with the Estimate of Rates for General and Separate Charges adopted by the County Council at their meeting held on the 28th day of February, 1918, we hereby make rates to be levied off the County of Louth for the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1919, as assessed in the rate books, and as set out as follows:

The rates in the £ for General Charges are-

Ardee No. 1 - Land 45 pence. Buildings 61 pence.

(North) " 49 " " 70 "

Dundalk " 58 " " 79 "

and further that the rates in the £ in respect of Separate Charges as set out on Form 43 and adopted at the said meeting of the 28th February, 1918

Drogheda

be also made by the Council, and in addition we hereby strike rates against the various persons named in the lists furnished by the Clerks of the Ards, N. and Dundalk Rural District Councils for seeds, etc. supplied in accordance with the Local Government (Allotments) Land Cultivation (Ireland) Act, 1917, and that the Secretary be directed in accordance with Article 78 of the Public Bodies Order to publish the Statutory Notice of said rates for General and Separate Charges and Seed Rate having been made.

The Chairman, with Messrs B. Hamill and J. Wynne were appointed to sign the rate books and the Collectors' Warrants.

Cooptions on Tuberculosis Committee.

On the recommendation of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. F. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby co-opt the following five persons as Members of the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee of Management:
 Rev. J. McKeone, Adm., Dundalk; Mr. McKitterick, P.M., Drogheda;
 J. X. Neary, Whitewater; James Kelly, North Marsh, Dundalk, and
 Charles O'Rourke, Brook Street, Dundalk.

Infectious Diseases.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by T. B. McNaught, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee relative to the treatment of Infectious Diseases and decide to undertake provision of a scheme for the treatment of these diseases in Louth County, the scheme to be drafted by the Finance Committee and submitted to the Local Government Board.

Chair of Scientific Agriculture.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee and decide to subscribe twenty pounds (£20) annually towards the endowment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in the University College, Dublin, provided the balance of the sum required is made up by subscriptions from other County Councils.

Franchise Printing.

As a result of an advertisement issued by the Secretary tenders for the printing required for the purpose of the Registration of the People Act 1918, were received from Messrs Tempest, Dundalk; and McDougall & Co. Drogheda; and as directed by the Local Government Board the Secretary was instructed to forward the tenders to His Majesty's Stationery Office, with the Council's recommendation that the tenders of both these firms be accepted.

Drogheda Old Road

Letter was read from the Town Clerk, Drogheda, dated 12th April, proposing on behalf of his Council that the old road on the south and west sides of the premises known as the Linen Hall should be stopped up and abandoned. The letter stated that the road served no useful purpose, and is not used by the public. It is overgrown with grass and the maintenance entails needless expense upon the Corporation of Drogheda. The Corporation of Drogheda had unanimously approved of the abandonment and closing up of the road, and requested the County Council to pass a resolution abandoning the road, in compliance with the provisions of Sections 82 (2) of the Local Government Act 1898.

After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously.

Proposed by W. F. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That pursuant to Section 82 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1898, in compliance with the proposal of the Corporation of Drogheda, being the Council of the Urban District of Drogheda, we hereby resolve to stop up and abandon the old road on the south and west sides of the premises known as the Linen Hall in the Borough of Drogheda, such road appearing to us to be useless, and that it is in the interests of sanitation, economy, and morality, to close such road. And that all necessary steps shall be taken to carry this resolution into effect, subject to the approval by our Solicitor of the proposal, who with the County Surveyor was directed to arrange.

Alteration of Polling Districts

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That we hereby decide under Section 8 of the Redistribution of Seats (Ireland) Act 1918, to constitute the entire districts of the Electoral Divisions in South County as the polling districts for the County, and that the new arrangement will come into operation for the Registry of the Year 1919.

Purchase of Bush Quarry.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That we hereby confirm the recommendation of the Finance Committee and decide to purchase in fee for County purposes, the quarry at Bush containing about seven acres from Mr. St. Clair M. Dolan for the sum of one hundred and fifty pounds (£150) and direct our Secretary to instruct our Solicitor to prepare the necessary assignment of the property, provided all matters as to title, etc. are satisfactory, and that the section of the quarry to be purchased is approved by the County Surveyor.

Limit of Expenditure on Roads Ardee No. 1 District.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir V. Foster, Bart.

Seconded by T. V. McQuillen, Esq.

and

Resolved:

That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council for the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in the district from £1803.150 to £5250 for the year ending 31st March 1919, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for the necessary permission.

Notices of Motion Forestry.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. T. B. Macardle, D.L. was put as a substantive resolution and passed unanimously, and the Committee as set out was appointed to deal with the question.

Proposed by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.,

Seconded by Sir A. V. Foster, Bart., D.L.,

and

Resolved:

That the following Special Committee including members of the Council and others interested be formed to prepare and promote schemes of reafforestation in County Louth: Messrs P. McGea, J.P.; J. H. Macardle, J.P.; N. L. Murphy, J.P.; M. Meade; Sir V. Foster; T. B. Macardle, D.L.; P. Woods, J.P.; J. T. Dolan, M.A.; R. Blake, M.D.; W. T. Sheffington, J.P. and T. T. McFahon, J.P.

Asylum List.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. M. Meade, was next taken, and letter was read from Mr. Meade, authorising Mr. P. McGea, J.P. to move in the matter in his absence. Accordingly, it was

Proposed by P. McGea, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and unanimously

Resolved:

That a complete list of all the patients from Louth County in Richmond Asylum be furnished to each member of the County Council, with a view to making the relatives of all such patients who are in a position to do so contribute to their maintenance.

It was agreed that Messrs Wynne, Hamill and Meade, should go through the list with the Secretary and strike out any name from whose relatives no contributions might be expected, prior to having the list printed.

Correspondence. Chairman's Resignation.

Letter was read from Captain W. A. Doran, resigning his position as Chairman of the County Council, and thanking the Council for the support given him during his term of office. The resignation was accepted, and the following resolution was

Proposed by J. T. McGea, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

That we tender to Captain W. A. Doran our thanks and appreciation of his work in the interests of this Council and County during his term.

of office as a Member and as our Chairman.

On a division there voted:

For the Resolution: Sir V. Foster; Messrs T. L. Macardle; J. H. Macardle;
J. T. Megee; P. Megee; McQuillan; Sheffington; Wynne & Goodman. 9.

Against: Messrs Hamill, Mc Court; O'Rourke and Woods. 4.

The Chairman declared the resolution carried and the Secretary was directed to convey same to Captain Doran.

The Statutory Notice declaring the position of Chairman vacant was then signed, and the Secretary was directed to have the appointment of a successor to Captain Doran placed on the Agenda for the Annual Meeting of the Council.

Conscription.

Acknowledgment of the Council's resolution on above was read from the Prime Minister.

Mr N. T. Murphy wrote thanking the Council for his appointment on the Council of Agriculture.

Letter of thanks for vote of sympathy on the death of his brother was read from Mr J. Wynne, J. P.

Letters acknowledging receipt of the Council's resolution re definition of benefits and wages for agricultural labourers were read from the Department, and the Agricultural Wages Board, and notifications were received from various County Councils that they had adopted the resolution.

Scholarships.

Resolution re above was submitted from the County Council of King's County and was amended to read as follows and passed unanimously.

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

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

and

Resolved: That we, the South County Council, strongly urge that scholars of the Irish Universities should get preference in all public appointments under the various Boards, Departments and Public Bodies in the Counties, over imported Englishmen and Scotchmen. We also direct attention to the fact that the Department refuse to recognise Degrees in the Agricultural Faculty of the National University, and at the same

time decline to provide adequate facilities through the medium of the Agricultural Colleges under their control for the attainment of such degrees.

Resolution from Kavan Urban District Council re control price for pigs was marked read, as it was stated the grievance referred to therein had been remedied.

Acknowledgments of the Council's resolution re increased grant for maintenance of lunatics were read from Messrs P. J. Whitty; W. Field; J. J. Blaney; M. G. Hearn; Alfred Byrne; P. J. Brady and J. D. Nugent, Members of Parliament, and from the Chief Secretary, promising attention to the matter.

Consideration of a resolution from the Dundalk Urban District Council pointing out the desirability in the interests of economy, of amalgamation of the Unions of Ardee and Dundalk, was, on the suggestion of Mr B. Knell, J. P. deferred for two years.

Resolution from the Cork Industrial Development Association urging the need for increased turf cutting this season was read and approved.

Resolution from Letterkenny Rural District Council re prices of Small Farm Seeds was read.

Letter from the Native Timber Merchants Federation (Ireland) re extraordinary traffic, was referred to County Surveyor.

Resolution re tree planting was read from the Irish Forestry Society and referred to the Forestry Committee.

Letter from the Clerk of the Ardee Union with reference to the possibility of recovering the cost of maintenance of a patient sent to Richmond Asylum from Ardee Union, was referred to the Finance Committee.

Letter from Mr P. J. Ballan, Solicitor, with reference to surface damage done to the lands of a client, Mr J. Finegan, Peidmont, when removing stone from quarry on said lands was referred to the County Surveyor to deal with.

Letter was read from the County Solicitor stating he had attended at Ballybot Quarter Sessions on 16th April on the hearing of Malicious Injury Claims by James McGuinness for £200 and Kate McKamee for £227 10.0. In the case of James McGuinness, a sum of £82 10.0 was awarded, one half to be levied off the Electoral Division of ^{Taughan} ~~Ardee~~, and the remaining one half off the Electoral Division of ~~Ardee~~ ^{Ardee}. The application of Kate McKamee was dismissed as far as County Louth was concerned.

The County Solicitor stated he would not advise an appeal in McGuinness' case, and the Council accordingly directed that no appeal be lodged.

coal.

Resolution as follows was read from the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council, passed after consideration of a Memorial signed by numerous inhabitants of the district, asking that tests for coal should be carried out in the townland of Verdonsdown, as they believed coal existed there.

Resolved: That this Council approve of the prayer of the Memorial received, and would strongly urge on the County Council of Louth the advisability of making representations to the Irish Land Commission and the Department of Agriculture and Technical Instruction in the matter, with a view to immediate arrangements being made for carrying out tests for coal at Verdonsdown.

The Secretary was directed to request the Department to send their coal expert to Verdonsdown to have the tests carried out.

P. M. J. J.
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
24th May, 1918.

The First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on THURSDAY, the 30th day of MAY, 1918, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the following Business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes.
4. Consideration of Minute of Drogheda (Louth) Rural District School Attendance Committee proposing increase of salary to their Secretary, Mr. Thomas Kearney.
5. Consideration of Minute of Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee proposing increase of salary to their Secretary, Mr. Daniel O'Meara.
6. Confirmation of Minutes of the Meeting of the Aghameen Tank Local Committee.
7. Consider Report of County Surveyor.
8. Consider Report from County Surveyor on the question of Direct Labour on the County Roads.
9. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
10. Consideration of Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by Contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
11. Consideration of the question of the hour of Meetings of the County Council and Finance Committee owing to alteration of Train Services.
12. Consider Application from Mr. P. Gilmore, Accountant to the Council, for revision of Salary.
13. Consideration of Letter from the Local Government Board relative to the Midwives (Ireland) Act, 1918.
14. Consider Letter from Director of Cross-Channel Transportation regarding Coal Consumption in Ireland.
15. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the Council.

Adjourned to Annual Meeting

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 30th May, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: C. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: B. Hamill, J.P.; M. McAra, J.P.; J. Wyne, J.P.; J. O'Rourke, J.P.; J. McGee, J.P.; T.B. McBarratt, Esq.; J. Morgan; J.H. McBride, J.P.; B. Finnegan; and T. Ballan Macardle, D.L., Esquires.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by T.B. McBarratt, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their First Quarterly Meeting held on 18th April, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 29th April, 1918; Monday, 13th May, 1918, and Monday, 27th May, 1918.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on the 13th May, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Minutes of School Attendance Committee, Drogheda

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. O'Rourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Drogheda (Louth) Rural District School Attendance Committee increasing the salary of their Secretary and School Attendance Officer, Mr Thomas Kearney, from £40 to £45 per annum.

Dundalk

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.H. McBride, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T.B. McBarratt, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the increase in the salary of the Secretary of the Dundalk Rural District School Attendance Committee, Mr Daniel McAra, from £10 to £20 per annum.

Confirmation of Aghameen Tank Local Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.H. McBride, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Aghameen Sheep Dipping Tank Local Committee at their Meeting held on the 27th May, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of County Surveyors Report

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Report of the County Surveyors as appearing on Page one of the Schedule of Proposals for the 30th May, 1918, a copy of which has been furnished to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council; and further that we refer the question of framing By-Laws under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act to the County Solicitor to take action in the matter.

Direct Labour

The consideration of the County Surveyors Report on Direct Labour was

On the motion of B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. T. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

deferred for two months.

Ardee Works

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. T. Mc Gee, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their first Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 2nd April, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday 23rd April, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to same.

Drogheda Works

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

Seconded by J. H. Mc Ardle, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their first Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday 9th April, 1918, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on

Tuesday, 23rd April, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to same.

Dundalk Works

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. Morgan, Esq.,

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their first Quarterly Meeting, held on Monday, the 8th April, 1918, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting, held on Monday, 29th April, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to same.

Works not set by contract

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That all Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee be placed in charge of the County Surveyor.

County-at-Large

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their first Quarterly Meeting held on the 15th April, 1918, and set out on Form 20, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Tenders

For Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils, the following tenders were received:

Dundalk District: Work No. 325. Patrick Kirk, Channonrook, Louth, tendered at £50, and this being the only tender was accepted.

Dundalk District: Work No. 323. Michael Conlon, Mountkill,
tendered for the work at £10, but did not appear, and the work was placed
in charge of County Surveyor.

Arrest and Deportation of Irishmen.

The following resolution was

Proposed by J. L. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P., spoken to by them and by the
Chairman and M. O'Seara, Esq., and passed unanimously.

Resolved: "That we beg to enter our emphatic protest against the arrest of a
number of our people on a trumped-up charge of conspiracy with the
Central European Empires. We believe that the charge is unfounded,
and that it is merely part of the conspiracy of the War Cabinet
of England to increase their power to enforce conscription in Ireland.
That we consider that at the present troublous time in the fortunes
of our country, it is absolutely necessary to have the country act
in unity and we hereby appoint the following deputation to wait on the
Mansion House Conference to impress the Council's views on them."

Messrs Patrick McGee, J.P.; N. L. Murphy, J.P.; J. L. Dolan, M.A. and B. Hamill.

That as a protest against the action of the Government we adjourn
the remainder of the business set out on the Agenda till our
Annual Meeting."

The following addendum to the resolution, to be inserted after
the word "unity", was proposed by T. B. Macardley, Esq., but not being
seconded fell through:

"The thousands of young Irishmen who voluntarily joined the
Allies not only from Ireland but from America and our colonies
the blood of many of whom has been spilled in the soil of Flanders
is convincing proof that with due consideration and fair play, Ireland
was willing to do more than her share in fighting for freedom and
that it is the want of imagination and knowledge of Irish sentiment
and a feeling that Ireland has not been fairly dealt with that prevents
very many of her youth from even now coming forward in large numbers
to support the Allies."

Before the adjournment, Mr Hamill referred to the application of the
Accountant for a revision of salary, and proposed that when action was
taken in the matter at the Annual Meeting any increase that might be
granted should date from today. This was unanimously agreed to.

Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,

12th June, 1918.

The ANNUAL MEETING of the Council will be held in DROGHEDA
COURTHOUSE, on MONDAY, 17th DAY of JUNE, 1918, at Eleven o'clock
a.m., for the transaction of the undermentioned business. Your attendance
is requested.

AGENDA:

1. Election of Chairman and Vice-Chairman for the ensuing year.
2. Reappointment of Members of the Louth County Committee of Agriculture, and of
the Council's Representatives on the County Joint Committee for Technical
Instruction, as per letter from the Department.
3. Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes.
5. Consideration of the question of the hour of Meetings of the County Council and
Committees owing to alteration of Train Services.
6. Consider Application from Mr. P. Gilmore, Accountant to the Council, for revision
of Salary.
7. Consideration of Letter from the Local Government Board relative to the Midwives
(Ireland) Act, 1918.
8. Consider Letter from Director of Cross-Channel Transportation regarding Coal
Consumption in Ireland.
9. Correspondence.
10. Arrange for a supply of Sheep Dip for Tanks during the present year, and consider
Tenders for supply of Water to Ardee Tank.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their

Annual Meeting, held in the Court House, Drogheda on Monday, 17th day of June, 1918, at Eleven o'clock, a.m.

Present: P. McGee, J.P.; D.J. Rath, J.P.; J. McCarthy, J.P.; B. Finnegan; N.T. Murphy, J.P.; J.T. McGee, J.P.; J.H. McBride, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; Mr. Meade; Joseph Dolan; P.B. Moore, J.P.; J.F. Murphy, J.P.; T.V. MacQuillan; L. Goodman; C.L. McKee, J.P.; C. Donegan, J.P.; P. Callan, J.P.; John Dolan; and T. Kearns, Esquires.

On the Motion of N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by D.J. Rath, Esq., J.P.

The Chair was taken by Mr. Michael Meade.

Chairmen of District Councils

Letters were read from the Clerks of the Ardee No. 1; Drogheda (Louth); and Dundalk Rural District Councils, notifying that these Councils had appointed as their Chairmen for the ensuing year, Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., Glyde Court, Ardee; Mr. Patrick Donegan, J.P., Monasterboice; and Mr. William Woods, J.P., Carlingford, respectively.

Election of Chairman

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J.H. McBride, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That Mr. Patrick McGee, J.P., Charleville, Dundee, be and is hereby appointed Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

Election of Vice-Chairman

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Joseph Dolan, Esq.
Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.
and

Resolved: That Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., Newfoundwell, Drogheda, be and

is hereby elected Vice-Chairman of the Louth County Council for the ensuing year.

Messrs. McGee and McCarthy then signed the Declaration accepting Office of Chairman and Vice Chairman of the Council respectively.

The Chair was then vacated by Mr. Meade, and taken by Mr. McGee, as Chairman of the Council, who returned thanks for his unanimous election.

Mr. James McCarthy, J.P., also returned thanks for his election as Vice Chairman.

Appointment of Committees

Circular letter dated 12th June, N.A. 20442/18 was read from the Department of Agriculture, stating that, if the original terms of appointment do not provide for the County Committee of Agriculture and the Council's representatives on the County Joint Committee for Technical Instruction remaining in Office, the Department would suggest that the Council should formally re-appoint the Committees in question to hold office as long as the existing Council remain in Office.

The Secretary stated that the original terms of appointment of these Committees did not provide for this and accordingly

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by John F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by C. Donegan, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the entire Members of the County Council constitute the County Committee of Agriculture and Technical Instruction Acts 1889 to 1899, together with the following gentlemen who are not members of the County Council; the terms of office to be the life of the County Council.

Messrs: William Brennan, Bawn, Mansfieldstown, Castlebellingham; Thomas Conachy, Mullinscross, Dundee; Stephen Kehan, J.P., Mansfieldstown; Patrick Hoey, R.D., Upper Merches, Dundalk; James Parmion, J.P., Carrickmacross; Hilary, Philip McBride, Rampark, Dundalk; Mrs. F. McGee, St. Mary Road, Dundalk; Joseph McLaughlin, Roestown, Ardee; Patrick Mackinnon, R.D., North Marsh, Dundalk; George Rafferty, D.D., Smarmore Castle, Ardee; Bernard Hughes, Newtown, Knockbridge; C. Whitworth, Blackrock, Dundalk; John Hand, Castlebellingham; John Butterly, Esq., Dundee.

Representatives on Technical Instruction Committee

Proposed by T.V. MacQuillan, Esq.
Seconded by C.L. McKee, Esq., J.P.
and

Resolved: That the following members of this Council, be and are hereby appointed to represent the County Council on the Joint Committee of Technical Instruction under the Acts of 1889, 1891 and 1899, the term of office to be the life of the County Council.

Messrs:

N. T. Murphy, J. P. Hill of Rath, Drogheda; Michael Meade, Bailebellinagh, Thomas O'Rourke, Park Street, Dundalk; Thomas B. McCourt, Blankrassell Street, Dundalk; Captain W. A. Doran, J. P., 24 Killybeg Terrace, Warrenpoint, Co. Down; Ballybarroch, Dundalk; William Woods, J. P., Baulingford; James Wynne, J. P., Jocelyn Street, Dundalk.

The Secretary stated that in accordance with the Order made by the Local Government Board dated 14th February, 1918, namely, the County Committees (Ireland) Order 1918, it would be unnecessary to reappoint the representatives on the District Asylum Committee, the County Infirmary Committee or the members of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Circular letter dated 15th June N. 43 N. 1918, was read from the National Health Insurance Commission informing the Council that they had made arrangements extending until 30th June, 1919, the term of office of existing Members of Irish Insurance Committees (including Members appointed by County Councils).

Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J. P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their Meeting held on the 3rd June, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Purchase of Dipping Tanks

Referring to the recommendation contained in the Minutes of the Executive Committee, that the seven baths at present on hire from Messrs Cooper & Kephew, be purchased for the use of the County, and the offer of the owners to sell at £8.10.0 each, the Secretary said he had asked Messrs Cooper whether they would take less for the tanks, and read reply stating that as a special concession they would dispose of the tanks for seven pounds each. Letter was also read from the Department agreeing to contribute half the cost of the tanks. This was considered most satisfactory.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J. P.

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

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting held on the 3rd June, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and we hereby decide to purchase the seven dipping tanks at present in use in the County from Messrs Cooper & Kephew at seven pounds (£7) each.

Hour of Meetings

The consideration of this question was the next item on the Agenda, and correspondence with the Great Northern Railway Company which had already been before the Finance Committee was tabled. The Company regretted they were unable to make the alterations in the train service suggested by the Council and the Chamber of Commerce.

After discussion

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. T. McGee, Esq., J. P.

Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J. P.

and

Resolved: That in future meetings of Statutory Committees of the County Council be held at the hour of 10.30 o'clock, a.m., and Meetings of the Council at Dundalk, be held at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Application for Increase

Letter was read from Mr P. Gilmore, Accountant to the Council applying for revision of salary, which now stood at £120—owing to the increased cost of living and greatly increased work, details of which were given. He also submitted a statement of the salaries paid to those holding similar positions in other Counties.

After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J. P.

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

and

Resolved: That the salary of the Accountant to the Council, Mr Gilmore, be increased from £120 to £160 per annum, with increments thereafter of £10 per annum until it reaches £200—

Midwives (Ireland) Act.

Circular Letter was read from the Local Government Board relative to the formation of a Central Board to supervise and manage all matters in relation to midwives in Ireland. To this Board the Local Government Board were empowered to appoint two persons to represent the County Councils of Ireland, and they requested the views of the Council as to the appointments.

On the motion of P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by D. J. Rath, Esq., J.P.
 it was unanimously

Resolved: That we hereby nominate Sir A. V. Foster, Bart., and Mr. Michael Meade to represent County Councils on the Central Midwives Board for Ireland to be appointed under the Midwives (Ireland) Act 1898.

The Secretary was directed to transmit the names of the Council's nominees to the Local Government Board.

Coal Consumption

Circular letter dated 14th June was read from the Director of Cross Channel Transportation and Coal Controllers Department, relative to supplies of coal used by the Council for public utility and requesting information as to the amount used.

Correspondence from the same source urging the need of economy in the use of coal, and the benefit which the country would derive from turf cutting this season, was also read.

A discussion took place as to the resources of Ireland as regards coal mines, and it was pointed out that notwithstanding the shortage complained of, the Government had made no attempt to tap these resources.

In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary stated that by direction of the Council he had asked the Department to send their experts to test for coal believed to exist at Verdonstown. An acknowledgment, and a statement that they would send their experts at the first opportunity had been received, but although this was some weeks ago, nothing had as yet been done. He was directed to write again in the matter, and urge immediate action.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by D. J. Rath, Esq., J.P.
 and

Resolved: That in view of the increasing shortage of coal, we urge on the Government to open up the coal mines of Ireland, and

with that object to immediately arrange for tests to be carried out in places where coal deposits are believed to exist, particularly those in County Louth, namely at Verdonstown and Furganheel.

Regarding the question of turf cutting, Mr. J. T. McGeer, J.P. stated he had begun on this work this year and would be able to put some on the market. If funds were available to pay for the work of cutting, vast supplies could be obtained in this country, and he suggested that the Secretary be directed to write enquiring whether funds were available through the Department or otherwise for this work, and that replies be tabled at the Finance Committee so that suitable action might be taken. This was unanimously agreed to, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

Correspondence

Letter was read from Captain Doran thanking the Council for their kind resolution on the occasion of his resignation of the Chairmanship of the Council.

Wages of Dipping Superintendents

Letter dated 3rd June, No. V.B. 516 was read from the Department approving of the rates of remuneration of the various Superintendents and Local Inspectors in the County as decided by the Council.

In reply to Mr. N. T. Murphy, J.P., the Secretary stated that the wages of all the Superintendents paid at a wages rate, with the exception of J. J. Kerr of Ballymakenny Tank, and T. McDermott of Ravensdale Tank, were 25/- per week. Kerr's wages were 18/- per week. In addition Kerr and the other Superintendents received 2/- weekly as Local Inspectors.

It was proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

That the wages of John J. Kerr, Superintendent of Ballymakenny Tank be 25/- weekly with 4/- weekly as Local Inspector.

After discussion it was decided to refer the matter to the Executive Committee, and that subject to their approval, after consideration of the facts, the increase be recommended.

Limit of Expenditure

The Local Government Board in a letter dated 13th June, No. 26893/18 stated that they had approved of the proposed extensions of the Limit of Expenditure on roads in the Ardee Drogheda and Dundalk Rural Districts, and had given instructions for the preparation of Orders assenting thereto.

Chair of Agriculture.

Relative to the establishment of a Chair of Scientific Agriculture in the National University, and the Council's resolution approving of the payment by the South County Council of £20 (twenty pounds) per annum towards the support, provided the balance of the sum required was contributed by the other Councils of Ireland, letter was read from the General Council of Irish County Councils stating that they had received a sufficient number of assurances from Councils that the money would be forthcoming, and had informed the University Authorities accordingly. Further details would be supplied later.

The letter was initialed.

Forestry.

Letters from Royal Horticultural Society of Ireland relative to tree planting, and from Mr. F. P. Johnston, Solicitor, relative to offer for sale of forest land on Ballymahellet mountain, were referred to Forestry Committee.

Increase.

Application from Mr. Catter, Clerk in Council Office, for an increase of salary was referred to the Finance Committee.

Payment of Decrees.

Letter was read from Mr. L. McGahan, Solicitor, applying, on behalf of his client, Mrs. Doherty, for payment of decree granted for malicious injury, was read, but as the Secretary stated that payment could not be made until levied and collected, - in this case March 1919, - the Council refused the application. The Secretary was directed to inform Mr. McGahan accordingly.

Accident.

Letter from Mr. L. McGahan was read on behalf of Mr. B. Begley, Redcow, claiming compensation for injury alleged to have been caused by negligence of a steam roller driver. In reply to the Chairman, the Secretary stated that the engine was returning from work at the time of the alleged accident, but that as the owner of the engine had indemnified the Council against all risks, the Council was not involved in the matter.

Fish Poundage.

The Council directed the Secretary to instruct the Solicitor to apply for payment of poundage due by certain fishermen of Blogher Head for fish landed at the Pier. The matter arose out of a letter sent by the Harbour Constable complaining of the failure of these men to pay.

Sheep Dip.

Resolution submitted by the Westmeath County Council relative to the disease by County Councils and Irish Farmers of Cooper's Dip, owing to the attitude of Sir Richard Cooper on the question of Irish conscription, was read and approved.

Beamount Sanatorium Representative.

Letter was read from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management recommending that Mrs. Mackitterick of Drogheda, be appointed to represent the County Council on the Beamount Sanatorium Committee of Management, and the matter was ordered to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting of the County Council.

Sheep Dip

The question of the Dip to be used in the Council tanks during the present year, was the next item on the Agenda, and after discussion it was unanimously agreed that quotations and samples of Mc Dougall's, Highland, and Quibbels Dips be invited, and that a Special Meeting of the Executive Committee be called to decide which of these Dips should be used in the Council's tanks during the present season, and accept tenders for same.

Water for Ardee Tank.

For the supply of water to Ardee Sheep Dipping Tank two tenders as follows, were received:

J. J. Green,	Ardee.	@ tenpence per load
Laurence Ballan,	Ardee.	@ one shilling and three pence per load.

The tender of J. J. Green being the lowest was accepted.

Holidays.

The Secretary applied for and was granted his annual leave of absence, to commence the first week in July. He also stated he had arranged for Mr. Gilmore to take charge in his absence, and this was approved by the Council.

P. H. Gilmore
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

Secretary's Office,
Court House, Dundalk,
8th July, 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by the Chairman of the Council to
convene a

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Louth County Council, to be held in the Council
Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on FRIDAY, 12th July,
1918, at the hour of 4.30 o'clock p.m., to

Receive Report of Committee appointed to
visit and value OMEATH PARK and con-
sider question of purchase of same.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House,
Dundalk, on

Friday, 12th July, 1918, at 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: B. Hamill, J.P.; M. Meade; M. McAdle; T. B. Macardle, Esq.;
J. F. Murphy, J.P.; J. L. McGee, J.P.; J. H. McAdle, J.P.; J. P. Kearney,
B. Linnegani, J. Wynne, J.P., and John Morgan, Esquires.

J. H. Delan, Esq., M.A.; T. Welch, County Surveyor; and D. O'Connell,
County Solicitor, were also in attendance.

The Meeting was specially summoned by direction of the Chairman
to receive the report of the Committee appointed to visit and report on
Omeath Park, and to consider the question of the purchase of same.
The circular convening the meeting was

Report of Visiting Committee.

The following report was read:

At a Joint Meeting of the Finance Committee of the Council, and
the Forestry Committee, held on Monday, 8th July, 1918, at 12.30 o'clock,
to discuss the question of the purchase of Omeath Park and Residence for
Forestry purposes, it was unanimously agreed that all of those present
who could attend would motor to Omeath at 3 o'clock, for the purpose
of visiting the grounds in question, and of recommending what
action they thought should be taken with regard to its acquisition.

The following Members with the County Solicitor and the Acting
Secretary accordingly travelled to Omeath:

Messrs. Patrick McGee, J.P., Chairman; J. L. McGee, J.P.; T. B. Macardle, Esq.;
J. Wynne, J.P.; J. H. McAdle, J.P. and L. Goodman.

The Party was shown over the grounds by the Keeper, and inspected
the timber and residence. Since the question of purchase was last
before the Council in 1915, it appears that a quantity of timber was cut
but the opinion was expressed that the shortage thus caused was
almost counterbalanced by the enhanced value of the
remaining timber under prevailing conditions. The value of the
timber disposed of recently was roughly estimated at £600. The
Council's original offer for the property was £1,500. It was stated

by the Solicitor having carriage that the owner's value the remaining
timber at £500, but the Committee were of opinion that £1,000 would be the
greatest present value of same. The land, partly under timber and partly
arable, and covering an area of about 84 statute acres was estimated to
be worth £1,000, while the residence (which is very much out of repair, and
on which at least £600 would have to be spent) and two cottages were valued
at £500, making a total estimate for the entire property £2,500.

At a meeting held subsequent to the inspection the Secretary was
directed to ask the Department to immediately send their expert to value
the timber and property generally, and to report in time for the
Special Meeting convened for the 12th instant. He was further directed
to request the Council's Bankers whether they would be prepared to
advance a sum up to £3,000 repayable in ten years with interest at the
usual rate charged the Council, for the purchase of the property, and
to request the Local Government Board whether they would approve
of the raising of this amount by loan for the purpose; all this
information to be tabled at the Special Meeting.

The Secretary stated he had written as directed, and the following
replies were read:

No. A.34481/18.

Department of Agriculture and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
DUBLIN, 10th July, 1918.

FORESTRY.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 8th instant relative
to the proposed purchase of Omeath Park by the Louth County
Council for forestry purposes, I have to state that the Depart-
ment regret that, owing to the illness of their forestry
inspector, it will not be possible to arrange for a further
inspection and valuation of the property for the information
of the Council at their meeting to be held on the 12th instant.

I have to direct your attention to the report enclosed with
the Department's letter of the 27th May, 1914, and to state that
assuming that the timber standing on the lands at the date of
the report still remains unsold, and making full allowance for
the increase in the value of timber which has taken place since
that date, the Department do not consider that the property is
worth for forestry purposes more than £1,400 to £1,500 and they
would not be prepared to approve of its purchase at a price in
excess of the latter figure.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

T. P. GILL,
Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

No. A.34992/18

Department of Agriculture and
Technical Instruction for Ireland,
DUBLIN, 11th July, 1918.

FORESTRY.

Sir,

With reference to your letter of the 10th instant relative to the proposed purchase of Omeath Park by the Louth County Council for forestry purposes, I have to state that the Department regret that they have not at present any funds from which they could make a grant towards the purchase price in the event of the Council deciding to acquire this property.

The sources from which County Councils can derive funds for forestry purposes are set out in the enclosed copies of the Department's circular letters of the 30th April, 1910, and the 23rd December, 1912. It will be observed that the Development Commissioners have intimated their willingness to consider applications for advances towards the maintenance and management only of areas acquired by County Councils under the Land Purchase Acts. The Department can make no definite statement as to the amount of the grant which might be made by the Development Commissioners towards the cost of the maintenance and management of the woods in question in the event of their acquisition by the Council. It is probable, however, that the Commissioners would fix the amount of such grant at a sum approximating to the estimated expenditure for five years, the grant to be paid annually.

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

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

No. 32625/18

Local Government Board,
Dublin, 11th July, 1918.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to acknowledge the receipt of your letter of the 8th instant relative to the proposal of the Louth County Council to obtain a loan of £3,000 from their Treasurer for the purchase of Omeath Park for forestry purposes; and, in reference thereto I am to point out that Section 18 of the Irish Land Act, 1909, provides for the obtaining of an advance under the Land Purchase Acts for such purpose, subject to a scheme being framed or approved by the Department of Agriculture and Technical

Instruction.

I am to add that the Local Government Board do not possess any function in the matter.

I am, Sir,
Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

THE HIBERNIAN BANK, LTD.
Dundalk, 12th July, 1918.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Re Proposed Loan for Forestry Purposes.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of 8th instant, I have the pleasure to inform you that my Directors will be prepared to grant the loan £3000 (Three thousand pounds) applied for at the rate of 3%. I am to request that you submit to the Bank the letter of authorization from the Local Government Board when you shall have obtained it.

It is understood that a charge will be given on the County Rates as collateral security. It is noted that the loan will be repaid in ten years by equal yearly or half-yearly instalments interest on the balances outstanding to be paid half-yearly.

Yours faithfully,

CHARLES H. MACNEVIN,
Manager.

In view of the inability of the Department to have an inspection made, Mr James Wynne, J.P. had undertaken to visit the Park and estimate the value of the property. He had arranged with Mr William Woods, J.P. to meet him, and they now submitted the following report:

OMEATH PARK.REPORT OF SUB-COMMITTEE.

We visited the above Park yesterday, July 11th, and we estimated the standing timber over the entire Park as given below. The time at our disposal was limited, but on a rough count we estimated the total number of trees at 4,374; it may exceed 5,000.

906 Trees from 35 to 45 feet, a number over 50 feet and the average girth 9 inches. We further reduce to 8 inch gives 15 to 17 cubic feet per tree, which at controlled price - 10d per c.foot standing 13/4 per tree, further reduced to say 12/- on controlled price.			
Per Standing Tree	..	..	543:12 : 0
81 Trees Silver Spruce, well growing 30 to 40 feet would cut 40 feet per tree @ 10d 21:13:4. Controlled price further reduce to 30/-			
Per standing	...	...	121:10 : 0
11 Ash Trees	@ 25/-	...	13:15 : 0
12 Fairly good larch	30/-	...	18: 0 : 0
26 Large Beech	10/-	...	13: 0 : 0
3338 Trees, large and small Beech in screens. Birch, alder and young spruce. Average price - 1/6 per tree			
	...	...	250: 0 : 0
Mr James McGee values the land at £1000			
Mr William Woods	@ £850	...	925: 0 : 0
Say £925.	...	...
Two cottages or gate lodges put in repair as they now stand			
(If put in repair would give a rental of £24:0:0 per year)	..	..	240: 0 : 0
			£2124:17 : 0
Reduce cost of repairs to cottages, new fences to keep cattle from shrubs &c.			210: 0 : 0
Estimate of Value of Property			£1914:17 : 0

The largest and principal item the Mansion House and half mile of Park wall, gate piers, and wing walls along County Road, garden wall, with the out offices attached to House, we are putting no value on. If thoroughly overhauled will cost from £600 to £700 and in our opinion the letting would only pay the interest on the money expended. We have no means of finding out what income would be derived from the property, only the grass letting and cottages, about £60 per year.

JAMES WYNNE.

WILLIAM WOODS.

Dated this 11th day of July, 1918.

In a statement to the Council after the reading of the report, Mr Wynne said that he had omitted to state that the cost of making an Avenue to the Mansion House, and a terrace, should be added to his estimate of cost of repair. This would considerably increase that amount.

The Council unanimously expressed thanks to Mr Wynne and Mr Woods for the trouble they took in the matter.

After discussion, the following resolution was:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

That

That we authorise our Solicitor to attend at the sale of Omeath on Monday 15th July, and on behalf of the Louth County Council to bid for the property up to the sum of £2000.

To this the following Amendment was

Proposed by J. J. Murphy, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by M. McArdle, Esq.

That the sum to be offered for Omeath Park by our Solicitor, does not exceed £1500.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs Murphy and M. McArdle. 2
Against the Amendment: Messrs McGee; J. J. McGee; H. Macardle; Morgan; Goodman; Hamill; Linnegan; Woods; Wynne; Meade; and Kearney. 11

The Chairman declared the Amendment lost and the resolution being put was declared carried by the same voting.

The County Solicitor was accordingly directed to attend the sale of Omeath Park on Monday and bid for the property in accordance with the resolution, and the meeting adjourned.

P. H. J. H.
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
19th July, 1918.

The Second Quarterly Meeting of the Louth County Council will be held
in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk,

On Thursday, 25th July, 1918,

at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the transaction of the following business,
which Meeting you are hereby requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.
5. Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes.
6. Consideration of Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
7. Fix dates for Third Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
8. Appointment of County Council Representative on Peamount Sanatorium Committee.
9. Notice of Motion:—
"I hereby give Notice, that at the next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the hour of Meetings of the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings held in Drogheda be altered from 10.30 o'clock a.m. to 1 o'clock p.m., owing to altered train arrangements."
Dated this 27th day of June, 1918. (Signed.) PATRICK McGEE.
10. Consideration of question of wages of Ballymakenny Dipping Tank Superintendent.
11. Consideration of Draft Order made by Local Government Board with regard to Treatment of Infectious Diseases.
12. Receive Solicitor's Report on Sale of Omeath Park.
13. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
Second Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House,
Dundalk, on
Thursday, 25th July, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGee, Esq. J.P.
Other Members: J. B. Macardle, Esq., J. Woods, J.P.; W. J. Sheffington, J.P.; J. B. McCourt,
J. Wynne, J.P.; J. Morgan, M. O'Meara, J.P., and J. H. McCall, J.P., Esquires

The County and Assistant Surveyors, and the County Solicitor were
in attendance.

Confirmation of the General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

Resolved:

and
That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their
First (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on 30th May, 1918, their Annual Meeting
held on 17th June, 1918, and their Special Meeting held on 12th July, 1918, a copy of each
having been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Direct Labour.

The consideration of the report of the County Surveyor on this
matter which at the May Meeting of the Council had been adjourned for
two months was ordered to be placed on the Agenda for the August
Meeting, and it was also ordered that a further copy of the report be
furnished to each member.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. B. McCourt, Esq.
Seconded by M. O'Meara, Esq. J.P.

Resolved:

and
That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at
their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates a copy of each having
been sent to each Member of the Council, with all payments and
recommendations contained therein (save and except that the
recommendation of the Committee at Meeting held on 24th

June, that the salaries of Messrs London and Butler, Assistants in the Secretary's Office be increased by £20 per annum, be altered to read "that the salary of Mr J. London, Secretary's Assistant, be increased by £22 and the salary of Mr J. Butler be increased by £20 per annum), be and are hereby confirmed.

Monday, 10th June; Monday, 24th June; Monday 6th July, and Monday 22nd July, 1918.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. H. McArdle, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. Morgan, Esq.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their Meeting held on 24th June, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on 8th July, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.
Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Forestry Committee at their Meeting held on 8th July, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Ardee Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. Morgan, Esq. Seconded by J. H. McArdle, Esq., J.P.

Resolved:

and That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 2nd July, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £64.16.3.

Drogheda Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.

Resolved:

and That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Drogheda Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 9th July 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £308.17.3.

Dundalk Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Michael A. Mara, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. H. McArdle, Esq., J.P.

Resolved:

and That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on 1st July, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £816.17.10.

County-at-Large Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by T. B. Macardle, Esq.

Resolved:

and That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on 8th July, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £467.2.10.8.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P. Seconded by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.

and
Resolved: That the Louth County Council hereby determine that the following shall be the dates for the holding of the Third Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils:-

Ardee Tuesday, 1st October, 1918.

Drogheda Tuesday, 8th October, 1918.

Dundalk Monday, 4th October, 1918,

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 14th October, 1918.

Appointment on Peamount Sanatorium Committee.

The consideration of a letter from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management recommending that Mrs M. McKitterick, P.L.G., Drogheda, be appointed to fill the vacancy on the Peamount Committee of Management caused by the death of the late Mr C. A. Duffy, was specially set out on the Agenda, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:-

Proposed by J. B. Macardle, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.

and
Resolved: That we hereby appoint Mrs McKitterick, P.L.G., Laurence Street, Drogheda, representative of the Louth County Council on the Peamount Sanatorium Committee of Management; vice Mr C. A. Duffy, deceased.

Hour of Drogheda Meetings.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of the Chairman was put as a substantive resolution as follows, and passed unanimously:

Proposed by Patrick McGee, Esq. J.P.
Seconded by J. B. Macardle, Esq.

and
Resolved: That the hour of Meeting of the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Council held in Drogheda be altered from 10.30 o'clock a.m. to One o'clock a.m. owing to altered train arrangements.

Date of August Meeting.

The Secretary pointed out that the next Meeting of the Council would fall due on 15th August, and as this day was a Holyday, he asked for a direction. The Council unanimously agreed that the Meeting due on 15th August should be held on 22nd August instead, and the Secretary was directed to convene same accordingly.

Dipping Superintendents' Wages.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of the question of the wages of the Ballymakenny Tank Superintendent. At the last Meeting of the County Council this question had been referred to the Executive Committee, but the Executive could not see their way to recommend an increase, and referred the matter back to the Council. After discussion, it having been pointed out that the Superintendent in question, John J. Kerr, inspected a great many private tanks, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. T. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by J. B. Macardle, Esq.

and
Resolved: That the wages of John J. Kerr, Superintendent at Ballymakenny Dipping Tank, and Local Inspector for private tanks in the Drogheda Rural District, be increased from 4/- weekly to 8/- weekly, for the position as Local Inspector, for the Summer and Autumn Dipping Periods.

Infectious Diseases.

The Local Government Board submitted Draft Order for the treatment in Louth County of Infectious Diseases, and same having been read, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. B. Macardle, Esq.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq. J.P.

and
Resolved: That we hereby approve of the Draft Order submitted by the Local Government Board in their letter dated 9th July, 1918, No. 25365, relative to the treatment of Infectious Diseases in Louth County.

Omeath Park.

The County Solicitor reported that he had attended at the sale of Omeath Park, and on behalf of the Council, and by their instructions had bid for the property up to the sum of £2,000. As Mr Nixon, had however, been declared the purchaser at the sum of £3,000.

On the motion of J. H. Macardle, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by W. T. Sheffington, Esq. J.P., the Council unanimously tendered to Messrs Wynne and Woods, thanks for their trouble in visiting and reporting on Omeath Park.

Correspondence.

The Department wrote with reference to the proposal of the Council to fell the trees necessary for the thinning out of Willistown Plantation, and to leave them lying in the Plantation pending the right of way being settled, that as the plantations in the Woods adjoining Willistown were infested with Pine Beetle, which breeds in the bark of felled trees, it was inadvisable to act as suggested. The Secretary was directed to ask the Land Commission to hasten report re right of way.

Resolution submitted by the Clones Urban District Council, requesting the Department to reconsider their Order regarding exportation of Milch Cows, and stating that the limited number now allowed to be exported was detrimental to the cattle raising industry, was, on the motion of J. H. McArdle, Esq. J.P., seconded by J. Morgan, Esq., adopted.

Ardee Bridewell.

The County Solicitor having been requested to advise the Council regarding a structure which had been erected against the eastern wall of Adee Bridewell, attached to the Courthouse, without authority, wrote that the occupier of the adjoining land should be written to calling on him to remove the structure, and upon failure to do so, the solicitor stated it becomes a matter for proceedings in the High Court for an injunction and damages. The Secretary informed the Council that the County Surveyor had notified the occupier accordingly.

Forestry.

Letters from Miss Garstin, Braganstown, and Mr. Murphy, Mullabawn,
with reference to land for tree planting, were referred to the Forestry
Committee.

Dog's Act 1906.

Letter was read from the Department suggesting that to prevent loss to sheep owners through the ravages of uncontrolled dogs, regulations under the Dog Act 1906, should be made by the Council, and the Secretary was directed to place this question on the Agenda for next Meeting of the Council.

County Scholarships

The University College, Dublin, wrote transmitting the results of the Special Examinations for County Council Scholarships in respect of the candidates from Louth County, as follows:—

UNIVERSITY COLLEGE, DUBLIN, COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIPS EXAMINATION, 1918.

SOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

MAX. MARKS.	LATIN. IRISH. ENGLISH. FRENCH. GERMAN. HIST. & GEOG.		PHYSICS. CHEM.		PHYSIOLOGY. BOTANY. AGRICULTURE.		TOTAL MARKS.
	1200	1000	1000	1000	1000	1000	
1st. Jos. Paul	309	840	555	580	840	820	5674
2nd. Gornley, Thos.	770	H	H	635	1210	840	5450
3rd. O'Leary, J. J.	514	640	470	580	1080	660	4474
4th. Kerley, Peter.	777	400	500	540	30	30	2737
5th. Murphy, Mary C.	580	H	455	430	50	410	2535
6th. Kelly, Margt. J.	380	580	475	530	0	1765	1765

The Local Government Board wrote that fruit stones and nut shells were required for an urgent war purpose, and that collections of these should be sent to the Officer in Charge, Munitions Depot, Southend-on-Sea.

F. H. Lee
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK,
16th August, 1918.

The Second Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Louth County Council will be held in the **COURT HOUSE, DROGHEDA**, on **Thursday, 22nd August, 1918, at the hour of One o'clock p.m.**, for the transaction of the following business, which Meeting you are hereby requested to attend.

A G E N D A :

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes and awarding of Scholarships.
4. Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes.
5. Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes.
6. Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.
7. Consider Report from County Surveyor.
8. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
9. Consider Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
10. Consideration of County Surveyor's Report on Direct Labour.
11. Approve of Draft Regulations for Control of Dogs, under The Dogs Act, 1906.
12. Notices of Motion :—
I beg to give Notice, that at the next Meeting of the Louth County Council I shall move that Messrs. James T. McGee, J.P., Roodstown, and James Wynne, J.P., Dundalk, be co-opted Members of the Louth County Council Forestry Committee.
Dated this 13th day of August, 1918. (Signed.) T. CALLAN MACARDLE.
I beg to give Notice, that at next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the hours of the Meetings of the Statutory Committees of the Council, now held at 10.30 o'clock a.m., and of the County Council at Dundalk, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., be held in future at the hour of 4.30 o'clock p.m.
14th August, 1918. (Signed.) JAMES T. MCGEE.
Roodstown, Ardee.
13. Consider Letters from the Tuberculosis Committee as under :—
(a) Increased Cost of Maintenance of Patients at Peamount Sanatorium;
(b) Arrangements for Treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis at the Union Hospitals of Ardee and Drogheda.
14. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

The Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting of the Council was called for Drogheda Court House for Thursday, 22nd August, 1918, as per the Agenda on the other side. The following were the only members who attended: Messrs Patrick McGee, J.P., Chairman; James McCarthy, J.P., Vice Chairman; W. J. Sheffington, J.P., Michael Meade; and Alderman P. B. Moore, J.P., but as this number did not constitute a quorum of the Council, the meeting did not take place.

P. M. McGee
Chairman.

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK.

11th September, 1918.

SIR,

I am directed by the Chairman to convene a

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk, on MONDAY, the 16th SEPTEMBER, 1918, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the undermentioned business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes and awarding of Scholarships.
4. Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes.
5. Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes.
6. Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.
7. Consider Report from County Surveyor.
8. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
9. Consider Tenders (if any received) for Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
10. Consideration of County Surveyor's Report on Direct Labour.
11. Approve of Draft Regulations for Control of Dogs, under the Dogs Act, 1906.
12. Notices of Motion:—
I beg to give Notice, that at the next Meeting of the Louth County Council I shall move that Messrs. James T. McGee, J.P., Roodstown, and James Wynne, J.P., Dundalk, be co-opted Members of the Louth County Council Forestry Committee.
Dated this 12th day of August, 1918. (Signed) T. CALLAN MACARDLE.
I beg to give Notice, that at next Meeting of the County Council I shall move that the hours of the Meetings of the Statutory Committees of the Council, now held at 10.30 o'clock a.m., and of the County Council, at Dundalk, at 1.30 o'clock p.m., be held in future at the hour of 4.30 o'clock p.m.
14th August, 1918. (Signed) JAMES T. MCGEE, Roodstown, Ardee.
13. Consider Letters from the Tuberculosis Committee as under:—
(a) Increase of Cost of Maintenance of Patients at Peamount Sanatorium;
(b) Arrangements for Treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis at the Union Hospitals of Ardee and Drogheda.
14. Approval of Bye-Laws for Locomotives in Louth County, under Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911.
15. Correspondence.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on Monday, 16th September, 1918, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present. In the Chair: McGee, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: P. Woods, J.P.; M. Keara, J.P.; B. Finnegan; N. J. Murphy, J.P.; J. McCarthy, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; J. T. McGee, J.P.; J. J. Murphy, J.P.; J. Kourke; McMeade; J. B. Kearney; J. Wynne, J.P.; T. B. Macardle, Esq.; and B. Coleman, J.P., Esquires.

The County Surveyor and County Solicitor were in attendance.

The Chairman explained that the Special Meeting was called by his directions owing to the non-attendance of a quorum at the Second (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting convened for 22nd August.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. B. Kearney, Esq.

Resolved: and That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on 25th July, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each Member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Finnegan, Esq.

Resolved: and That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the 5th August, 1918, and 19th August, 1918, and 2nd Sept. '18, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on 12th August, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and we hereby award scholarships of £60 per annum each to Joseph Paul, Louth, and Thomas Gormley, Dundalk, and renew the scholarships of Miss E.M. Teevan, Messrs J.V. McGrath, G.F. Carroll, and Leo McGoobrick for a third year, conditional in the cases of Messrs McGrath and McGoobrick on their passing their examinations in September of this year, and renew the scholarships of Messrs P.J. Mathews and Eugene McEnteggart for the second year.

Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Forestry Committee at their meeting held on 12th August, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Finnegan, Esq.

Seconded by M. Meade, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting held on the 19th August, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on 19th August, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Direct Labour and County Surveyor's Report

The Chairman said that as the report of the County Surveyor on Direct Labour was referred to in his ordinary report appearing in the Schedule of Proposals, he would ask the Council to consider them jointly. He thought it would be desirable to appoint a small Committee to fully discuss the very large question of Direct Labour and ask the Committee to report to next meeting of the County Council. This was agreed to, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page One of the Schedule of Proposals for the 22nd August, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby approved, and that we refer the question of a Direct Labour Scheme for County Louth to a Committee of the following gentlemen for their consideration and report to this Council: viz. Messrs. P. McGee, P. Donegan, Wm. Woods, and Sir Arthur Foster, Bart.

Sympathy

The following votes of sympathy were:

Proposed by P. McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by N.T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and passed in silence, the members standing

Resolved: That we beg to tender to our esteemed colleague Mr. William Woods our sincere sympathy on the lamented deaths of his aunt Mrs. Byrne, and his niece Miss Mathews.

Resolved: That we learn with regret of the lamented death of Mrs Lynch of Dunlavy, a daughter of our esteemed colleague, Mr Patrick Donegan, and niece of another colleague, Mr Patrick Ballan, and we beg to tender to these gentlemen and their relatives our sincere sympathy.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday 9th July, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council be and are hereby approved of.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council, at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on Monday 1st July, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 29th July, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorize our Secretary to affix the common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T. O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Second Quarterly Meeting held on the 8th July, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of.

Works not Taken.

No tenders for the works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee having been received, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

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

The Dogs Act 1906.

In accordance with the instructions of the Council, the County Solicitor had prepared Regulations for control of Dogs under the Act of 1906, and same were now submitted and read, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by B. Tinnegan, Esq.

and

Resolved:

That we hereby decide to put in force the following Regulations for control of Dogs between sunset and sunrise in the Administrative County of Louth:-

1. No dog during any of the hours between sunset and sunrise shall be allowed outside the house or adjoining premises of the owner thereof unless such dog shall be under the effectual control of, and in the company of its owner or some other responsible person, so as to prevent such dog from breaking away and worrying cattle or sheep.
2. Any dog in respect of which an offence is committed against any of these regulations may be seized and treated as a stray dog under the powers conferred by Section 3 of the Dogs Act, 1906.
3. These regulations shall apply to the entire Administrative County of Louth and shall come into force on the first day of October, 1918.

Prices of Grain and Potatoes.

The following resolution was by permission of the Council:

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

Seconded by N. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we, the Members of the Louth County Council, earnestly protest against the maximum prices of grain fixed by the Government for Ireland and declare that in our opinion, taking into consideration the immense increase in the cost of production, the lowest profitable prices for prime parcels of wheat, oats and barley, should be two shillings and sixpence (2/6) per stone, and potatoes eight shillings per cwt. We further warn the Government that if they wish to encourage increased tillage and the production of greater quantities of food they should throw no unnecessary obstacles in the way of farmers marketing their grain or securing a reasonable price for what it has cost them so much time, trouble and expense to produce for the common good.

That copies of this resolution be sent to the Irish and English Boards of Agriculture, the Irish and English Food Controllers and the Irish Farmers Union, and the Prime Minister.

Co-opting of Members on Forestry Committee.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. T. B. Macardle, D.L., was put as follows as a resolution, and the names of Messrs J. P. Kearney and W. Woods having been added was passed unanimously.

Proposed by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.;

Seconded by J. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the following gentlemen be co-opted members on the Louth County Council Forestry Committee: Messrs James T. McGeer, J.P., Roodstown, Ardee; James Wynne, J.P., Dundalk; J. P. Kearney, Willville, and W. Woods, J.P., Barlingford.

Hours of Meetings - Committees and County Council.

The Notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. T. McGeer, was put as a resolution as follows, and

Proposed by J. T. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. B. Macardle, Esq., D.L.,

Resolved: That the hours of Meetings of the Statutory Committees of the Council now held at 10.30 o'clock, a.m. and of the County Council at Dundalk at 1.30 o'clock, p.m. be held in future at the hour of 4.30 o'clock, p.m.

The following Amendment was

Proposed by J. T. Murphy, Esq., J.P.; Seconded by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.

That all meetings of the County Council and the Statutory Committees of the Council be held at 1.30 o'clock, p.m. in future.

On a division there voted:

For the Amendment: Messrs the Chairman: Linegan: Kearney: Meade: J. T. Murphy: O'Keefe: P. Woods: W. Woods and J. Wynne, & McCarthy. 10

Against: Messrs Macardle: J. T. McGeer and N. T. Murphy. 3.
Mr. O'Rourke was absent from the division.

The Chairman declared the Amendment carried, and having put same in the form of a resolution, and the Council having accepted the voting as above, the Secretary was directed to convene future meetings at 1.30 o'clock in accordance therewith.

Cost of Patients at Peamount Sanatorium.

The following letters were read:

Louth County Council,
Tuberculosis Committee of Management,
Dundalk.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Tuberculosis Committee to forward you for the consideration of the Louth County Council the accompanying copy of an application which they have received from the Authorities of Peamount Sanatorium, for an increase in the cost of maintenance of patients to £1:8:0 per week as a temporary War Measure.

I am to state that it is the opinion of the Committee, providing it would not effect in any degree the Agreement existing between the Council and Peamount Authorities, that a temporary War Allowance of 25/- per week per patient might be equitable and acceptable.

V. WARREN, Secretary.

Secretary,
Louth County Council.

Peamount,
Offices, 9 Ely Place, Dublin,
24th July, 1918.

Dear Sir,

I am directed by the Committee of Management of Peamount Sanatorium to apply to your Committee for an increase to £1:8:0 per week per patient, as a temporary War Measure from the 1st proximo. In consequence of the increased cost of provisions and general maintenance which in many cases is over 100 per cent on pre-war prices, the Committee of Management regret to state that the present payment per week paid by you, viz: £1:0:0 is insufficient to meet the actual expenses, and so the Institution is being run at a loss. Some of the Committees are already paying us the larger sum.

The Committee ask me to say that they much regret having to make this appeal to you and would not do so except under the absolute necessity of present conditions.

The Committee hope that your Committee will be pleased to comply with their request, and so keep going an Institution which has done so much good amongst the poor consumptive patients in Ireland, and by doing so help this important work in the present exceptional circumstances.

JOSEPH G. RIORDAN, Secretary.

Secretary,
Louth Tuberculosis Committee.

After considerable discussion, the Secretary was directed to ask the Tuberculosis Committee to supply details of the working of the scheme in the County since its inception, giving results of treatment generally and particularly, as regards Peamount Sanatorium. He was also directed to procure from the Committee a general statement as to its finances. The consideration of the Peamount application was deferred to next meeting of the County Council when this information will be tabled.

Treatment of Advanced Tubercular Cases.

Letter from the Tuberculosis Committee of Management relative to the arrangements for treatment at the Union of the County, of advanced cases of tuberculosis was referred to the Finance Committee for a report.

Locomotive Bye-Laws.

The County Solicitor wrote forwarding Draft Bye-Laws regarding the use of locomotives in Louth County and providing for payment of a licence fee for the use of same. After consideration he was directed to insert a clause exempting from payment of the tax all tractors and engines employed solely for agricultural purposes, and to submit the amended Bye-Laws to next meeting of the Council.

Carlingford Petty Sessions House.

Mr H. B. Fitzherbert, Agent for the Carlingford Petty Sessions House wrote applying for an increase of £10 on the present rent of that building which is at present let to the Council for £10 per annum. The Secretary stated that under the Statute the Council could not pay more than £10 per annum as rent for a Sessions House, and the application was refused.

Motor Driving Licences.

Circular letter was read from the Local Government Board setting out that whereas formerly a licence to drive a motor car could only be issued to persons over the age of seventeen, under the new D.O.R. Regulations, S.D.D., the Council had power to issue such licences to persons between 16 and 17 years of age, provided they satisfied the Council that they were competent to drive.

Blackwater Fishing.

Cork County Council forwarded resolution passed by them protesting against the Bye-Laws made by the Department, which, the resolution stated, in effect gave the Duke of Devonshire alone the right to fish in the Blackwater and its tributaries.

The resolution was

On the motion of James McBarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by C. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

unanimously adopted.

Foot Rot.

The Department wrote on 23rd August, V.B. 2428/8, regretting they did not at present think it advisable to prohibit the exposure at fairs and markets of sheep suffering from foot rot, in accordance with the Council's resolution. The letter was initialled.

Ardee Demonstration.

Letter was read from Messrs Frank White and James McButcher on behalf of the Ardee National Demonstration Committee inviting the County Council to send a delegation to represent it at the Demonstration at which Messrs Devlin, Hagleton and Lyndon would speak.

On the motion of N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by T. C. Macardle, Esq., J.P.

it was unanimously decided that the County Council should attend the Demonstration in a body, and that an Address to the Speakers be presented on behalf of the Council. The Chairman and Secretary to draft the address.

Electric Lighting.

Statutory notice was received from the Dundalk Urban District Council (Electricity Department) that they had applied to the Board of Trade for permission to increase their charges for the supply of electric light. The notice was read and initialled.

Importation of Dogs.

Order of the Department of Agriculture was read prohibiting the Importation of Dogs into Ireland for a period of four months commencing 12th September, 1918. The Order was initialled.

Inspection of Lands for Forestry.

With reference to the inspection of lands offered for forestry purposes, the Council approved of the inspection taking place on the 24th September, as recommended at today's Finance Meeting, and the Secretary was instructed to arrange accordingly.

Omeath College.

Letter was read from Mr J. V. Dolan, M.A. requesting subscriptions from Omeath Irish College, and asking the Council to nominate four representatives on the Managing Committee. Subscriptions were taken up, and the following gentlemen were appointed on the committee: Messrs M. O'Leary, J.P.; W. Woods, J.P.; J. P. Kearney, and Daniel O'Connell.

P. M. F.
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK.

8th November 1918

The Third Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on **Thursday, 14th day of November, 1918**, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the following business, which Meeting you are hereby requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes.
5. Consider Report from Direct Labour Committee.
6. Consideration of Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
7. Fix Dates for Fourth Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
8. Consider Reports from Tuberculosis Committee of Management.
9. Consider question of arrangement for treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis, and Reports from Finance Committee as to Unions and Peamount Sanatorium.
10. Application from Mr. Leo McGolrick, County Scholar, for Renewal of Scholarship.
11. Consider letter from Captain W. A. Doran, resigning Membership of the Council.
12. Appointment of Inspector of Food and Drugs for Petty Sessions District of Carlingford.
13. Approval of Bye-Laws under Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911.
14. Appointment of Delegates to Convention for County Louth.
15. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting, held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 14th day of November, 1918
at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: Patrick McGee, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., and Bernard Finnegan;
L. Goodman; P.L. McKeon, J.P.; J. Murphy, J.P.; P.B. Moore, J.P.; John J. Morgan;
J. Bourke; W.T. Sheffington, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; and J. Wynne, J.P.; Esquires

The County and Assistant Surveyors, and the County Solicitor were in attendance; also Dr. J.A. McQuillan, M.D., and D. Warren, Secretary, Tuberculosis Committee of Management.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting, held on the 16th September, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W.T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their Meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:-

Monday, 16th September, 1918; Monday, 30th September, 1918
Monday, 14th October, 1918; Monday, 28th October, 1918
Monday, 11th November, 1918, save and except the

minute of the meeting of the 14th October, 1918, which is hereby altered as follows:-

That the war bonus of Four Shillings weekly be granted to all the labourers employed by the Council on works in charge of the County Surveyor, the payment to be retrospective in the cases of the men who did not receive the bonus.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 14th October, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Forestry Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.L. McKeon, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Forestry Committee at their Meeting held on the 11th November, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Report - Direct Labour Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Patrick McGee, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by W.T. Sheffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we beg to confirm the Report of the Direct Labour Committee appearing on Page 23 of the printed minutes of their Meeting held on the 14th October, 1918, adjourning the consideration of the question of Direct Labour until the April Meeting, 1919, of the County Council.

Ardee Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart.,
Seconded by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on 5th November, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £54.5.10.

Drogheda Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the South Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 12th November, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £38.7.4.

Dundalk Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by John Morgan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 11th November, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £998.0.3.

County-at-Large Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. O'Rourke, Esq.,
Seconded by L. Goodman, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal

Committee at their Meeting held on the 4th October, 1918, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council and amounting to the sum of £10121.8.5 are hereby approved of.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter B. Moore, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

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

Ardee Tuesday, 7th January, 1919.

Drogheda Tuesday, 14th January, 1919.

Dundalk Monday, 13th January, 1919,

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 13th January, 1919.

Treatment of Tuberculosis in Louth County

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the reports of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management on the treatment of tuberculosis in Louth County as submitted by Dr. McQuillan, Tuberculosis Medical Officer, and the Financial Report by Mr. V. Warren, Secretary, as appearing on pages 27 to 34 of the printed minutes.

Treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by L. Goodman, Esq.
Seconded by W. P. Skeffington, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby confirm the Report of the Finance Committee of the Council for the treatment of Advanced Cases of Tuberculosis and we approve of the recommended Agreement with the Union Authorities of Ardee, Drogheda and Dundalk for the provision of beds for these cases at the rate of Fifteen

Shillings (15/-) per bed per week, for the experimental period of one year. We also approve of the recommendation of the Finance Committee to increase the amount paid for patients in Beaumont Sanatorium to £1.5.0 per week per patient.

Renewal of Mr McGolrick's Scholarship 1918-1919

The next item on the Agenda was an application from Mr Leo McGolrick for a renewal of his scholarship for the Session 1918-1919. The Secretary read the application in which Mr McGolrick stated that owing to illness he had failed in one subject for his Second Medical Examination in September 1918, and requested the County Council to permit him to stand for his Second Medical Examination at the Spring Examination of 1919, and his Third Medical in September, 1919, and renew his Scholarship if he passes these examinations.

Medical Certificates in support of Mr McGolrick's statement were read from Dr Sigerson, Dublin, and from Dr McFoughlin, Dean of the Medical Faculty, University College, Dublin, and a letter was also read from the President of the University College, recommending the renewal. After discussion the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter Woods Esq. J.P.

Seconded by Laurence Goodman, Esq.

and

Resolved: That we hereby renew the Scholarship of Mr Leo McGolrick for the Session 1918-1919, provided Mr McGolrick passes his Second Medical Examination at the Spring Examination of 1919, and his Third Medical Examination in the Autumn of 1919.

Appointment of Food and Drugs Inspector

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by Sir A. Vere Foster Bart.

and

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Sergeant Stephen McManus of Carlingford, Inspector of Food and Drugs for the Petty Sessions District of Carlingford.

Resignation of Captain W. A. Doran

The following letter was read, and after discussion it was unanimously decided to ask Captain Doran to reconsider his decision to resign membership of the Council, and the Secretary was directed accordingly.

Marristown House, Ardee,
16th September, 1918.

To Charles McAlister Esq.

Dear Sir,

Will you please place this my resignation of membership of the Louth County Council in the hands of the Chairman at next meeting. I have received report from War Office of the Medical Board. From its contents I will have to take things very easy and do not think it fair to my constituency to hold the position when I will not attend. It is with regret and with many pleasant memories that I sever my connection with the Louth County Council.

Sincerely Yours,

(Sgd) William A. Doran

Bye-Laws Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by W. J. Sheffington, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq. J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the Bye-Laws submitted by our Solicitors under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911, as appearing in the printed minutes at pages 35 and 36.

Delegates- County Convention

Circular letter was read from Patrick McGe, Esq. J.P., requesting the County Council to appoint four Delegates to represent them at the County Convention to be held in Dundalk on Monday, 18th November, 1918, and the following resolution was passed, Mr Thomas O'Rourke dissenting:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq. J.P.

Seconded by P. Woods, Esq. J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby appoint the following gentlemen to represent the County Council at the County Convention to be held in Dundalk on Monday, the 18th November, 1918: Messrs Patrick McGe, J.P.; James McCarthy, J.P.; L. Goodman; and James Wymie, J.P.

Correspondence.

Thanks for Sympathy.

Letter was read from Patrick Donagan, Esq., J.P. returning thanks to the County Council for the vote of sympathy passed by them at their last meeting, on the death of his daughter.

Letter was read from Mr J.T. Dolan, thanking the County Council for subscriptions to St. Brigid's Irish College, Omagh.

County Scholars

Letters were read from Messrs Thomas Gormley and Joseph Gail thanking the Council for the grant of their respective scholarships.

Price of Food Stuff Resolution.

Acknowledgments of the Resolution passed by the County Council requesting a revision of the maximum prices fixed for grain and potatoes were received from the Prime Minister, Ministry of Food, Food Control Committee, and the Irish and English Departments of Agriculture, and initialled by the Chairman.

County Councils General Council

Letter was read from the Secretary of the above notifying that all notices of motion for discussion at the Annual Meeting must reach him by Wednesday, 27th November, 1918.

Irish Prisoners.

On a motion of the Chairman, Seconded by T. O'Rourke, Esq., a resolution submitted by the Dublin City Council with reference to the Irish Political Prisoners protesting against their continued imprisonment, was adopted unanimously.

Louth Abbey.

On the motion of John F. Murphy, Esq., J.P., Seconded by Thomas O'Rourke, Esq., it was unanimously resolved that the Secretary be directed to request the present custodians of the old Abbey at Louth to hand over same to the County Council for its preservation and repair.

P. H. F.
Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURT HOUSE, DUNDALK.

5th December, 1918.

SIR,

I am directed by the Chairman to convene a

SPECIAL MEETING

of the Council, to be held in the Council Chamber, Courthouse, Dundalk,

On Monday, 9th December, 1918,

at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the under-mentioned business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Consider Report from the County Surveyor.
4. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils.
5. Consider letter from Captain W. A. Doran re his resignation of membership of the Council.
6. Consider letter from the Surgeon of the Louth County Infirmary regarding the salaries of County Infirmary Surgeons.
7. Consider Resolution submitted by the Dundalk Trade and Labour Council regarding Food Inspectors and the Milk Supply.
8. Consider Resolution from the County Louth Tuberculosis Committee, proposing increase in the salary of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer.
9. Correspondence.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

THE FIRST QUARTERLY MEETING of the County Council
THURSDAY, 18th APRIL, 1918.

Notice is hereby given that, under the provisions of the
(Ireland) Act, 1898, the Louth County Council

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House Dundalk, on

Monday, 9th December, 1918, at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGe, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: J. Wynn, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; M. Meade; J. O'Rourke; J.P. Kearney; J.V. MacQuillan; B. Finnegan; John Dolan; P. Donegan; W. Woods, J.P.; J.F. Murphy, J.P.; J. Ballan Macardle, Esq., and Sir A. Vere Foster, Bart., Esq.

The County Surveyor and Assistant Surveyors and the County Solicitor were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.P. Kearney, Esq.

Seconded by P. Donegan, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 14th November, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.V. MacQuillan, Esq.

Seconded by Bernard Finnegan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on 14th November, 1918, and 25th November, 1918, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council (with all payments and recommendations contained therein) be and are hereby confirmed; and that the increase recommended in the salaries of Messrs James Dromgoole and John C. Lyons, Assistant Surveyors date from 1st October, 1918.

County Surveyor's Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J.F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That the report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page 1 of the Schedule of Proposals of the 28th November, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Drogheda Works

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Donegan, Esq.

Seconded by John Dolan, Esq.

and

Resolved:

That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Drogheda (Youth) Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 8th October, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 12th November, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Dundalk Works

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.

and

Resolved:

That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Third Quarterly Meeting held on 7th October, 1918, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 11th November, 1918, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Referring to the frequency of meetings of the Council the Chairman suggested that the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Council should be discontinued, and all business, both financial and works transacted at a Quarterly Meeting to be held at a suitable time. The suggestion was approved and the consideration of the matter was ordered to be placed on the Agenda for next Meeting of the County Council.

Captain Doran's Resignation

Replying to the decision of the Council that Captain Doran should be asked to reconsider his resignation of membership, Captain Doran wrote thanking the Council but stating that his decision was final. The resignation was accordingly accepted on the motion of Peter Woods, Esq. Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq., and the notice declaring the vacancy was duly signed.

The co-option of a member in room of Captain Doran was ordered to be placed on the Agenda for next meeting.

Infirmaries Surgeons' Salaries

Letter was read from Mr Peter H O'Connell, Surgeon of the County Infirmary, submitting the following resolution for consideration by the Council. After some discussion, the addendum calling on the Government to contribute towards the payment of Surgeons of County Infirmaries was suggested, and the resolution as follows was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That as the sum of £94 per annum, which has remained unaltered since 1836 as the statutory annual salary for County Infirmary Surgeons, is inadequate for present conditions of hospital work, Section 86 of the Grand Jury Act of 1836 should be repealed, and the County Councils enabled to pay the County Infirmary Surgeons such proper salaries as they may decide on, having regard to the special conditions of each County, and we request the Government to give a grant towards the payment of County Infirmary Surgeons. That a copy of this resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland.

Milk and Food Supply

The following resolution, submitted by the Dundalk Trades and Labour Council, was on the

Motion of Thomas O'Rourke, Esq.

Seconded by J. V. MacCuillan, Esq.

unanimously adopted, and the Secretary was directed to instruct the Food Inspectors accordingly.

Resolved: That the Council having considered the many complaints

regarding the price charged for and the quality and quantity of milk supplied by some traders locally, call upon the Local Boards to insist on the Food Inspectors doing their duty by making surprise visits to dairies and taking samples from milk carts for analysis: special attention to be paid to milk supplied in cans to poor people. Inspectors should be asked to show the alertness to the interests of the poor, as they do in Dublin and Belfast.

Tuberculosis Medical Officer's Increase

Letter was read from the Secretary of the Tuberculosis Committee of Management transmitting for the approval of the County Council, the following resolution passed at their meeting held on 14th November:

Proposed by William Woods, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Rev. J. McKeone, Adm.

and

Resolved: "That subject to the approval of the Local Government Board we recommend that the salary of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer be increased from £400 to £500 per annum with existing travelling allowance."

After discussion the following resolution was

Proposed by J. P. Kearney, Esq.

Seconded by J. B. McCardle, Esq., D.L.

That we hereby approve of the resolution submitted by the Tuberculosis Committee of Management increasing the salary of the Tuberculosis Medical Officer, Dr J. A. McQuillan, from £400 to £500 per annum and travelling allowance, the increase to date from 14th November, 1918.

To this the Chairman proposed as an amendment that the increase be not granted, but the Amendment not being seconded, fell through, and the resolution was declared carried, the Chairman dissenting.

Richmond Patient

The case of an inmate of Richmond Asylum who had recovered, but who remained a charge on the County rates as his friends would not accept him on discharge, was referred to Mr Meade (who raised the matter) and Mr Wynn, to deal with.

Dundalk Demand.

The Secretary reported receipt and lodgment of the sum of £334 9. 4. 3 being the first instalment of the Demand due to the Dundalk Urban District Council.

Rates.

The Local Government Board wrote requesting that in future the Arrear Sheets of the rate collectors should be divided so as to show separately the items claimed as irrecoverable through poverty. The Secretary was directed to send a copy of the letter to each of the collectors and instruct them accordingly and in future to submit for inspection to the County Councillor for the district the statement of arrears of rates in such district.

County Analyst's Report.

The following report was read and initialled:

32 articles were received from the Food Inspectors R.I.C., as follows: - Milk 10, Butter 9, Rice 2, Oatmeal 2, Coffee 1, Tapioca 1, Sugar 1, Whiskey 1, Flake meal, 1, Margarine 1, Cornflour 1, Cocoa 2. Total 32. They were all pure.

Two specimens of water analysed for the Louth Rural District Council had the following compositions:

	No.1	No.2.
Total solid matter including	22.400	18.200
Albuminoid Ammonia	0.035	0.005
Saline Ammonia	0.027	0.003
Nitric Acid	Trace	0.870
Chlorine	2.186.	1.280

Very Light yellow. Very light yellow.
No.1 was polluted; No.2 was of good quality.

A specimen of milk examined for Mr Thomas McKitterick, 59, Park Street, Dundalk, was free from tubercle bacilli.

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

One imperial gallon contained in grains:
Total solid matter 35.000, including: Albuminoid Ammonia 0.014, Saline Ammonia 0.006, Nitric Acid 1.000, Chlorine 5.290, Colour light yellow. Of slightly inferior quality.

One specimen of whiskey analysed for the Guardians of Dundalk Union was pure.

One specimen of water analysed for Miss Filgate, Ardee, has the following composition:

One imperial gallon contained in grains:
Total solid matter 29.400, including: Albuminoid Ammonia 0.0045, Saline Ammonia 0.0005, Nitric Acid Trace, Chlorine 1.380, Colour colourless. A good water.

In the original reports on the waters above referred to, full details, chemical and microscopical, were given, but in the foregoing only the more important points are given. Total analyses 38.

CHARLES A. CAMERON.

Franchise Payment

Mr A. N. Sheridan, Registration Officer for County Louth submitted for payment by the Council an account amounting to the sum of £700. 11. 8 being part cost of expenses in connection with the preparation of the Franchise Lists. Payment of the amount was duly ordered.

Self-Determination

The following resolution submitted by the Kerry County Council was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Patrick McGe, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by Thomas C. Kourke, Esq.

Resolved: That we, the Louth County Council in Meeting Assembled, hereby place on record our fixed and unalterable conviction that:

- (1) Ireland is a nation, one and indivisible.
- (2) Ireland is entitled to the rights and status of full and complete Nationhood.
- (3) The people of Ireland have never, at any time for even a single moment renounced their just claim to the rights and status of full and complete Nationhood.
- (4) The Irish people have always protested, are now protesting, and will continue to protest against the usurpation of their rights to Nationhood by the British Parliament.
- (5) The Irish people demand as a right, not as a privilege, admission to the Peace Conference in order to place Ireland's case before the Great International Court of Justice, if the world is to be made safe for Democracy Ireland must be safe for the Irish people, if the Wilsonian dictum "Consent of the Governed" is to prevail. Ireland must have the right of Self Determination if a People must not be forced to live under a Sovereignty they abhor. Ireland must get her freedom, the realisation of this ideal is the "be all and end all" of our existence.

Circular letters from the Local Government Board regarding the Midwives (Ireland) Order, and Maternity and Child Welfare, and also a letter from Mr J. H. Murphy, Solicitor, re the promenade at Blackrock were all referred to the Finance Committee for consideration.

P. McGe

Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,
17th January, 1919.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on THURSDAY, the 23rd day of JANUARY, 1919, at the hour of 1.30 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of transacting the following business, which Meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of the Executive Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes.
5. Confirmation of the Scholarship Committee Minutes.
6. Confirmation of the Minutes of the Fane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts Committees.
7. Consider Proposals for Payments formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
8. Fix dates for First Quarterly Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
9. Co-optation of Member of the County Council *vice* Captain W. A. Doran, resigned.
10. Consider the question of the vacancy caused by the death of Dr. J. A. McQuillan, County Louth Tuberculosis Medical Officer.
11. NOTICE OF MOTION:—I beg to give Notice, that at the next meeting of the County Council I shall move that, after the 1st day of April, 1919, the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the Council be abandoned, and that all the business of these meetings be transacted at the regular Quarterly Meetings of the Council.
I shall also move that the present Standing Order No. 10, fixing the dates of the meetings, be eliminated, and the following Standing Order substituted:—
The Quarterly Meetings of the Council shall be held on the last Thursdays in February, May, August, and November.
Dated this 9th day of December, 1918.

PATRICK MCGEE.

12. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,
Secretary to the County Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held in the Council Chamber, Court House, Dundalk, on

Thursday, 23rd January, 1919,
at 1.30 o'clock, p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGee, Esq., J.P.
Other Members: J. J. McGee, J.P.; L. Goodman; W. Woods, J.P.; J. McParthy, J.P.; McMeade; C. Ballan, J.P.; J. Wynne, J.P.; B. L. Coleman, J.P.; B. Finnegan; P. Woods, J.P.; J. Morgan; B. Hamill, J.P.; J. B. McEwart; J. J. Murphy, J.P.; and J. McHale, J.P., Esquires, and Sir V. Foster Bart., O.B.

The County and Assistant Surveyors and the County Solicitor were in attendance.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by B. Hamill, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by P. Woods, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: and
That the Minutes of the Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Special Meeting held on the 9th December, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Peter Woods, Esq., J.P.
Seconded by J. McParthy, Esq., J.P.

Resolved: and
That the minutes of the proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 9th December, 1918: Monday, 23rd December, 1918:
Monday, 6th January, 1919: Monday, 20th January, 1919.

Confirmation of Executive Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by P. Ballan, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the minutes of proceedings of the Executive Committee at their meeting held on the 9th December, 1918, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by T.B. McBour, Esq.

Seconded by L. Goodman, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the minutes of proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their meeting held on the 13th January, 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Scholarship Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. Wynne, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the minutes of proceedings of the Scholarship Committee at their meeting held on the 6th January, 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and that we approve of the Scholarship Scheme for the Session 1919-1920, as set out therein.

Confirmation of Lane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts Committee

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.

Seconded by J. Morgan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the minutes of proceedings of the Lane and Wottonstown Drainage Districts Committees at their meetings held on the

undermentioned dates as appearing at pages 15 to 27 inclusive of the printed minutes, be and are hereby confirmed:

<u>Drainage Committee</u>	<u>Date</u>
Lane and Wottonstown	10th December, 1917.
Lane and Wottonstown	21st March, 1918
Lane District	10th June, 1918
Lane District	19th June, 1918
Lane District	15th July, 1918
Wottonstown District	10th June, 1918
Wottonstown District	19th June, 1918

Ardee Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Sir A.V. Foster, Bart.

Seconded by J.T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 7th January, 1919, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £515.17.0.

Drogheda Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. Ballan, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Louth Rural District of Drogheda Union at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on the 14th January, 1919, and set out on Form 22 furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £327.15.1.

Dundalk Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by W. Woods, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th January, 1919, and set out on Form 22, furnished

to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £858.5.4.

County-at Large Payments

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. W. Yane, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposal for Payments formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on the 13th January, 1919, and set out on Form 22, furnished to the County Council, be and are hereby approved of. These payments amount to the sum of £852.13.9.

Dates of Quarterly Meetings

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

and

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

Ardee .. Tuesday, 1st April, 1919

Drogheda .. Tuesday, 8th April, 1919

Dundalk .. Monday, 7th April, 1919

and that the Proposal Committee meet on Monday, 14th April, 1919.

Coooption of Member on Louth County Council

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by Michael Meade, Esq.

Seconded by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby coopt Mr Stephen Leelan, Mansfieldstown, a member of the Louth County Council, vice Captain W. A. Coran resigned.

Death of Dr. J. A. McQuillan

The following resolution was passed unanimously, the members standing:

Proposed by Patrick McGea, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. F. McGea, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That we learn with extreme regret of the lamented death of Dr John A. McQuillan, who for the past six years acted as Tuberculosis Medical Officer for the County of Louth. His conscientious and unremitting attention to his patients all over the County and his efforts to fight the White Plague had endeared him to everyone with whom he came in contact, while his skill and tact in his professional work and his geniality made him a personality that cannot easily be replaced. We tender to his widow and his brother, our esteemed colleague Mr J. V. McQuillan, and to his relatives our heart felt sympathy.

Messrs J. McBarthy, J.P.; P. Woods, J.P.; and the Secretary associated themselves with the resolution, and Mr D. O'Connell, on behalf of the widow and relatives of Dr. McQuillan, thanked the Council for their sympathy.

Question of Appointment of Tuberculosis Medical Officer

The consideration of the vacancy caused by Dr. McQuillan's death was the next item on the Agenda. The following resolution was

Proposed by J. McBarthy, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Michael Meade, Esq.

That a Committee be appointed to consider the working of the Tuberculosis Scheme in the County; their findings to be reported to the County Council before the question of a successor to Dr. McQuillan was decided on, but the resolution was withdrawn in favour of the following Amendment, which was then unanimously carried:

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

Seconded by J. F. McGea, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That we refer the question of the appointment of a successor to the late Dr. McQuillan to the Tuberculosis Committee of Management for their report on the matter: the report to be

to be submitted to the Finance Committee for consideration, and we delegate to the Finance Committee full powers to approve the report or otherwise to act in the matter.

Notice of Motion

By permission of the Council the Notice of Motion standing in the name of the Chairman with reference to the abandonment of the Adjourned Meetings of the Council was withdrawn, and the question allowed to remain over for the incoming Council to deal with.

Richmond Asylum Representatives

The following letter was read:

23rd January, 1919.

To the Chairman and Members
of the Louth County Council.
Gentlemen,

It is with very great regret that we tender our resignation as the representatives of the County Council on Richmond District Asylum Committee. After repeated efforts to curtail the enormous expenditure of the Institution we are convinced that it is absolutely futile to continue as members of the Richmond Joint Committee, as the representatives of some of the Contributory Bodies who are the large majority of the Board, seem determined to swamp our County funds with, what we consider, extravagant unnecessary expenditure, and totally beyond the relative capacity of County Louth to pay.

Notwithstanding our efforts, it is certain the Demand of the Joint Committee this year will reach the unprecedented figure of £23,000, and which we fear will be increased by £5,000 in five years.

We desire to convey our grateful thanks for the honour conferred on us by electing us to represent you on this important Board, and if our efforts were likely to be successful we would willingly continue; but we have come to the conclusion that every effort on our part in an economic sense is frustrated by those who never seem content except when they are keeping up unnecessary expenditure.

May we respectfully suggest that the County Council would promptly review our continued connection with Richmond and appoint a small Committee to again consider the advisability of establishing a County Youth Asylum, as we believe that it is only in that way the County can be saved from financial

disaster. In a local Asylum the expenditure would benefit the County and only County representatives would have control. Again thanking the Council for their confidence and with renewed regrets.

We are, Your obedient Servants,
James McBarthy: James Wynne.
Michael Meade: Bernard Hamill.

The above resignations were subsequently withdrawn.

On the reading of the above, a discussion took place with regard to the great increase in the Demand which would be made on the County by the Richmond Asylum Committee for the coming year, and eventually, the following resolution was

Proposed by Patrick McGee, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. B. McCourt, Esq.

and unanimously

Resolved

That we hereby appoint the following Committee to consider the question of the financial relations existing between County Louth and the Richmond District Asylum; the question of severing our connection with that Institution; and the establishment of a County Asylum:— Messrs J. B. Cox, James McCourt, Patrick O'Connell, P. V. Carolan, J. F. McGahon, J.P., H. B. Backhouse, J. L. McGee, Patrick Byrne, J.P., the Mayor of Drogheda, and the following members of the Council: Messrs J. B. Macardle, Esq., J. V. McQuillan, J. Wynne, J.P., McMeade, J. McBarthy, J.P., B. Hamill, J.P., Sir A. W. Foster, Bart., Esq., P. Donegan, J.P., and William Woods, J.P.

The Secretary was directed to convene a meeting of the Committee for Wednesday, 29th January, at eleven o'clock, a.m.

Malicious Injury Claims

The County Solicitor reported that on the hearing of the claim of M. B. Garkin at Ballybot Quarter Sessions of a claim for alleged malicious injury, the sum of £76 was levied on the District Electoral Division of Faughart, the balance of the award being levied on Forkhill, County Armagh.

In the claim of Edward Nugent, Forkhill, for £892, the Judge confined his award of £395 to County Armagh. It had been sought to include Louth.

The letters were initialled

J. B. Mc

Chairman

LOUTH COUNTY COUNCIL.

SECRETARY'S OFFICE,
COURTHOUSE, DUNDALK,

21st February, 1919.

The Fourth Quarterly Meeting of the Council will be held in the Court House, Drogheda, on Thursday, 27th day of February, 1919, at the hour of 1.15 o'clock p.m., for the purpose of considering the undermentioned business, which meeting you are requested to attend.

AGENDA:

1. Confirmation of the General Minutes of the Council.
2. Confirmation of the Finance Committee Minutes.
3. Confirmation of the Proposal Committee Minutes.
4. Confirmation of the Richmond Asylum Committee Minutes, and consideration of the formation of that Committee.
5. Consider Report from the County Surveyor.
6. Consideration of Proposals for Works formulated by the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
7. Consideration of Tenders, if any received, for Works not set by contract at Adjourned Meetings of the Rural District Councils and Proposal Committee.
8. Consideration of the Secretary's Estimate of Rates in respect of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1920.
9. Consider resolutions from the Ardee, Drogheda, and Dundalk Rural District Councils increasing their limits of expenditure.
10. Appointment of Returning Officer for the forthcoming elections.
11. Fix Date for the holding of the County Council and Rural District Council Elections.
12. Appointment of Tuberculosis Medical Officer for the County of Louth.
13. Notice of Motion:—
I hereby give Notice, that at the next Meeting of the Louth County Council I shall ask for an enquiry as to the possibility of treating harmless lunatics in the Unions of the County, as the present arrangement by which this class of patient is committed to Richmond District Asylum (where the cost of upkeep is much greater than in the Unions) throws a heavy burden on the ratepayers of the County.
Dated this 10th day of February, 1919.
JAMES WYNNE.
14. Consider question of renewing the Agreement between the Louth County Council and the County Louth Insurance Committee with regard to the treatment of insured persons suffering from tuberculosis.
15. Correspondence.

CHARLES McALESTER,

Secretary to the Council.

To each Member of the County Council.

Louth County Council.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Adjourned Quarterly Meeting held in the Court House, Drogheda on

Thursday, 27th day of February, 1919, at 1.15 o'clock p.m.

Present: In the Chair: P. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

Other Members: Messrs Bernard Hamill, J.P., James Wynne, J.P., James T. McGeer, J.P., William Woods, J.P., Joseph Dolan, B.L. Culman, J.P., Peter Woods, J.P., J. F. Murphy, J.P., John Morgan, Michael Mahon, J.P., N. T. Murphy, J.P., L. Goodman, J.P., P. B. Moore, J.P., T. V. MacQuillan, J.P., James McBarth, J.P., Patrick Donegan, J.P., J. J. Rath, J.P., Bernard Finnegan, J.P., Michael Meade, J.P., Stephen Lee, J.P., J. H. Mahon, J.P., P. L. McKee, J.P., W. T. Skeffington, J.P., John Dolan.

The County and Assistant Surveyors and the County Solicitor were in attendance.

Secretary's Illness

Before commencing the business of the meeting the Chairman referred to the illness of the Secretary and proposed that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mr. McAlester, and the hope that he would soon be quite recovered and able to resume duty. Mr. James McBarth seconded the motion which was passed unanimously, and the Assistant Secretary was directed to convey the sympathy and the good wishes of the Council to Mr. McAlester.

Confirmation of General Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by P. L. McKee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Louth County Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 23rd January, 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of Finance Minutes.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by D. J. Rath, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Finance Committee at their meetings held on the undermentioned dates, a copy of each having been sent to each member of the Council, with all payments and recommendations contained therein, be and are hereby confirmed:

Monday, 3rd February, 1919 : Monday, 17th February, 1919.

Confirmation of Proposal Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Michael Meade,

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Proposal Committee at their Fourth (Adjourned) Quarterly Meeting held on the 17th February 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed.

Confirmation of the Richmond Asylum Committee Minutes

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by N. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Minutes of Proceedings of the Richmond Asylum Committee at their meeting held on 30th January, 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and are hereby confirmed, and further that all members of the County Council be and are hereby appointed members of that Committee.

Confirmation of County Surveyor's Report.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P. B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J. McCarthy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved:

That the Report of the County Surveyor as appearing on Page One of the Schedule of Proposals for the 27th day of February, 1919, a copy of which has been sent to each member of the Council, be and is hereby adopted by this Council.

Ardee Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. J. McGeer, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Joseph Dolan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Ardee No. 1 Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Tuesday 7th January, 1919, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on Tuesday, 28th January, 1919, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Drogheda Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. V. MacQuillan, Esq.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the South Rural District of Drogheda Union, at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting, held on Tuesday, 14th day of January, 1919, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 4th February 1919, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Dundalk Works.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. J. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Dundalk Rural District Council at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on Monday, 13th day of January, 1919, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the Contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on the 3rd February, 1919, be and are

hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

County-at-Large.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by James Wynne, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved. That the Proposals for Works formulated by the Proposal Committee at their Fourth Quarterly Meeting held on 13th January, 1919, and set out on Form 20 furnished to the County Council, and the contracts entered into at their Adjourned Meeting held on 17th February, 1919, be and are hereby approved of, and we authorise our Secretary to affix the Common Seal of the Council to same.

Contracts.

The Council proceeded to consider tenders for Works not set at meetings of the Rural District Councils and as advertised by the Secretary.

For Work No. 372, Ardee: one tender was received and accepted, namely, John Mathews, Brownmartin, who tendered at £31.7.0.

Drogheda Rural District: For Work No. 216: John McCabe, Kean, tendered at £35.16.0, but did not appear.

For Work No. 219: the tender of Thomas Callaghan, Seafield at £19.11.0 was accepted. For Work No. 221, the tender of Thomas Callaghan, Seafield was accepted at £15.5.0.

Dundalk Rural District: For Work No. 353, the tender of Patrick Watters, Christianstown, £91, was accepted. For work No. 356, the tender of Peter Callan, Walterstown, £80, was accepted. For

Work No. 376, John Kerr, Teraghs, tendered at £33.16.0, but did not appear. For Work No. 431, John Kerr, Teraghs, tendered at £9.17.0 but did not appear. For Work No. 436, Peter Callan, Walterstown, tendered at £22, and was accepted.

Only one tender was received for each work in each of the Rural Districts.

Works not set by contract.

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by P.B. Moore, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by Michael McBride, Esq.

and

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

Estimate of Rates.

The next item on the Agenda was the consideration of the Secretary's Estimate of Rates for the financial year ending 31st March, 1920. After discussion, the following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by D.J. Rath, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved. That the General Estimate of Rates, and the Estimate of Rates for Separate Charges as set out on Forms 45 & 46, with the various rates in the £, as set out therein and recommended for adoption by the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 17th February, 1919, be and are hereby adopted by the County Council.

Sympathy with Mr Peter Woods, M.B.E.

The following resolution was passed in silence all members standing:

Proposed by J.L. McKeon, Esq., J.P.

Seconded by J.T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we tender to our esteemed colleague, Mr Peter Woods, J.P., our sincere sympathy in the loss he has sustained by the death of his mother.

Mr Peter Woods, J.P., returned thanks for the sympathy of the Council in his bereavement.

Limit of Expenditure-Ardee No.1

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J.T. McGee, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Ardee No.1 Rural District Council for the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in the District from £4803.15.0 to £6000, for the year ending 31st March, 1920, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for the necessary permission.

Limit of Expenditure - Drogheda (Louth)

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by P. L. McKeon, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Drogheda (Louth) Rural District Council for the extension of the limit of expenditure on roads in the District from £3273.15.0 to £4500 for the year ending 31st March, 1920, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for the necessary permission.

Limit of Expenditure - Dundalk

The following resolution was passed unanimously:

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

Seconded by J. H. McArdle, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby approve of the recommendation of the Dundalk Rural District Council for the extension of the Limit of expenditure on roads in the District from £8000 to £12,000 for the year ending 31st March, 1920, and we direct our Secretary to apply to the Local Government Board for the necessary permission.

Appointment of Returning Officer

The Council next proceeded to consider applications for the position as Returning Officer for the forthcoming elections in accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary. The only application received was that of Mr Patrick J. Roe, Solicitor, Francis Street, Dundalk, and the following resolution was passed unanimously:

Proposed by J. F. Murphy, Esq., J.P.

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

and

Resolved: That we hereby appoint Mr Patrick J. Roe, Solicitor, Francis Street, Dundalk, Returning Officer for the forthcoming County Council and Rural District Council elections. Expenses and remuneration to be in accordance with the scale last fixed by the County Council and approved by the Local Government Board.

Date for County Council and Rural District Council Elections

The following resolution was passed unanimously:-

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

Seconded by B. Finnegans, Esq., J.P.

and

Resolved: That we hereby fix Thursday, the 5th day of June, 1919, for the holding of the County and Rural District Council Elections for the County of Louth. The Secretary was directed to inform the Local Government Board of the appointment of Mr Roe as Returning Officer, and of the date fixed for the elections.

Appointment of Tuberculosis Medical Officer

In accordance with the advertisement issued by the Secretary, the Council proceeded to consider applications for the position of Tuberculosis Officer for the County of Louth, and the following applications were read:

The Royal National Hospital for Consumption
for Ireland,
The Hospital, Newcastle,
Co. Wicklow.
January 18th, 1919.

Dear Sirs,

I hear there is a vacancy for Tuberculosis Officer in the County of Louth, and beg to submit my name as a candidate for this post. I have acted as Resident Medical Officer to the above Hospital for a period of four years, and I have gained considerable experience in the different methods of treatment adopted for the cure of tuberculosis. I have also had considerable experience of general Hospitals - having been House Surgeon to the Fermanagh County Hospital, also House Surgeon to the West Norfolk and Lynn Hospital, and External Assistant to the Coombe Hospital, Dublin. Previous to my appointment as Medical Officer to the above Institution, I acted as Anaesthetist to Steeven's Hospital, Dental Hospital and the Orthopaedic Hospital, Dublin.

I am 38 years of age and married. Should I have the honour to be appointed I will carry out my work to the best of my ability and I hope to the satisfaction of the Board.

Yours faithfully,

F. O'B. KENNEDY,
L.M. Ech. L.A.O., T.C.W.
L.M. Rotunda

The Asylum, Monaghan,
22nd February, 1919.

Sir,

I beg to apply for the position of Tuberculosis Medical Officer for the County of Louth. Being five years qualified, I am over 25 years of age and have the diplomas of the Royal College of Physicians and Surgeons, Ireland. I enclose Testimonials.

Yours truly,

CHARLES McDONNELL,
L.R. C.P.S.I. L.M.

The Secretary,
Louth County Council,
Dundalk.