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County Council of Kildare.

Minutes and Proceedings.

Minutes of the First Meeting of the Council of the County of Kildare, convened by Mr. Charles Daly, Sub-Sheriff of the County and Returning Officer, by circular dated 17th April 1899, and held in the Grand Jury Room of the County Courthouse, Kias, on Saturday, the 22nd day of April, 1899, at 11 a.m. o'clock.

(1.)

The Secretary to the County Council (Mr. G. de L. Willis) read a circular letter, dated 18th April 1899, from the Local Government Board for Ireland enclosing an extract from the notice of the result of the election of County Councillors in the County Kildare, and directing him to read out the names of the Councillors before the business of the first meeting was proceeded with. The names of the Councillors were accordingly read by him from a list furnished to him by the Returning Officer as follows:—

I. Elected Councillors.

County Electoral Division.	Names.	Present or Absent.
✓ Athy, -----	✓ Mathew J. Minch, M.P., J.P. -----	✓ Present
✓ Ballitore, -----	✓ Owen Cogan, -----	✓ "
✓ Ballymore - Eustace, ✓	✓ George Wolfe, J.P., -----	✓ "
✓ Carbury, -----	✓ Ambrose R. More O'Ferrall, D.L. -----	✓ "
✓ Castledermot, -----	✓ Edward Hayden, -----	✓ "
✓ Celbridge, -----	✓ Sir Gerald R. Dease, J.P., -----	✓ "
✓ Churchtown, -----	✓ Stephen Heydon, -----	✓ "
✓ Clane, -----	✓ Peter Crosbie, -----	✓ "
✓ Harristown, -----	✓ James Kelly (Boherboy House), -----	✓ "
✓ Kilcock, -----	✓ John Field, -----	✓ "
✓ Kilcullen, -----	✓ Edward Fenelon, J.P., -----	✓ "
✓ Kildare, -----	✓ Charles Jn. Bergin, -----	✓ "
✓ Kilmeage, -----	✓ John Cribbin, -----	✓ "
✓ Kiltel, -----	✓ Laurence Malone, -----	✓ "
✓ Maynooth, -----	✓ Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, J.P., -----	✓ "
✓ Monasterewan, -----	✓ Edward Jas. Cassidy, -----	✓ Absent

County Electoral Division	Names.	Present or Absent
Morrinstownbiller, --- ✓	James Kelly (Rathbriede)	Present
✓ Naas, --- ✓	Stephen James Brown --- ✓	"
Newbridge, --- ✓	Joseph Patrick Dowling --- ✓	"
✓ Rathangan, --- ✓	Stephen Murphy --- ✓	"
Timahoe, --- ✓	Francis Colgan, J.P. --- ✓	"

II. Ex-officio Councillors (or their Substitutes).

Office	Names.	Present or Absent.
Chairman of Rural District Council of Naas N ^o 1 ✓	John T. Heffernan	✓ Present
✓ Chairman of Rural District Council of Ballyglass N ^o 3 ✓	John Kelly	✓ "
✓ Chairman of Rural District Council of Edenderry N ^o 2 ✓	Joseph O'Loughlin	"
✓ Substitute for Chairman (Mr. John Field) of Rural District Council of Celbridge N ^o 1 ✓	William R. Ronaldson	✓ "
Substitute for Chairman (Mr. M. J. Mich, M.P.) of Rural District Council of Athy N ^o 1 ✓	Thomas Orford	✓ "

III. Councillors chosen by County Kildare Grand Jury

✓ James E. Medlicott, J.P.	✓ Present
✓ George Mansfield, D.L.	"
✓ William T. Kirkpatrick, J.P.	✓ "

(2)

The roll of the Council having been called over, the Secretary stated that it was his duty to ask the Councillors to satisfy themselves that they were not subject to any of the disqualifications prescribed by the Statute or the Orders in Council, as any Councillor who acted if disqualified would be liable to serious penalties. The Secretary accordingly read Article 11 (4) and Article 12 of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898 and sub-section (3) of Section 94 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898.

(3)

The Secretary then handed round copies of the Declaration accepting Office as prescribed in Article 9 (5) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and same were duly made and subscribed before him by all the Councillors.

(4.)

It was proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone — That Mr. John T. Heffernan be Chairman of the Meeting.

The resolution was unanimously adopted, and the Chair was taken by Mr. John T. Heffernan.

(5.)

The Chairman asked the Council to decide whether they would elect from persons qualified to be Councillors one or two persons as Additional Councillors, in accordance with sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Local Government Act. The Council unanimously decided to proceed to elect two persons to be such Additional Councillors. It was then —

Proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, — That Mr. Richard McKenna, Rowanstown, be co-opted a member of this Council.

Proposed by Mr. C. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Thomas Orford, — That Mr. Joseph Connolly, Ballardstown, be co-opted a member of this Council.

Proposed by Mr. S. J. Brown, seconded by Mr. George Mansfield: — That Mr. A. J. Synnott, Furness, Naas, be co-opted a member of this Council.

After some discussion Mr. Synnott's name was, with the consent of the Council, withdrawn by his proposer and seconder. Mr. Richard McKenna and Mr. Joseph Connolly were then unanimously elected Additional Councillors. Mr. McKenna being present made the Statutory Declaration in presence of the Secretary, and took his seat on the Council.

(6.)

At this stage Mr. Edward J. Cassidy, Councillor for Monasterivan Division, attended, and made the Statutory Declaration in presence of the Secretary.

(7.)

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden — That Mr. Edward Fenelon be elected Chairman of the Council for the year.

Proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone —

That Mr. Stephen J. Brown be elected Chairman of the Council for the year.

The Council divided and there voted: —

For Mr. Fenelon

Mr. M. J. Minch
" Edward Hayden
" Stephen Hayden
" Peter Crosbie
" James Kelly (Bakerboy)
" John Cribbin
" Joseph P. Dowling
" Thomas Orford
" John Kelly

For Mr. Brown

Mr. ~~Francis~~ ^{Queen} Cogan
" George Wolfe
" A. More O'Ferrall
Sir Gerald R. Dease
Mr. John Field
" Charles V. Bergin
" Lawrence Malone
Lord Frederick Fitzgerald
Mr. E. J. Cassidy
" J. Kelly (Kathbride)
" Stephen Murphy
" Francis Colgan
" James E. Medlicott
" George Mansfield
" W. J. Kirkpatrick
" Wm R. Ronaldson
" Joseph O'Loughlin
" John T. Heffernan

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Mr. Brown, Mr. Fenelon, and Mr. McKenna declined to vote.

Mr. Stephen J. Brown was then declared elected Chairman for the year by a majority of 18 votes to 9.

The Chair was then vacated by Mr. John T. Heffernan, and taken by Mr. Stephen J. Brown, after he had signed the Declaration accepting office.

(8.)

Proposed by Mr. Lawrence Malone, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and passed unanimously —

That Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., be elected Vice Chairman of the Council for the year.

(9.)

The Secretary read two printed circulars from the Local Government Board, viz., No. 143 of 10th April, and No. 160 of 20th April, and handed in a circular letter and other printed documents forwarded therewith relative to the business to be transacted at the first Meeting of the Council.

(10.)

The Council proceeded to consider the Board's Circular Letter (No. 143 M) commencing with the appointment of Committees. In

connection therewith —

(11.)

The Secretary read a printed letter dated 21st inst. from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, directing the Council (under sub-section (2) of Section 9 of the Local Government Act) to appoint its proportion of a Joint Committee for the management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, and informing the Council that the Lord Lieutenant had decided that the Joint Committee of Management should consist of 18 members, of whom ten should be appointed by the County of Kildare, and further stating that of the number so appointed one-fourth might be persons not members of the County Council.

Proposed by Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Sir G. R. Dease, and unanimously agreed to —

That the appointment of a Joint Committee be postponed to next meeting.

It was further decided that the Local Government Board should be asked to state how many persons not members of the Council could be appointed under the provision relating to one-fourth of ten.

(12.)

Proposed by Mr J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr Edward Fenelon, and passed unanimously:—

That the Finance Committee consist of seven members with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, (three to be a quorum) and to meet at Naas, and that the following Councillors, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be the Committee:—

Sir G. R. Dease,

Mr Edward Fenelon,

Mr George Wolfe,

Mr Stephen Murphy,

Mr J. T. Heffernan, O. Bergin

Mr J. P. Dowling,

Mr W^m R. Ronaldson.

(13.)

Proposed by Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr George Wolfe, and passed unanimously —

That pursuant to Article 36(4) of the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order 1898, and to Article 4(2) and Article 10(1) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order 1899, the Finance Committee of the County Council of Kildare is hereby appointed to be the Proposal Committee of said Council, and that the quorum of the Proposal Committee be three.

(14.)

Proposed by Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. R. McKenna, and passed unanimously —

That the following Councillors, with the Chairman and Vice-Chairman, be appointed a Standing Orders Committee, (three to be a quorum) to draft Bye Laws and Standing Orders, to be considered at a future meeting of the County Council:— Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Malone, Mr. Medlicott, and Mr. Crosbie.

(15.)

Proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and passed unanimously —

That the following Councillors be appointed a Committee (five to be a quorum) to draft and submit to the County Council a scheme for the collection of the Poor-Rate as required by Section 115 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898:— Mr. Ronaldson, Mr. O'Loughlin, Mr. Heffernan, Mr. Orford, Mr. John Kelly, Mr. Mansfield, Mr. Medlicott, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Mr. Field, Mr. O'Ferrall, the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman.

(16)

At this stage, by permission of the Council, the following resolutions were proposed by Mr. George Wolfe and seconded by Mr. Owen Cogan:—

- 1.—That we affirm the right of the Irish Nation to a full measure of self-Government. We accept the Local Government Act of 1898 as a first instalment of the same, and call on the Imperial Parliament to proceed with the further restitution of our rights.
2. That we endorse the findings of the Financial Relations Commission, and knowing from our own practical experience that Ireland is heavily overtaxed, we urge the Government to hasten forward their Bill for instituting an Irish Board of Agriculture and Industries, and call upon them to place at the disposal of said board, as an instalment from that over-taxation, a substantial annual grant for the purpose of assisting the County Councils to develop our resources, promote Technical Education, the better housing of our labourers, and similar necessary works.
- 3.—That we call on the Government to extend the same facilities for University Education to the Catholics of Ireland as their Protestant countrymen enjoy.
- 4.—That we also urge on the Government the necessity of appointing a commission to inquire into the excessive rates charged on freight by the Irish Railways, and to revise the same where they are found to militate against the commercial and trading interests of the community.

Amendment proposed by Mr. George Mansfield, seconded by Mr. W. F. Kirkpatrick:—

That the Resolutions proposed by Mr. Wolfe be put seriatim and not in globo.

The Chairman called for a show of hands, when it appeared that the proposer and seconder were the only Councillors who voted for the Amendment, and it was accordingly declared lost.

The Chairman then put the Resolutions as a whole. Mr. Mansfield voted against them. Sir Gerald R. Dease, Lord F. Fitzgerald, Mr. Medlicott,

Mr Kirkpatrick, and Mr O'Ferrall declined to vote. The other Councillors present voted for the Resolutions, and the Chairman accordingly declared them carried.

(17.)

The Council resumed the consideration of the Local Government Board Letter of instructions of 10th April and it was —

Proposed by Mr James E. Medlicott, seconded by Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., and passed unanimously —

That pending the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council the Secretary be authorised to obtain such temporary clerical assistance as he may find to be necessary, at an outlay not to exceed £ 50.—.

(18.)

Proposed by Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr J. E. Medlicott, & passed unanimously —

That the Committee already appointed to suggest a scheme for the collection of the Poor Rate be appointed a Special Committee to report to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Council the arrangements that may seem to them to be necessary as regards the Permanent Office Staff, and also to suggest a scale for the remuneration and expenses to be paid to County and Union Officers (under Article 17 of the Transitory Provisions Order) for extra work in bringing the Act into operation.

(19.)

The Secretary read a letter dated 20th inst. from the Local Government Board, in which there was enclosed a negotiable receipt for £ 4870. 5/- being one half year's payment in respect of the Agricultural Grant. He reported that he had lodged same on 21st inst. with the Hibernian Bank, Naas, (as the present Treasurers of the County) to credit of the County Council of Kildare.

(20.)

The Secretary read communications from the following Unions and District Councils, applying for the undermentioned sums on account of their respective expenditure: —

From the Guardians of Athy Union for their estimated expenditure up to 30 th June, 1899 —	£	s.	d.
	1100	0	0
From the Rural District Council of Athy No. 1 for like period, —	800	0	0
From the Guardians of Baltinglass Union (no period stated) —	300	0	0
From the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 3 (no period stated)	100	0	0
From the Guardians of Celbridge Union "for the ensuing four months"	2500	0	0
From the Rural District Council of Celbridge No. 1 for like period	300	0	0
Carried forward	£ 5100	0	0

	£	s	d
Brought forward	5100	0	0
From the Guardians of Edenderry Union, "to meet pressing claims"	1227	0	0
From the Rural District Council of Edenderry N ^o 2 "to meet pressing claims" (including £70- for Election expenses, estimated at £5 per Electoral Division, -----	219	0	0
From the Guardians of Naas Union, (portion thereof in County Kildare) for the period from 31 st March to 31 st July 1899 - -	2267	7	8
From the Rural District Council of Naas N ^o 1 for the four months ending 31 st July 1899 - - - - -	831	18	11

Total claims from Poor Law Unions & District Councils £ 9645 6 7

In addition to the foregoing the Secretary reported that the following amounts would require to be liquidated immediately:-

Naas Gas Company, for gas supplied to County Court House 11 9 3

Balance D^t. at present date on the account of the County Treasurer under the Grand Jury Acts 50 4 2

£ 9707 0 0

To meet the above amount the Secretary reported that the following sums were now or would be shortly available:-

Half year's payment under Agricultural Grant (lodged in Bank as above) 7870 5 0

Government Bounty in lieu of rates (expected to be lodged in a few days) ----- 696 7 2

Contribution from War Office re extra traffic on roads near Government Brickworks at Carragh Camp 128 0 0

Total ----- £ 8694 12 2

The Secretary reported that the last-mentioned item of £128 had not yet been finally passed by the Military Authorities, but it was identical with the amount which they had paid for the past three years, and he expected that it would be shortly received. On this assumption it will be seen that the difference between the payments which require to be immediately met and the amounts that could be regarded as available to meet them was £1012 7 10. He reported that there would also be some payments required from time to time on foot of the maintenance of roads, &c., in charge of the County Surveyor, and of a few of the presentments passed at the Spring Assizes, and that consequently it would be advisable to obtain authority at the present time to overdraw the County Treasurer's account whenever necessary to the extent of about £1500-. He further reported that a large sum would have to be paid at

the Summer Quarterly Meeting of the Council, pending the collection of the Poor Rate, on foot of the presentments at the Spring Assizes, but that it was almost impossible to estimate the overdraft that might be required for this purpose until it was known what moneys might be receivable in the meantime from Government grants and other possible sources of income. He believed, however, that an overdraft of at least £10,000 would probably be required for a few weeks in the month of July.

(21.)

On considering the Secretary's financial statement the Council directed him to write to the County Treasurer and state that the County Council require to ask the Local Government Board for authority to overdraw their account, and desire to be informed on what terms as to interest such overdraft would be granted by the Hibernian Bank; that the Council would require immediate authority to overdraw up to £1500-, and that in the month of July the overdraft may have to be increased (pending the collection of the Poor Rate) for a few weeks to £10,000 or possibly more.

(22.)

The Secretary was further directed to ask the Local Government Board whether it was the duty of the County Council to appoint a County Treasurer, or whether the Hibernian Bank, & Co., who have hitherto been the County Bank and Treasurer under the Grand Jury, are an existing officer transferred to the County Council under Section 115 of the Local Government Act; and also to ask whether the County Council have power to change their Treasurer from time to time if they should desire to do so.

(23.)

Resolution read from the Guardians of Celbridge Union recommending the County Council to ask the Local Government Board to sanction the giving of relief to W^{id} Kate Tyrrell of Saggard, under Section 13 of the Local Government Act.

The Secretary was directed to return the resolution to the Clerk of the Union, and to inform him that this Council could take no action in the matter owing to Saggard being outside the bounds of their County.

(24.)

The County Surveyor handed in and read the

following Report on the subject of Main Roads:-

TO THE COUNTY COUNCIL OF COUNTY
KILDARE.

MR. CHAIRMAN, MY LORD, AND GENTLEMEN,

According to Section 8 (3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it is my duty to report to you, preparatory to your making a "General Declaration" declaring what roads in the County shall be "Main Roads." It is not easy to define what should constitute a main road, and no doubt opinions will widely differ. The general principle I adopted was that a road should be classified as "Main" (whether forming an existing separate contract or not) which (1) ought to be considered of importance to the whole county, or (2) to a very extensive area of same, or (3) which most directly connects towns or important villages inside the county with one another; and (4) which connects the county to important places in surrounding counties. I took a liberal view of the subject, and upon the accompanying map I have shown drawn in red colour all the roads in the county which I think may be declared Main Roads. The "District Roads" are coloured yellow. Taking the period ending in last March there were 1131 miles of roads under contract in the county, and out of this mileage I find that those I recommend to be "Main Roads" measure a few perches short of 460 miles, that is, over 41 per cent. of the whole, while the cost of the said 460 miles is just 60 per cent. of the total cost of the 1131 miles. One half of the expenses of a Main Road is to be levied off the whole county, so that the subject we are discussing is of great importance to District Councils. The Act accordingly provides that any Declaration as to Main Roads formulated by the County Council shall at first be only provisional, and is to be communicated to each District Council. There are at present 54 miles and 31 perches of Mail Car (or Post) roads in this county, and I recommend them all to be Main Roads except 4 Miles, 4 Furlongs, and 34 Perches.

Having said so much in a general way, I think the question of Main Roads should be adjourned until after the publication of the forthcoming County Book. I would suggest to have a list (giving the numbers in said book) of my proposed Main Roads sent to every Councillor—the list to be accompanied by a copy of the book.

It is not required, I think, at your first Meeting in a written Report to enter into ordinary matters about roads or other public works of the county, but I shall be happy to give all information in my power to the Council if required. Under the old law roads were arranged according to Baronies, but this is changed by the new Act, under which Districts (Rural or Urban) are substituted for Baronies. From the County Book of Summer, 1898, I made out a Schedule of Road Contracts changed from Baronies and apportioned to Districts, which I lay before you.

I have the honour to be,

Your obedient Servant,

EDWARD GLOVER, M. INST. C.E.,
County Surveyor.

(25.)

On considering the foregoing report it was proposed by Mr Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr George Mansfield, and passed—

That it be provisionally declared that the roads mentioned in the County Surveyor's report, and coloured red on the accompanying map, be main roads, and that this provisional declaration, with an accompanying map, be communicated to the several District Councils, and that the County Surveyor do attend the meetings of the several District Councils at which this provisional declaration is to be taken into consideration, as may be arranged.

(26.)

The Secretary handed in the printed Certificate issued by the Local Government Board under Section 49 of the Local Government Act as to the Standard rate for Poor Rate and County Cess, and showing the amounts taken for the purpose of the Act as having been raised in the County under these headings.

On considering same, and with reference to the amount of the remittance for the half yearly payment from the Agricultural Grant it was -

Proposed by Mr Owen Logan, seconded by Mr George Wolfe, and unanimously passed: -

That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board and request them to furnish the Council with the figures necessary to enable the Council to see how the amount of the Agricultural Grant for County Kildare has been estimated.

(27.)

The Secretary read a circular (No 147 M) from the Local Government Board, dated 18th April, transmitting a copy of their Order prescribing the time within which the Collectors of County Cess and Poor Rate are to state whether they are willing or otherwise to serve under the County Council. Same were considered, together with the contents of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order 1899. The Secretary was directed to make the necessary communication to the County Cess Collectors as desired by the Local Government Board.

(28.)

Proposed by Mr Lawrence Malone, seconded by Sir Gerald Dease, and unanimously agreed to -

That the Secretary be authorised to arrange with the Contractor for the County printing to obtain as soon as possible the Office books which have been prepared under the supervision of Mr W. E. Ellis (Local Gov^t Auditor) and also one copy of Mr Ellis' Exemplifications for County, District, and Union Accounts, respectively. That the County printer be also instructed to prepare as soon as possible a supply (as may be ordered by the Secretary) of the various Office forms required under the orders of the Local Government Board or otherwise.

(29.)

The Council decided to defer to their next meeting the fixing of dates for the Quarterly Meetings of Rural District Councils.

(30.)

The Secretary handed in an abstract of the Coroners' accounts as paid by the Grand Jury during the five years preceding the passing of the Local Government Act. He also read a letter (N^o 22103) on the subject from the Local Government Board dated 21st instant.

The Council directed the Secretary to inform the Coroners that the question of their salaries would be taken into consideration at the next meeting of the Council, and to furnish them with a copy of the abstract of their accounts. The County Surveyor was also directed to ascertain the area and population of the Coroners' districts.

(31.)

The Secretary read a letter, dated 20th April, from the Clerk of the District Council of Baltinglass N^o 3, as follows:—

"I am directed by the Local Government Board to inform you that only two District Councillors were co-opted under Section 113 of the Local Government Act in this Union, viz, J. Gormane, J.P., Grane, and P. P. Farnan, J.P., Bolton.

"This leaves a vacancy for one District Councillor, which the Local Government Board point out must be filled by the County Council.

"They have directed me to transmit a list of qualified ex-officio Guardians to you, but I am unable to do so, as the two gentlemen mentioned were the only justices residing in the County Kildare section of this Union (now the Baltinglass Rural District N^o 3) who acted for the past three years."

In reply to the foregoing letter the Secretary was directed to inform the Clerk of the Baltinglass N^o 3 District Council that, in the opinion of the County Council, the provisions of Section 113(3) of the Act do not require that the additional councillors therein mentioned must be selected from ex-officio Guardians actually resident within the Rural District in question. The County Council therefore request the Rural District Council of Baltinglass N^o 3 to select any ex-officio Guardian of Baltinglass Union who fulfils the other conditions laid down in Section 113(3), and who would also be qualified under the other provisions of the Act to be a Councillor for a Rural District in County Kildare. The County Council will be prepared to appoint any person so selected and qualified to be a third additional Councillor for the Rural District of Baltinglass N^o 3, unless the Local Government Board should advise them

that they have not correctly interpreted the section in question.

(32.)

The Secretary read a circular letter, dated 18th April, from the Secretary of the Appeal Commission (Ireland) and handed in accompanying notices relative to petitions against Orders of the Local Government Board under Section 68 of the Local Government Act.

(33.)

The Secretary read a Resolution, adopted by the last Presentment Sessions for the Barony of Skeathry & Oughterary, and referred by the Grand Jury to the County Council, relative to applications for payments by road contractors and others, and recommending that such applications should not be required.

With reference to this matter the Secretary stated that, some time previous to the Presentment Sessions, he had called the attention of some of the officers of the Local Government Board to the fact that such applications were unnecessary, and imposed expense and loss of time on the applicants, and that this state of things would become much worse under Article 7(3) of the Local Government (Procedure of Councils) Order, 1899 (at that time a Draft Order). He had since been informed that his objections had been considered by the Board, and that provisions had been inserted in Article 5(10) of the District Accounts Order, 1899, and in Article 6(9) of the County Councils Order, 1899, by which such applications were rendered unnecessary.

(34.)

Mr. John T. Heffernan handed in the following —

"Notice of Motion."

"I will move at the next Meeting of the Council — 'That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Trustees of the Duke of Leinster as to whether they are disposed to enter into negotiations with regard to the reopening of the County Infirmary.'"

(35.)

Mr. C. Black, an Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act, handed in through the Secretary the following Notices relative to cases of sheep-scab: — 5 Withdrawals of Notice, 1 Notice prohibiting movement, and 1 Notice of a fresh outbreak. The two last-named Notices related to lands situate in the County Wicklow portion of Naas Union, and the Council were of opinion that they had no jurisdiction in these cases. Ultimately the consideration of all the Notices was deferred to the next Meeting of the Council.

(36.)

The Secretary read a Circular and Resolutions (dated 10th April) from the Irish Financial Reform League of 19 Lincoln Place, Dublin, and a Circular and Resolutions (dated 20th April) from the Irish Railway Reform Association. The Council made no order thereon.

(37.)

The Council adjourned — to meet again on Saturday, 29th April, at half past twelve o'clock. The Finance Committee to meet on same date, at 10 a.m.

Stephen J. Brown Ch
29th April 1899

County Council.

Minutes of a meeting of the Council of the County Kildare, held in the Council Chamber in the County Court House, Naas, on Saturday, 29th April 1899, at 12:30 p.m. o'clock.

(1.) (38).

The Secretary called over the names of the Councillors, and all the members of the Council were found to be present or attended shortly afterwards except Mr James Kelly of Bohergoy & Mr Peter Crasbie. The Chair was occupied by

Mr Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the Council.

(2.) (39).

With reference to Minute No. 5 of 22nd April, the Secretary read a letter from Mr Joseph Connolly, Pollardstown, accepting the position of Additional ~~County~~ Councillor under Sub-section (2) of Section 3 of the Local Govt Act. Mr Connolly being now present made the Statutory declaration accepting office, and took his seat on the Council.

(3.) (40)

The Minutes of the last meeting of the County Council were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(4.) (41)

The Chairman read his Minutes of a meeting of the Finance Committee, held at 10:30 a.m. on this date, and submitted same as their report. It was then —

Proposed by Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr J. P. Dowling and unanimously agreed:

That the Minutes of the Finance Committee be adopted as their report.

~~(5.)~~ (42)

The County Council approved of the decision of the Finance Committee (in their Minute N^o 3) relative to the account furnished by Mr Charles Daly, Sub-Sheriff, as Returning officer, for his election expenses.

~~(6.)~~ (43)

The Finance Committee, in their Minute N^o 4, recommended that the several sums applied for by Unions and District Councils amounting to £9645: 6: 7, as set out in County Council Minute N^o 20, should be paid. The County Council approved of this, and Form N^o 27, authorising the County Treasurer to make the necessary transfers to the Union and District funds, was subsequently handed in by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

~~(7.)~~ (44)

The County Council also approved of the further payments recommended by the Finance Committee in their Minutes N^{os} 5, 7, & 8, viz:—

To Mr Charles Daly, Returning Officer, on account, -----	£	s	d
To Naas Gas Company, Limited, -----	500	.	.
To Hibernian Bank, Ltd, Naas, for credit of the Subsidiary Account, -----	11	9	3
To G. de L. Willis, Secretary to the Council, to provide temporary clerical assistance in his Office, -----	100	.	.
	50	.	.

Form N^o 14 for the foregoing amounts was subsequently handed in by the Secretary and duly signed by the Chairman and two members of the County Council.

~~(8.)~~ (45)

The remaining Minutes of the Finance Committee were also approved of.

~~(9.)~~ (46)

With reference to County Council Minute N^o 11 respecting the appointment of a Joint Committee for Carlow Lunatic Asylum, the Secretary read a letter (N^o 23726) dated 28th April, from the Local Government Board, stating that "the Kildare County Council cannot formally appoint members to act on the Joint Committee until after 16th May next, x x x but they may consider the question of the persons to be selected, at their meeting to-morrow", and further stating that only two persons could be selected who are not members of the Kildare County Council.

The County Council decided to defer further action in this matter until their next meeting to be held after 16th May.

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County Treasurer. — With reference to County Council Minute No. 22, the Secretary read a letter [No. 23577] dated 26th April from the Local Government Board stating that "the Bank which acted formerly as Treasurer of the Grand Jury will continue so to act unless, under Section 83 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act 1898 the County Council of a County appoint another Bank as Treasurer".

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County Treasurer's Account. — With reference to County Council Minute No. 21 the Secretary read the following letter from the Hibernian Bank, Naas, dated 28th April:—

"Dear Sir,

"I have laid your application of 25th inst. before my Directors, who have granted the overdraft required by the Council, at the rate of 3½ per cent. With regard to the further question of interest on credit balances I have to say that interest at the rate of 2 per cent will be allowed on the daily credit balances.

"Yours faithfully,

"(Signed) A. Shunder, Manager."

On considering the foregoing letter it was —
Proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., and carried:—

That the terms for temporary advance and interest on current balances proposed by the Hibernian Bank be accepted.

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Bank Overdraft. — Proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and carried unanimously —

That the Local Government Board be requested to sanction an overdraft up to £10,000 as may be required from time to time up to 30th September next.

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With reference to County Council Minute No. 31 respecting the appointment of a third additional councillor for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, the Secretary read a letter (No. 24056) dated 28th April from the Local Government Board, stating that in their opinion the County Council had correctly interpreted Section 113(3) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act.

The Secretary also read a telegram from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 3 District Council as follows:—

"To Willis, Naas. District Council nominate Edward Peter O'Kelly, J.P., Baltinglass. (Signed) Daqq."

It was accordingly proposed by Mr. Owen Cogan, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and unanimously passed —

That Mr. Edward Peter O'Kelly be appointed a third Additional Councillor for the Rural District of Baltinglass W. 3, under Section 113 (3) of the Local Government Act.

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With reference to County Council Minute No. 35, the Secretary read a letter [No. 24056] dated 28th April from the Local Government Board, concurring with the view taken by the County Council to the effect that the Council had no jurisdiction under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the portion of Naas Union which is situate outside the bounds of their County.

In consequence of the foregoing letter the Notice prohibiting movement and the Notice of a fresh outbreak of sheep-scab, handed in by Mr. C. Black at the last meeting of the Council, were now handed back to him, and his five withdrawals of Notice were marked read.

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Diseases of Animals Acts. — The Secretary read a Circular (No. 380/99) from the Assistant Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, relative to the business transferred to the County Council under the Diseases of Animals Acts 1894 and 1896.

On considering same it was — Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., and carried —

That the Chairman & Vice Chairman of the five District Councils of the County, and of the Boards of Guardians of the Athy, Celbridge, Naas, Edenderry & Baltinglass Unions be an Executive Committee for the purposes of the Diseases of Animals Acts, any three to form a quorum. The first meeting of the Committee to be on whatever day may be fixed for the next meeting of the County Council.

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The Council further adjourned to their next meeting the consideration of fixing dates for the quarterly meetings of the Rural District Councils.

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The Secretary read a letter [No. 22344] dated 22nd April, from the Local Government Board, stating that in their opinion "Collectors of Poor Rate are placed in exactly the same position as Collectors of County Cess with regard to employment by the County Council, and no preference is given, so far as the Board are aware, to one class

"over the other. Having regard to the terms of Section 115(12)(c) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the Board consider that "if a Cess Collector has expressed his unwillingness to serve, he is entitled to receive a gratuity even if the County Council are willing to employ him".

On the foregoing letter being read, Mr. Dudley White, B.L., instructed by Mr. Kennedy, Solicitor, asked the permission of the Council to make some observations on behalf of the Poor Rate Collectors, and he was permitted to do so.

(55.)

The Council proceeded to consider the salaries to be fixed for the County Coroners. The Secretary handed in an abstract of the Coroners' Accounts for the five years ended at Summer Assizes, 1898. Dr. Falconer, Q.C., instructed by Mr. W.A. Lanphier, Solicitor, appeared for the Coroners, and handed in a similar abstract, prepared by the Coroners themselves, and which showed that they estimated that their average emoluments, including salary, fees, and mileage for the five years in question had been —

Dr. Smyth --- £93. 2. 5. Dr. O'Neill --- £152. 8. 0

After hearing Counsel and examining the abstracts of accounts the Council agreed to accept these estimates as correct.

On the motion of Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, Dr. O'Neill's salary was fixed at £152. 8. 0 in terms of Section 14 of the Local Government Act.

Mr. Edward Hayden proposed, & Mr. Laurence Malone seconded that Dr. Smyth's salary should be £123.

Mr. John Field proposed, and Mr. George Wolfe seconded an amendment — that Dr. Smyth's salary be £110.

Mr. J.P. Dowling proposed, & Mr. Thomas Orford seconded a further amendment — that Dr. Smyth's salary be £100.

Mr. Owen Cogan proposed, & Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride) seconded a further amendment — that Dr. Smyth's salary be £93. 2. 5.

A division was taken upon Mr. Cogan's amendment with the result that there voted for the amendment Mr. Owen Cogan, Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride), Mr. A. More O'Ferrall, Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, & Mr. Cassidy. There voted against the Amendment all the other members excepting Mr. Minch, Mr. Medlicott, and Mr. Kelly of Bohergoy (who were absent). Mr. Cogan's Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

A division was then taken on Mr. J.P. Dowling's amendment — that Dr. Smyth's salary be £100. There voted for the amendment all the members except Messrs. Minch, Medlicott, & Kelly of Bohergoy (who were absent).

There voted against it Mr. Edward Hayden & Mr. Laurence Malone. The amendment was accordingly declared carried, and was then put by the Chairman as an original resolution, and was declared carried on a division in which the voting was the same as for the amendment.

Dr. Smyth's salary was accordingly fixed at £100. in terms of Section 14 of the Local Government Act.

The Council further decided that the salaries of both Coroners, at the rates now fixed, should be paid as from 1st April 1899, up to which date they are to be paid their salaries and emoluments at the rate heretofore paid.

(56.)

County Kildare Infirmary. — Pursuant to notice Mr. John J. Heffernan moved as follows: —

"That the Secretary be instructed to communicate with the Trustees of the Duke of Leinster as to whether they are disposed to enter into negotiations with regard to the opening of the County Infirmary."

Mr. Heffernan's resolution was seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden.

Lord Frederick Fitzgerald being present stated, on behalf of the Trustees of the Duke of Leinster, that they would be prepared to enter into negotiations for the re-opening of the Kildare Infirmary, but not for the letting of the Doctor's residence, as that house had been let on lease.

After considerable discussion Mr. Heffernan withdrew his resolution, and the following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. A. More O'Ferrall: —

"That the question of the re-opening of the Kildare Infirmary be referred to the several Rural District Councils of the County Kildare, and that they be requested to favour the Council with their views at next meeting."

(57.)

County Carlow Infirmary. — The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Edward Hayden: —

"To ask the County Council to instruct their Secretary to communicate with the Committee of the Carlow County Infirmary, to see if arrangements could be made for patients from the Electoral Division of Ballaghmoon, and the townlands of Ballyhale & Knocknacree, to be sent to and treated at that Infirmary."

(58.)

Railway Reform Association. — Proposed by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. John Field, and unanimously adopted: —

That the County Kildare County Council appoint members to represent them on the Railway Reform Association, viz., Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, Mr. Field, & Mr. McKenna.

(59.)

The next meeting of the County Council was fixed for Saturday, 27th May, at 12:30 p.m.

(60.)

Provisions for Sudden Damage Orders. — The County Surveyor submitted the following Resolution, and same was proposed by Mr J P Dowling, seconded by Mr Laurence Malone, and unanimously adopted:—

For the purpose of providing for the immediate repair of a Sudden Damage to any public work, under Section 11 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the County Council hereby direct their County Surveyor to forward a certificate relating to such Sudden damage, and stating probable cost of repair, to the County Councillor of the district in which the damage occurred. Such certificate, if countersigned by the Councillor and returned to County Surveyor, to be full authority for execution of the necessary repairs, provided the expense, if wholly a District charge does not exceed £50. Where the expense will be wholly a District charge and exceeding £50— the County Surveyor, before proceeding with the work of repairs, shall communicate with the Clerk of the District Council in whose District the Sudden damage occurred, and forward to him a copy of the signed and countersigned certificate above referred to. If after the lapse of ten days the District Council do not communicate with the County ^{Surveyor (vide Minute No. 14D)} Council and object to the expense, the County Surveyor to have authority to proceed with repairing the damage. Expenditure on Sudden Damages to be paid out of "Subsidiary Account", upon certificates issued by the County Surveyor.

(61.)

Train Service to Naas. — Proposed by Mr George Mansfield, D.L., seconded by Mr George Wolfe, and unanimously adopted:—

That we call the attention of the Great Southern & Western Railway Co. to the inadequacy of the present train service to Naas & Sallins, owing to which the Jurors, Witnesses, professional men attending Assizes and Quarter Sessions, the members of this Council and of the District Council, and the public generally are subjected to great inconvenience, and we urge upon the Company the necessity of improving the present service.

(62.)

Bills for Confirming Provisional Orders. — The Secretary read a circular (No. 20734/1899) dated 24th April, from the Local Government Board, containing particulars of arrangements made by the Irish Government with reference to Bills to be introduced in Parliament for the purpose of confirming Provisional Orders made by the Local Govt Board under the Public Health (Ireland) Acts, the Housing of the Working Classes Acts, and the Local Govt Act 1898.

(63.)

Malicious Injury Claim, £250. — The Secretary handed in Notices of a claim for Malicious injury for £250. which had been served on him on behalf of Major R. H. Borrowes, D.L. On considering same it was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. T. Hefferman, and unanimously agreed —

That our Solicitor be instructed to defend the claim made for malicious damage of £250 by Major Borrowes.

(64.)

Revised Valuation Lists. — The Secretary read a circular (dated 28th April) from the Commissioners of Valuation, forwarding the revised Valuation Lists for the County of Kildare, and a Statement for each Rural District showing the changes made in the Valuation during the recent annual revision, and also printed copies of Instructions issued by him under the Valuation Acts.

The Council adjourned to Saturday, 27th May.
Stephen J. Brown Ch.
27th May 1899.

County Council.

Minutes of a Meeting of the Council of the County Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, in the County Court House, Kears, on Saturday, 27th May 1899 at half past twelve o'clock.

(65.)

The Secretary called over the names of the Councillors and all the members of the Council were found to be present except Mr. James Kelly, (Bohergoy), Mr. John Kelly, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, & Mr. Peter Crosbie. The two last-named members attended somewhat later. The Chair was occupied by

Mr. Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the Council.

(66.)

Agenda Paper. — At the suggestion of the Chairman it was ordered that short particulars of the correspondence to be laid before the Council should be furnished on or with the Agenda Paper for the future.

(67.)

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(68.)

Letter dated 8th May read from the Secretary of the Great

Southern & Western Railway, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution of this Council (Minute N^o. 61) relating to the train service between Naas and Dublin. The Council expressed their dissatisfaction at the letter being little more than a formal acknowledgment, and at their request Sir Gerald Dease promised to bring the matter before the Directors of the Great Southern & Western Railway Company.

(69.)

Sudden Damages. - General Order of Local Government Board dated 15th May 1899, read, prescribing the method and procedure in cases of sudden damage to public works. In accordance therewith it was Ordered - That Minute N^o. 60 of this Council be altered by substituting the word seven for the word ten in line 17 thereof.

(70.)

Agricultural Grant. - With reference to Council Minute N^o. 26 a letter was read from Local Government Board dated 5th May (N^o. 24056) forwarding a statement containing certain details of the figures on which the Agricultural Grant allocated to the County of Kildare was calculated. On considering same it was

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. C. J. Bergin, and Unanimously agreed to - That the matter be referred to the Finance Committee.

(71.)

Proposed by Mr. E. Fenelon, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone - That the Finance Committee meet on the day of the County Council meeting at 10 o'clock a. m.

Amendment proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan: - That the meetings of Committees be held on days other than the days of meetings of the County Council unless otherwise decided by the Chairman.

The Amendment was put to the Council and carried, and was then put as a substantive proposition and was also carried.

(72.)

Bank Overdraft. - Letter N^o. 24055 dated 6th May from the Local Government Board read sanctioning the proposal of the County Council (Minute N^o. 49) to obtain a temporary overdraft from the County Treasurer pending the levying of the new rates.

(73.)

Main Roads. - General Order of Local Govt. Board dated 1st May, 1899, read, prescribing the procedure &c. in connection with Main Roads.

(74.)

Compulsory Acquisition of Land. - General Order of Local Govt Board dated 9th May, 1899, on this subject was handed in by the Secretary and taken as read.

(75.)

Separate Charges. - Sealed Order of Local Govt Board, N^o 35 M, dated 15th May 1899, was read by the Secretary, together with his correspondence thereon with the Local Government Board.

(76.)

Expenditure on District Roads. - Circular N^o 255 M. dated 26th May 1899 from Local Govt Board read, with reference to their Certificate of 29th April under Section 27 (2) of Local Government Act. Ordered - That same be referred to the Secretary and the County Surveyor, with instructions to them to communicate with the Local Government Board on the subject if they should see any reason to dissent from the Board's certificate.

(77.)

Malicious Injury Claim for £500- from Robert Spooner was handed in by the Secretary and referred to the Solicitor.

(78.)

Circular dated 10th May read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, enclosing a leaflet explaining the provisions of the Fertilisers & Feeding Stuffs Act 1893 and embodying the regulations made thereunder by Order in Council of 20th March, 1899. Ordered - That copies of same be procured and sent to each member of the Council.

(79.)

Memorandum read from the Secretary of the Irish Land Commission enclosing a pamphlet on Spraying Instructions for the prevention of potato disease. Ordered - That copies of same be procured and sent to each member of the Council.

(80.)

Letter of 25th May read from Sergeant H. Kettle, R.I.C., Bert, Athy, asking for instructions as to the disposal of a stray dog found by him in possession of Mrs Jane Haughton of Castlerebau. Ordered - That Sergeant Kettle be referred to Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., for instructions.

(81.)

Circular dated 4th May read from the Secretary to the Waterford County Council, enclosing resolutions relative to the Irish language. On reading same it was proposed by Mr Edward Fenelon, seconded by Mr J. P. Dowling, and unanimously agreed to - That said Resolutions be adopted as follows: -

1. That the movement for the revival and preservation of the Irish Language deserves the support of all classes of Irishmen, without distinction of creed or politics.
2. That we are of opinion that the Irish Language should be placed on the same level as the other modern languages in our University, Secondary, and Primary courses of education.

3. That we call on the National Board of Education to remove the present restrictions which prevent children in Irish speaking districts receiving the benefit of a bi-lingual education.

That copies of these resolutions be forwarded to the Right Hon. G. Balfour, M.P., Chief Secretary for Ireland, to the National Board of Education, to the Intermediate Board of Education, and to the Central Executive of the Gaelic League, Dublin.

(82.)

Letter read from Sir J. H. Grattan Esmonde, M.P., Chairman of County Wexford County Council, enclosing the following resolutions adopted by his County Council:—

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

2. That the foregoing resolution be placed on the Standing Orders of this Council.

3. That the National Council do assemble upon an early date.

On reading the foregoing resolutions it was proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Edw. Hayden and unanimously agreed to — That said resolutions be adopted by this Council.

(83.)

Proposed by Mr. Owen Cogan, seconded by Mr. Edw. Hayden and unanimously agreed — That Mr. John T. Heffernan, Mr. John Field, and Mr. George Wolfe be the delegates to represent this Council at the National Council proposed by Sir Thomas Esmonde.

(84.)

The Secretary having informed the Council that they should adopt a Seal it was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon, and unanimously agreed —

That the question of a Seal for the County Council be referred to the Finance Committee to report and suggest a design.

(85.)

The Secretary read a letter from Mr. W. G. White, Solicitor to the Council, reporting on the claim for £1281:18:10 which had been furnished by Mr. Charles Daly as Returning Officer, for his Election Expenses, and recommending that the Council should offer Mr. Daly £1200. in settlement of same.

After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Tho. Orford
That the Returning Officer be offered £1189- in settlement of
his account, and in the event of his refusal that his account be taxed.
Amendment proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and seconded by
Mr. Stephen Heydon -

That the account be referred to the Finance Committee, and that in
the meantime notice for taxation be served.

The Amendment was put to the Council by the Chairman, and
declared lost, the proposer & seconder only voting for it.

The original Resolution was then carried unanimously.

Mr. Daly subsequently agreed to accept the £1189 as settlement
in full.

(86.)

Circular dated 10th May read from the Secretary of Cork County
Council enclosing a resolution of the Council calling attention to the
complicated character of the new rules, forms, & accounts prescribed
by the Local Government Board and to the extra cost thereby entailed
upon the ratepayers in employing extra staff, &c.

(87.)

Circular from Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland was handed in
and the consideration of same was adjourned till next meeting of
the Council.

(88.)

Letter dated 11th May read from the Clerk of the Rural District Council
of Edenderry N^o. 2, enclosing the following resolution adopted by his
Council: -

"Resolved: Inasmuch as the pecuniary grants provided under the
"Local Government Act were conferred with a view to satisfying the Agricultural
"Claims, and will certainly be reckoned against Ireland in any future
"financial adjustment, and as the share of such grants receivable under
"said Acts by Absentee Landlords is spent abroad, and does not in any
"way benefit Ireland, Now we desire to record our sense of the
"injustice involved in this, and to express our conviction that Absentee
"Landlords should be liable to Poor Rate to the extent of half
"the standard rate, and we call upon our Representatives in Parliament
"to give effect and expression to these our views."

On the motion of Mr. Edward Fenlon, seconded by Mr. J. D. Laughlin,
the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted by the Council.

(89.)

Circular dated 17th May read from the Assistant Under Secretary,
Dublin Castle, with reference to the Under Secretary's circular of

21st April, requesting to be furnished with the names and addresses of the ten gentlemen appointed by the County Council of Kildare to be their proportion of the Joint Committee for the management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum.

It was proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, & seconded by Lord Fredth Fitzgerald, —

That the following gentlemen should be nominated:—

M. J. Minch, J.P., M.P.,	Rockfield House, Athy
Edward Hayden	Knocknagoe, Carlow
Stephen J. Brown, J.P.	Naas
Francis Colgan, J.P.	Cappagh House, Enfield
James E. Medlicott, J.P.	Dunmurry, Kildare
Thomas Orford	Foxhill, Athy
Edward Fenelon, J.P.	Kilgowan, Kildare
Charles John Bergin	Kildare
Very Rev. Canon Germaine, P.P.	Athy
Rev. Martin Walsh, P.P.	Castledermot

Mr. James Kelly (Kathbride) proposed and Mr. James Connolly seconded an Amendment that in lieu of Rev. M. Walsh, P.P. there should be substituted the name of D. Rowan.

The Amendment was by leave of the Council withdrawn, and the original Resolution was unanimously adopted.

(90.)
Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon and carried unanimously —

That inasmuch as it appears that the Lord Lieutenant has power to appoint six additional members to the Joint Board of the Committee of the Carlow Lunatic Asylum, we beg to point out that Kildare has claim for a majority of members so appointed, having regard to their contribution to Asylum Expenses.

(91.)
Circular No. 213 M, dated 12th May, read from Local Government Board relative to convenient dates for Quarterly Meetings of the County Council, District Councils, and Proposal Committee, and as to the business to be transacted before, at, and after same. With reference thereto the County Surveyor suggested suitable dates for the meetings in question, & it was ultimately unanimously agreed that the Quarterly Meetings should be as follows:—

Baltinglass No. 3 —	Friday, 14 th July	Athy No. 1 —	Saturday, 29 th July
Naas No. 1 —	Monday, 24 th "	Proposal Committee —	Wednesday, 9 th August
Celbridge No. 1 —	Tuesday, 25 th "	County Council —	Monday, 28 th "
Edenderry No. 2 —	Friday, 28 th "		

(92.)

At the suggestion of the County Surveyor the following Resolutions were proposed by Mr. M. J. Mench, M.P., seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and unanimously adopted :-

That the County Council authorise the County Surveyor at the forthcoming Quarterly Meetings of District Councils to certify for full half-year's salary for all Contractors whose contracts expire in July next, provided such Contractors have performed their duties according to their Specifications. The County Surveyor to revoke or modify any such Certificate if neglect is discovered up to July Assizes, and that the Local Government Board be requested to sanction this arrangement. And further -

(93)

To ensure uniformity in Forms, &c., to be used by District Councils, where same are not already prescribed by the Local Government Board for "Public Works" to be discussed at Quarterly Meetings, and also to provide for the efficient transaction of business by the District Councils, at their first quarterly meetings, the County Council authorise their County Surveyor to send any such Forms (including those for Specifications) as may be necessary to the Clerk of each District Council. The County Surveyor to forward to each Clerk such a number of each Form, Specification, &c., printed or in blank as he thinks would be sufficient to meet all requirements of the District Councils at their first Quarterly Meeting. Clerks of District Councils to be requested that for the future such Forms, &c., are to be kept in stock, and renewed from time to time by the District Councils as required.

(94)

The Chairman handed in a report unanimously adopted by the Committee appointed to frame a Scheme for the Collection of the Poor Rate, with a Schedule, showing the officers recommended to be employed for the purpose, and the Collection Areas proposed to be allotted to them.

After considering same it was unanimously resolved, on the motion of Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, that the Report and Schedule submitted by the Committee be adopted by the County Council, and submitted to the Local Government Board in accordance with Section 115 of the Local Government Act.

[N.B. - A printed copy of the Report & Schedule of the Committee will be found in their Minutes - after Minute No. 22].

(95)

Mr. A. More O'Ferrall, with the permission of the Council, withdrew the following Notice of Motion which stood in his name on their Agenda Paper:-
That the question of the re-opening of the Kildare Infirmary

" be referred to the several Rural District Councils of the County
" Kildare, and that they be requested to favour the Council with
" their views at next meeting".

(96)

Proposed by Colonel Sir Gerald Dease, seconded by Mr. John Cribbin,
and unanimously adopted:—

That the following be added to the Executive Committee appointed
for the Diseases of Animals Acts:— Messrs Stephen Heydon, (Browstown,
Athy); Richard McKenna (Kearneystown, Hazelhatch); Jas. Malone (Celbridge),
A. More O'Ferrall, D.L. (Balyna, Moyvalley); Tho. Cooke-Trench, D.L.
(Millicent, Sallins); John McDermott (Coolmartin, Donadea);
Laurence Malone (Brookstown, Naas); Patrick Dunne (Commonstown,
Newbridge).

(97.)

Pursuant to Notice of Motion the following Resolution was
Proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden:—

Resolved— That the Secretary be instructed to communicate
with the Committee of the Carlow County Infirmary to see if arrangements
could be made for patients from the Electoral-division of Ballaghmoora
and the townlands of Ballyhade and Knocknacree to be sent to & treated
at that Infirmary.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P. & unanimously
adopted.

(98)

The Secretary read a letter dated 13th May from the Clerk of
the District Council of Athy No. 1 requesting the County Council
to take action against the reduction in the Valuation of the Great
Southern & Western Railway in the County of Kildare. He reported
that he had applied to the Local Govt. Board for permission for the
County Council to appeal if they should see fit to do so, and he
read their letter No. 28464 of 19th inst. giving such permission. He
further reported that the appeal should be lodged with the Commissioner
of Valuation on the evening of this day.

On considering the matter it was

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling,
and carried unanimously —

That the Secretary lodge an appeal on behalf of this
County Council on this evening against the reduction of the Valuation
of the Great Southern & Western Railway in the County Kildare.

(99.)

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, and unanimously agreed - That Sir Gerald Dease be authorised to propose a Motion of which notice has not been given.

(100)

It was accordingly proposed by Sir Gerald Dease, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson: -

(1) THAT as it is very desirable to remove all imbecile, epileptic, and such afflicted persons from Union Workhouses to suitable institutions where they can be properly treated, a small Committee, consisting of Sir Gerald Dease, Mr. S. J. Brown, Mr. Minch, Mr. J. T. Heffernan, Mr. Laurence Malone, Mr. George Wolfe, and Mr. Stephen Murphy, be appointed to consider the matter and report to the Council.

(2) THAT the Committee be specially asked to consider the suitability of the building formerly used as Naas Gaol for the purpose of providing accommodation for these persons, and that they may call in such expert medical assistance and advice as may be necessary to enable them to form an opinion, or to offer any suggestions as to a better use for the Gaol building.

The foregoing Resolutions were unanimously adopted.

(101.)

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden - That Mr. Dowling be permitted to move a Motion without notice.

(102)

It was then proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed to -

Resolved - That the Government be called upon to make arrangements by an Act of Parliament if necessary so that the sums charged by Inspectors of Weights & Measures for verification, and also the sums recovered by fines for unjust weights and measures may be credited to the funds of each County, to pay part of the heavy expenses incurred by procuring and maintaining Standard and sub-standard Weights & Measures, scales, & stamping apparatus.

(103)

Proposed by Colonel Sir Gerald Dease, seconded by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and carried unanimously - That as soon as the Accounts of the Treasurer of the County Kildare under the Grand Jury have been closed the Secretary do apply to the Local Government Board to transfer the credit balance therein to credit of the Treasurer of the County Council.

(104.)

On a discussion as to the most convenient day and hour for meetings of the County Council, it was decided that Saturday at 10 a.m. would, as a rule, be the most suitable fixture. The date for the next meeting of the Council was left to be fixed by the Chairman and

The Council adjourned.

Stephen J. Brown, Chm.
5th August 1899.

County Council.

Saturday, 5th August, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Meeting of the Council of the Administrative County of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 5th August, 1899, at 10:15 a.m.

(105.)

The Secretary called over the names of the Councillors and all the members of the Council were found to be present except Messrs. A. More O'Ferrall, John Kelly, Thomas Orford, W. F. Kirkpatrick, Joseph Connolly, George Mansfield, Richard McKenna, E. J. Cassidy, Peter Crosbie, and John Cribbin. Messrs. Mansfield, McKenna, Cassidy, Crosbie, & Cribbin subsequently attended. The Chair was occupied by

Mr. Stephen J. Brown, Chairman of the Council.

(106.)

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council were read and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(107.)

Ordered — That the County Surveyor prepare a draft scheme for the dates of the remaining Quarterly Meetings of the County and District Councils for the year ending 31st March, 1900, and that a copy of same be sent to each member of the Council ten days before the Meeting of the 28th August, and that the dates for such Quarterly Meetings be then considered & fixed as far as practicable.

(108.)

Letter (N^o 10082) dated 5th June, read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, acknowledging receipt of the Resolution (Minute N^o 90) adopted by this Council on 27th May, claiming that the County of Kildare should have a majority of the six additional members to be appointed by the Lord Lieutenant to the Joint Committee of Carlow District Council.

Circular, dated 3rd July 1899, read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, intimating that the Lord Lieutenant had appointed the following six gentlemen to be additional members of the first Council of the Carlow District Lunatic Asylum:—

County Carlow.

William Bruce Clayton Esq., D.K., Brown's Hill, Carlow.
Right Hon. Henry Bruen, D.L., Oak Park, Carlow.
The Venerable Archdeacon Jameson, A.M., Carlow.

County Kildare.

Thos. Anderson Esq., J.P., Leixelown, Maganey.
Fred. W. Carroll Esq., J.P., Moone Abbey, Moone.
Surgeon-Major J. R. Keogh, J.P., Castle Lodge, Maganey.

(109.)

Printed circular dated 13th June 1899, read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, relative to the management &c. of Lunatic Asylums, and the new provisions of the law relating thereto.

Ordered— That the Secretary procure copies of same and send one to each member of the County Council.

(110.)

Circular (No. 255 M) dated 10th July read from Local Government Board, Dublin, transmitting their Final Certificate under Section 27(2) of the Local Government Act, 1898, relative to the limit of expenditure on the roads of a District.

(111.)

Sealed Order dated 6th July 1899 read from Local Government Board, Dublin, being "The County Sinking Fund Regulations, 1899" providing for the repayment of loans by County Councils.

(112.)

Irish Education Act, 1892.— Circular, (dated 31st May) read from the Commissioners of National Education, calling the attention of the County Council to the provisions of Sections 3 & 15 of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and to those of Section 15, sub-section (2) as amended by the Local Govt. (Ireland) Act 1898, section 74(1).

The following resolution thereon, adopted by Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council on 12th July was read:—

"That we, the members of the Baltinglass Rural District Council No. 3
ask the County Council for Kildare to put the Compulsory Education Act
in force in the District."

Proposed by Mr. Edward Fenelon, seconded by Mr. John Field, and carried unanimously:—

Ordered— on the application of the Baltinglass Rural District No. 3 that the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, be applied to that District, and that the expenses under that Act, incurred in that District, be levied off the District.

X The following resolution, adopted by Cullinstown No. 1 Rural District Council,

on 12th June, 1899, was read:—

"That the Celbridge Rural District Council No. 1 is in favour of putting the compulsory clauses of the Irish Education Act into force and requests the Kildare County Council to take the necessary steps for that purpose."

Proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and unanimously agreed to:—

Ordered—on the application of the Celbridge Rural District Council No. 1 that the provisions of the Irish Education Act 1892 be applied to that District, and that the expenses under that Act incurred in that District be levied off the District.

The following application, dated 21st June, was received from Naas No. 1 Rural District Council:—

"Application to the County Council of Kildare in pursuance of Section 15 (2) of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and Section 74 (1) of the Local Government (Ireland), Act 1898":—

"The Council of the Naas No. 1 Rural District hereby make application in pursuance of the above-mentioned Acts to the Kildare County Council to apply the compulsory attendance provisions of the Irish Education Act 1892 to the Naas No. 1 Rural District."

On considering this application it appeared that the Irish Education Act, 1892, is already in force in certain portions of Naas No. 1 Rural District. It was accordingly—

Proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. Minch, M.P., and unanimously agreed to—

That the application of the Rural District Council of Naas No. 1 under the Irish Education Act 1892 be sent back for amendment so as to include only those portions of the Rural District in which the Act has not already been put in force by local authorities.

(113.)

Letter (No. 2069/99) dated 2nd June, read from Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle, intimating that in consequence of the death on 30th May of Mr. Slocock, V.S. of Carlow, it would be necessary for the County Council to appoint a Veterinary Inspector for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District, and that temporary provision for the discharge of the duties should be made in the meantime.

The Secretary reported that on receipt of this letter he had communicated with Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council and he read the following Resolution adopted by them at an Extraordinary Meeting on 17th June:—

Resolved—That Mr. W. A. Young, V.S. of Coppinagh, Tullow,

"be appointed Veterinary Inspector & Valuer at a rate of remuneration of £1 per visit pending the appointment of a permanent officer by the County Council"

The Secretary further reported that he had communicated the foregoing arrangement to the Veterinary Department and he read their reply (N^o. 2440/99) dated 6th July, approving of the temporary arrangement made by Baltinglass N^o. 3 Rural District Council, and stating that Mr. Young had also been appointed Veterinary Inspector for the portion of the Baltinglass Union that lies within the County Wicklow.

After discussion it was proposed by Lord Fred^k. FitzGerald, seconded by Mr. Owen Logan, and carried unanimously —

That Mr. W. A. Young be temporarily appointed Veterinary Inspector for Baltinglass N^o. 3 Rural District at £1 per visit, and that the Secretary advertise for a qualified permanent Inspector at £10 per annum, to be appointed on 28th August.

(114.)

Circular (N^o. 2602/99) dated — July read from Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle, enclosing copies of Parasitic Mange (Ireland) Order of 1899, made by the Privy Council on 24th July (to come into operation on 21st August) and requesting that the County Council would have same published in a newspaper circulating in their County.

Ordered — That same be inserted in such paper or papers as the Council should direct when considering the question of advertisements later on to-day.

(115.)

Letter (N^o. 43672) dated 28th July read from Local Govt. Board, consenting to a proposal made by the Secretary that the name of the person rated should be inserted in the block only of the Poor Rate Collector's Book, and that each Poor Rate Collector should be directed to insert the correct name in the receipt and demand note, and also at the foot of the block in any cases where the names differed.

(116.)

Poor Rate Collection Scheme. — The Secretary read the following letters from the Local Government Board:—

- (1) Circular (N^o. 257) of 29 May suggesting to the County Councils that the poundage to be paid to the Poor Rate Collectors under Section 115(ii) of the Local Govt. Act should not be settled until the amount in each Collector's warrant had been ascertained;
- (2) Circular (N^o. 160) of 9th June, enclosing copy of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) N^o. 2 Order 1899, prescribing alternative conditions to those contained in

Articles 12 & 9 of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order 1899;
(3) Letter, (N^o 32440) of 15th June, acknowledging receipt of the Poor Rate Collection Scheme adopted by the County Council (Minute N^o 94) and provisionally approving of same except as regards the proposal of the County Council to dispense with the fortnightly attendance of Rate Collectors to get their books checked at the office of the Secretary to the County Council or the Clerk of the Union.

The foregoing correspondence was referred generally to the Finance Committee and the Committee for the Poor Rate Collection Scheme and the following Resolution was

Proposed by Mr J.P. Dowling, seconded by Mr J. O'Loughlin, and unanimously adopted: -

That with reference to the two concluding paragraphs of letter N^o 32440 the County Council desire to represent to the Local Govt Board that the amount to be collected by the future Poor Rate Collectors will not be largely in excess of the sum heretofore annually collected by the Cess Collectors in this County, and always lodged by them in full and by regular lodgments according as collected. That the Council, therefore, feel it to be wholly unnecessary to place upon the ratepayers the charge of about £180 per annum which would be entailed by the proposed fortnightly checking of Collectors' Accounts. We, therefore, strongly urge that the Local Govt Board should agree to the alternative plan proposed in our Scheme unless or until same should be found not to work well.

(117.)

Proposed by Mr M. J. Meach, M.P., seconded by Mr J. T. Hefferman, and unanimously agreed to -

That the appointment of a Collector in lieu of Mr Edward Conlon resigned be referred to the Finance Committee and the Committee for the Poor Rate Collection Scheme jointly, with power to them to make a new appointment at a meeting on Wednesday next, and also to consider and decide as to the readjustment of the Collection Area allotted to Mr Tho^s Holbrook, and also as to a memorial received from Poor Rate Collector Patrick Finn.

(118.)

Letter dated this day read from Mr Christopher Connell, late Cess Collector for West Offaly Barony, asking for the amount of his gratuity as a retiring officer. Referred to Finance Committee.

(119.)

Letter read from Road Contractors Patrick Travers, Michael Farrell, & James Reilly, complaining of the inconvenience caused to them by the new arrangements for payments under their road contracts. The writers were informed by the Chairman that the Council could take no action in the matter.

(120.)

Letter read from Mr John Breen, Road Contractor, asking for an advance on his road contract previous to the date of the next Quarterly Meeting. The Chairman informed the applicant that his application could not be entertained.

(121.)

Resolution dated 18th July read from Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council as follows:—

"That the Rural District Council of Baltinglass No. 3 (Kildare), having heard of the proposed reopening of the Kildare Infirmary, hereby desire to protest in the strongest manner against the scheme, as we are of opinion that the improvement in the Workhouse Infirmeries and in the nursing arrangements renders such a proposal unnecessary, and we request the County Councillors for this District to oppose the proposition."

(122.)

At the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided to defer the consideration of the general correspondence, and to proceed with the other items on the Agenda for the day.

The Secretary submitted his Estimates for the Poor Rate for the current half-year, and in connection therewith he read Minutes Nos. 49, 50, 51 & 52 adopted by the Finance Committee at their meeting on 3rd instant in which they recommended that the Secretary's estimates should be passed and rates struck accordingly, for the reasons mentioned in said Minutes.

Mr Dowling pointed out that there was an error in the area for the Separate Charge relating to Newbridge Cemetery, and on looking into the matter the Secretary stated that such was the case.

It was then proposed by Mr Dowling, seconded by Mr Minch, M.P., and carried unanimously:—

That the recommendations of the Finance Committee be adopted, the error as regards the contributory area for Newbridge Cemetery to be corrected.

The Secretary's Estimates (Forms 24 & 25) were then signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council, and the Secretary was directed to advertise same in the prescribed manner.

(123.)

Agricultural Grant.— Minute No. 53 of the Finance Committee, adopted by them on 3rd inst. read, to the effect that the Secretary should be directed to apply to the Local Govt. Board for details of the calculations by which they arrived at the amount fixed as the ^{Agricultural Grant} ~~Standard rate~~ for this County, and for full particulars as to what were the exceptional circumstances taken into account

in fixing that ~~rate~~ Grant.

The Minute of the Finance Committee was unanimously adopted by the Council.

(124.)

Minute No. 48 of the Finance Committee of 3rd inst. read, recommending the Council to adopt a design for a Seal for the County Council as submitted by the Secretary, and to accept Mess^{rs}. Dollard's tender for supplying same, with the condition that a proper box for holding the Seal &c would also be supplied without additional charge.

The Council unanimously adopted the recommendation of the Finance Committee on the subject.

(125.)

The Solicitor to the County Council reported the proceedings which took place on 25th July on the hearing by the Commissioner of Valuation of the appeal of the County Council against the recent revision of the Valuation of the G. S. & W. Railway in the County Kildare. After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and unanimously carried:—

That the Solicitor be instructed to appeal against the Valuation of the Great Southern & Western Railway, and that the question of preparing the case on behalf of this Council be undertaken by the Finance Committee, with power to obtain such expert ^{assistance} ~~assistance~~ as they may consider necessary.

(126.)

The Committee appointed (Council Minute No. 100) re Naas Prison buildings and an Asylum for harmless lunatics submitted the Minutes of meetings held by them on 7th June and 3rd August. Their Minutes Nos 43, 44, 45, 59, & 60 were read by the Secretary & copies of the printed joint report of Dr. Smyth & the County Surveyor with reference to the Naas Prison buildings were placed in the hands of the Council.

After considerable discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone,

That the Council approve of the report of the Committee on the subject of providing accommodation for harmless lunatics, & recommend the adoption of the scheme by the joint Committee of Carlow Lunatic Asylum.

(127.)

The following Amendment was proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Owen Cogan:

That the report be referred to the joint Asylum Committee

and the several District Councils in the County for their opinion

(128.)

The Amendment was put by the Chairman, and the Council divided, when there voted -

For

Mr. Owen Coogan,
" Stephen Heydon,
" James Kelly (Maddenstown),
" Edward Fenelon,
" Charles Bergin,
" Jas. Kelly (Rathbride),
" John T. Hefferman.

Against.

Mr. George Wolfe
" Edward Hayden
Sir Gerald Dease
Mr. Peter Crossie
" John Cribbin
" Laurence Malone
Lord F. Fitzgerald
Mr. Stephen Murphy
" Francis Colgan
" Mrs. R. Ronaldson
" James E. Medlicott
" George Mansfield
" Richard McKenna

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The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

(129.)

The original Resolution was then put and on a division was carried by the same voting.

(130.)

The Finance Committee Minute No. 55 was read and the payments recommended therein were approved of and Forms Nos. 14 & 27 were duly signed for same.

(131.)

Claims for Compensation for Malicious Injuries were handed in by the Secretary - £105. by Maria Doyle, Naas, and £50. by John Finn, Ballynabarna. Ordered that same be referred to the Solicitor to be defended.

(132.)

On considering the cost of County advertisements and reading a resolution adopted by the Grand Jury at last Spring Assizes (Abstract of Presentments, page 24) it was decided to refer to the Finance Committee to consider whether the expense of advertising Quarter Sessions and other County advertisements could be diminished, and the Secretary was directed to consult the Clerk of the Crown & Peace on the subject, for the information of the Finance Committee.

(133.)

The following resolution, pursuant to Notice of Motion, was proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden:—

"That the County of Kildare advertisements that may be ordered by the County Council shall be extended to the "Nationalist and "Leinster Times" for insertion therein."

After some discussion Mr. Hayden withdrew his Motion by permission of the Council, and it was then

Proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Lord Fred. Fitzgerald, and carried unanimously:—

That all County advertisements be inserted in the "Leinster Leader", "Kildare Observer", and "Nationalist & Leinster Times" unless otherwise specially ordered by the Council. Ordered—That the Parasitic Mange Order of 1899 be inserted once in the "Leinster Leader" only.

(134.)

Circular, dated 10th July, read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, stating that the amount of the year's capitation grant due to Lunatic Asylums on the Auditor's certificate, would on the present occasion be remitted direct to each Asylum Committee instead of to the County Council.

(135.)

Circular, dated 1st August, 1899, read from Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, directing the attention of the County Council to the provisions of the Inebriates Act, 1898, and forwarding a copy of General Regulations approved by the Lord Lieutenant for the management and discipline of certified Inebriate Reformatories in Ireland.

(136.)

Circular, (No. 2730) of..... August 1899 read from Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle, enclosing a copy of the Dogs (Landing from Ireland) Order of 1899 made by the Privy Council on 26th July, and to come into operation on 18th August.

(137.)

Letter, dated 31st July, read from Clerk of Union, Edenderry, asking for a copy of the agreement between the County and the County Analyst. The Secretary reported that he had furnished the desired information.

(138.)

Letter, dated 1st August, read from Poor Rate Collector Edward Conlon, resigning his appointment in consequence of impaired health. Resignation accepted and letter referred to the Finance Committee and the Committee on the Poor Rate Collection Scheme.

(139.)

Letter, dated 3rd August, read from the Clerk of the Union, Athy, on behalf of the Athy Board of Guardians, asking for information as to the position of the County Analyst towards the County Council and the Board of Guardians, respectively, having regard to Article 36 of the new Dispensary Rules issued by the Local Government Board. Ordered - That the letter be referred to the Committee for suggesting a Scheme for permanent County Officers.

(140.)

Letter, dated 3rd August, read from Clerk of Union, Athy, enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by the Athy Guardians on 2nd August relative to the reduction in the Valuation of the G. S. & W. Railway, and the amount of the Agricultural Grant. On the Motion of Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. R. McKenna, it was Ordered - That same be referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon to the County Council at their next Meeting.

(141.)

The County Surveyor informed the Council that by a clerical error in line 18 of their Minute N^o. 60 relating to procedure in connection with Sudden Damages, the words "County Council" had been adopted instead of "County Surveyor". On looking into the matter it was Resolved, on the Motion of Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, seconded by Mr. P. Crosbie - That the words "County Council" be altered to "County Surveyor" in line 18 of Minute N^o. 60.

(142.)

The Secretary handed in a Memorial from Mr. John Kavanagh, Skirteen, Monastereran, complaining of the action of Dr. Darby, Monastereran, in connection with the illness and subsequent death of one of his children, and he reported that he had a letter on the subject from Dr. Darby to lay before the Council. The Council considered that they had no jurisdiction over Dispensary Medical Officers, nor any right to interfere in the matter in dispute between Memorialist and Dr. Darby. The Secretary was directed to inform the parties accordingly.

(143.)

Memorial handed in from Poor Rate Collector Patrick Finn, asking to have his proposed Collection Area altered, and a telegram was also read from him consenting to accept the area allotted to him if the Council were not willing to make any alteration. Matter already referred to the Finance Committee and Committee for Collection of the Poor Rate. (Vide Minute N^o. 117).

(144.)

Circular, dated --- February, read from Pharmaceutical Society of Ireland. No Order made thereon.

(145.)

Letter, dated 19th June, 1899, read from the Under Secretaries of the Association of Industrial School and Reformatory Managers in Ireland, asking the Council to adopt a Resolution enclosed by them. On the motion of Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. George Wolfe, the resolution was unanimously adopted as follows:—

That whereas the Industrial School Acts (Ireland), as administered up to October, 1898, were doing a great work in Ireland in reducing the criminal class by keeping waifs from the contaminating influence of the workhouse, and saving them from dangerous surroundings — and whereas after the issue of a circular by Government in that month, practically restricting the application of the Act to a very limited number of cases, this good work has been greatly retarded and impeded; now we, the County Council of the County of Kildare are of opinion that the said circular should be reconsidered by His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant with a view to withdrawal, and that the Industrial School Acts should, as has been the case for the past 30 years, be interpreted in a liberal spirit in the best interests of the community at large, and for the welfare of the deserving poor.

That a copy of this resolution be sent to His Excellency the Lord Lieutenant, and to the Members of Parliament for this County.

(146.)

Circular, dated 27th July, read from Limerick County Council, enclosing a resolution in favour of the scheme for Arterial drainage and reclamation of lands proposed by Rev. R. Andrews, C.C. and Mr. Horan, County Surveyor. No order made thereon.

(147.)

On the motion of Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin, seconded by Mr. John Giblin, the following resolution, forwarded by the Ennis Urban Council, from their Meeting on 10th July, was unanimously adopted:—

Having regard to the fact that the Giant's Causeway has been turned into a private enterprise and is closed against the public as a free resort, and now that the Herbert Property in Killarney, which includes some of the most interesting portion of that beautiful region, is also in danger, we, the Ennis Urban District Council, viewing with alarm the possibility of such being bought by a private speculator, hereby call on the Government to secure for Ireland and for the world the Estate in Killarney that is now in the market, for a Public Park or National Pleasure Ground.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to the Premier, the Chancellor

of the Exchequer, the Chief Secretary for Ireland, and to our County M.P.'s and the County Councils in Ireland, with a view to their adopting this Resolution or a similar one.

(148.)

Resolution read from Meath County Council, adopted at their Quarterly Meeting on 17th July, relative to legislation for the Compulsory Purchase of Labourers' Plots in Ireland. After discussion same was marked read, Mr. Edward Hayden undertaking to propose a resolution on the subject at the next meeting of this Council.

(149.)

On reading a letter dated 5th July from the Limerick County Council on the subject of Land Banks, the following Resolution was

Proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. John Cribbin, and unanimously adopted:—

That we call on the Government to establish Land Banks with power to make advances to the farming classes at low rates of interest, to enable them to work their lands to the best advantage.

That a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to Messrs. J. Redmond, J. Dillon, & J. M. Healy, and to the members for this County.

(150.)

Resolution read from Tyrone County Council (adopted at their meeting on 23rd June) advocating that County Councils should be enabled to decide to transact their business at half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings.

(151.)

Circular read from Galway County Council enclosing a copy of a resolution adopted by them on 14th June relative to the Local Taxation (Customs & Excise) Act 1890. No Order made thereon.

(152.)

Circular, dated 14th June, read from the Council of the County Borough of Cork submitting resolutions adopted by them on 9th June relative to the Freshwater Fisheries of Ireland. No Order made thereon.

(153.)

Circular dated 22nd June read from Cork County Council, submitting the following resolution adopted by them:—

"That as this country suffers too much already from excessive drains on its resources in various ways through over-taxation, absenteeism, &c, we hope our officials will arrange their guarantees with Irish Societies, and that a copy be sent to all Councils in Ireland".

On considering the foregoing resolution it was

Proposed by Mr. Owen Coogan, seconded by Mr. Stephen Hayden,

and unanimously agreed: -

That it be a direction to the Finance Committee in arranging for guarantees for officers to give a preference to Irish Societies.

(154.)

Proposed by Mr. Joseph Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy: -

That the Poor Rate Collectors be required to provide the security of a Guarantee Society, approved of by the Finance Committee, for about one-half of their average collection as estimated by the Finance Committee.

Amendment proposed by Mr. J. E. Medlicott, seconded by Mr. George Mansfield, D.L.: -

That it be optional with the Collectors to give their personal security or the security of a Guarantee Association, for the full amount of their collection.

The Chairman put the Amendment to the Council and there voted

For

Mr. Heffernan
" S. Hayden
Lord Fred. Fitzgerald
Mr. Medlicott
" Mansfield
" Cassidy
" Malone
" Cribbin
" Fenelon

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Against

Mr. Crosbie
" O'Loughlin
" Murphy
" Dowling
" Wolfe
" Cogan
" Bergin
" E. Hayden
Sir G. Dease &
The Chairman

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The Amendment was accordingly declared lost.

The original Resolution was then put to the Council and carried unanimously.

(155.)

The following resolution was received from the County Council of Londonderry and on the Motion of Mr. Edward Fenelon, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, it was declared carried, with the necessary verbal alterations as follows: -

That we, the members of the County Council of Kildare, desire to place upon record our firm conviction that the time has arrived when a full and satisfactory measure of Compulsory Purchase should be introduced and promptly passed, believing as we do that it is the only means by which the Land question can be satisfactorily settled. That copies of this Resolution be forwarded to every County Council in Ireland, to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, to Sir A. Campbell-Bannerman, to Messrs. John Dillon, M.P., J. W. Russell, M.P., J. M. Healy, Q.C., M.P., J. Redmond, M.P., and the Members of Parliament for this County.

(156.)

Resolution read from Cork County Council (adopted at their Meeting on 30th May) relative to the Tithe Rentcharge Bill. No Order made thereon, the Bill having been since withdrawn.

(157.)

Resolution read from County Tipperary (South Riding) County Council (adopted by them on 5th June) advocating the passing of a Compulsory Land Sales Act. No Order made thereon, as same was considered to be covered by the Resolution on this subject already adopted (Vide Minute N^o. 155).

(158.)

Resolution read from Wicklow County Council (adopted by them on 30th May) relative to the provisions of the Agriculture & Industries Bill. No Order made thereon.

(159.)

The following resolution, adopted by Cork County Council on 3rd July was read: - & was proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Heffernan: -

"That we, the Cork County Council, believe there is an urgent necessity for reform in the law with reference to Ground Rents and House Tenure in Cities, Towns, & Villages; that reduced ground rents would encourage capitalists to expend a larger amount in building, and thereby increase the general wealth and give more employment, as well as provide better homes at reduced rents; that excessive ground rents, short leases, & confiscation of the property on their expiration are unjust and injurious to the public welfare, and check the enterprise of capitalists; that the taxation of ground values for the relief of the community, by whom such increased value is principally created, is simple justice; that the greater portion of additional value of building ground should go to the reduction of local taxation, and the improvement of the condition of the poor in every city, town, and village, providing happier and brighter homes, technical schools, libraries, &c.; that the law which permits individuals to extract exorbitant rents, while contributing little or nothing to increased value or local taxation, is a grievous wrong, and that many are absentees whose titles are frequently based on confiscation, spoliation, or public wrong; that Fixity of Tenure, Fair Rents, & Free Sale were never more necessary for Agricultural Tenants than for Town Tenants, and that we invite the active co-operation of every city, town, & village in Ireland, and the farming, labouring, and artisan classes, in agitating for these objects; but we hope for the assistance of the Press in effecting these urgent reforms, and that copies be sent to every County, Urban, & Borough Council in Ireland."

The Resolution was put to this Council by the Chairman & declared

carried, Colonel Sir Gerald Dease and Mr. Wolfe dissenting.

(160.)

The following resolution, forwarded by Athy No. 1 Rural District Council (adopted by them on 28th June) was

Proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and unanimously adopted:—

That having regard to the findings of the Financial Relations Commission as to the over-taxation of Ireland, and having regard to the increased financial responsibilities imposed on the ratepayers by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, we respectfully solicit Her Majesty's Government to increase the Agricultural Grant, so that both occupiers of land and occupiers of houses in towns (other than County Boroughs) may be relieved of a sum equal to half of the whole of the County Cess both on land and buildings, as certified in the Standard Financial Year.

(161.)

Resolution read from Guardians of Ballinasloe Union (adopted at their meeting on 10th June) relative to some decisions of the Irish Land Commission in connection with the purchase of grazing lands under the Land Purchase Acts. No Order made thereon.

(162.)

Resolution read adopted by the Castlebar Rural District Council on 24th June, advocating the teaching of the Irish Language. No Order made as this Council had already adopted a similar resolution (Vide Minute No. 81).

(163.)

Resolution read adopted by Fermoy Rural District Council on 8th July, advocating the holding of four Provincial Conventions in Ireland.

(164.)

The following resolution received from the Kilkenny County Council, (adopted by them on 29th July) was read, and on the motion of Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Owen Cogan, was unanimously adopted by this Council:—

That this Council regards the action of Her Majesty's Government in utterly neglecting to give any practical effect to the Report of the Childers' Commission, returned to them in August, 1896, as a public scandal, considering that the Commission reported an over-taxation of this Country to the extent of nearly three millions a year.

That we demand an international readjustment of Imperial financial burdens according to the terms of the Act of Union as guaranteed to us by the Predominant Partner to that Treaty.

That the continuous and hitherto successful attempt to ignore the findings of the Childers' Commission is calculated to awaken in this Country

a spirit which may be dangerous to the interests of Great Britain and the Empire.

That copies of this Resolution be sent to all County and Urban Councils of Ireland and to the Prime Minister, Lord Lieutenant, & Chief Secretary for Ireland.

(165.)

Letter (N^o. 5579) dated 7th July, read from Local Govt. Board, relative to compensation payable to Dr McCann, Medical Officer of Kiltegan Dispensary District. Like letter (N^o. 28243) dated 10th July, read from Local Govt. Board relative to the compensation of Dr. Stoney, Medical Officer of Lucan District. Application & Statutory Declaration, dated 1st August, read from Mr. R. T. Lefroy, Cardentown House, Athy, applying for compensation as a retiring officer under the Explosives Act, 1875. Ordered - That these letters be referred to the Finance Committee.

(166.)

Letter, dated 20th July, read from Mr. John Holland, V.S., stating that it was necessary for him to obtain a couple of weeks' leave of absence owing to ill health, and that he had arranged with Mr. W. A. Young, V.S., to act as Veterinary Inspector on his behalf in Athy Union. Ordered - That Mr. Holland's application be approved on Mr. Young undertaking to discharge his duties without payment.

(167.)

Letter N^o 242/M dated 26th May read from Local Govt. Board forwarding statements prepared by the Commissioners of Public Works, giving particulars of loans chargeable to the Counties of Carlow & Kildare, in respect of advances made for additions &c. to Carlow Asylum. The Secretary was directed to ascertain the amount of these loans which would be payable by the County of Kildare when the whole of the loans had been advanced, and the amount of the annual chargeability on the County of Kildare from the same time, distinguishing between the payment of interest & repayment of capital.

(168.)

Grand Canal Banks. - The County Surveyor brought forward the dangerous condition of the premises of the Grand Canal Company at Monasterevan, Sallins, Robertstown & other places in the County for the consideration of the Council. It was then -

Proposed by Mr. E. J. Cassidy seconded by Mr. J. E. Medlicott & unanimously agreed -

That the matter be placed upon the Agenda Paper for consideration at the next meeting of the Council, and that in the meantime the Solicitor be instructed to consider the matter and be in a position to advise the Council upon it.

(169.)
 The Council adjourned till the First Quarterly Meeting,
 already fixed for Monday, 28th August, at 10:15 a.m.
 Stephen J. Brown
 Chairman 28th August 1899

(170.)
 Memo. - The following is a copy of the advertisement issued by the
 Secretary under Minute No. 122 and contains particulars of the rates
 authorised thereby.

The County Councils Order, 1899.

FORM 29.

NOTICE

-OF-

Intention to make Rates.

COUNTY OF KILDARE.

NOTICE is hereby Given, that the Council for the above
 named County are about to make Rates on the property situated in
 the under-mentioned Rural Districts, rateable under the provisions
 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incor-
 porated therewith.

The Rates for the Ordinary Expenditure of the County for
 the service of the half-year ended the 30th day of SEPTEMBER,
 1899, chargeable to the several Districts, are at the following Rates
 in the Pound:—

Rural District of Athy No. 1.

	To be levied on Agricultural Land.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on other Hereditaments.
In respect of County Charges	Pence. 2-089	Pence. 1-372	Pence. 3-461
" Union Charges	3-410	4-197	7-607
" District Charges	8-748	3-706	12-454
Total	14-247 (1s. 2d.)	9-275	23-522 (2s.)

RURAL DISTRICT OF BALTINGLASS No. 3.

	To be levied on Agricultural Land.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on other Hereditaments.
In respect of County Charges	Pence. 2-089	Pence. 1-372	Pence. 3-461
" Union Charges	2-836	4-527	7-363
" District Charges	6-160	2-675	8-745
Total	11-085 (11d)	8-574	19-569 (1s. 8d.)

RURAL DISTRICT OF CELBRIDGE No. 1.

	To be levied on Agricultural Land.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on other Hereditaments.
In respect of County Charges	Pence. 2-089	Pence. 1-372	Pence. 3-461
" Union Charges	4-083	3-339	7-422
" District Charges	5-728	2-574	8-302
Total	11-900 (1s.)	7-285	19-185 (1s. 7d.)

[over.]

RURAL DISTRICT OF EDENDERRY No. 2.

	To be levied on Agricultural Land.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on other Hereditaments.
In respect of County Charges	Pence. 2-089	Pence. 1-372	Pence. 3-461
„ Union Charges	5-147	3-197	8-344
„ District Charges	6-067	1-886	7-953
Total	13-303 (1s. 2d.)	6-455	19-758 (1s. 8d.)

RURAL DISTRICT OF NAAS No. 1.

	To be levied on Agricultural Land.	Sums deducted in respect of the Agricultural Grant.	To be levied on other Hereditaments.
In respect of County Charges	Pence. 2-089	Pence. 1-372	Pence. 3-461
„ Union Charges	3-004	3-119	6-123
„ District Charges	4-934	2-330	7-264
Total	10-027 (10d.)	6-821	16-848 (1s. 5d.)

And whereas, certain separate charges are chargeable on the Area or Contributory Places hereunder mentioned, the following special Poundage Rates have been added to the rates above-mentioned for the payment of such separate charges, and the same form part of and will be collected with the above general rate.

Name of Special Area or Contributory Place.	Purpose or Name of Charge.	Special Poundage Rate.
Townlands comprised in the Barony of Connell	Malicious Injury ...	½d. in the Pound.
Electoral Divisions of Naas Rural and Naas Urban	Naas Cemetery Water-works and Sewerage.	2d. in the Pound.
Electoral Divisions of Morristown-Biller, Newbridge Rural, Newbridge Urban, and Old Connell	Newbridge Cemetery ...	½d. in the Pound.

The Estimates and Valuation Lists are deposited for the inspection of any ratepayer in the Office of the County Council, and will be there open for such inspection between the hours of 10 a.m. and 4 p.m., during the fourteen days next ensuing the date hereof, exclusive of Sundays and Bank Holidays.

Signed this 9th day of Aug., 1899.

G. DE L. WILLIS, Secretary to the County Council.

County Council.
Monday, 28th August, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at the First Quarterly Meeting of the Council of the Administrative County of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 28th August, 1899, at 10:15 a.m.

(171.)

The Secretary called over the names of the Councillors, and all the members of the Council were found to be present except Mess^{rs} O'Kinch, Cassidy, McKenna, Owen Cogan, George Wolfe & Stephen Heydon. The three first-named Councillors attended shortly after the commencement of the proceedings.

(172.)

The Minutes of the last meeting were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(173.)

Letter No 314/m, dated 5th August, read from Local Govt. Board to the effect that the article of the Transitory Provisions Order under

which Councils are now empowered, with the sanction of the Local Govt. Board, to pay interest on overdrafts pending the collection of the first rate, applies only to the rate made in 1899, and that after that rate has been collected County Councils will have no power to borrow for any purpose not specified in the Application of Enactments Order.

Letter N^o 48353, dated 22nd August ^(174.) read from the Local Govt. Board approving of the salaries fixed for the County Coroners at the meeting of the County Council on 29th April, on the assumption that the Coroners had agreed to same.

(175.)
Circular, dated 11th August, read from the Under Secretary, Dublin Castle, forwarding a copy of the Registration (Ireland) Amendment Rules 1899, made by the Lord Lieutenant & Privy Council on 9th August.
Ordered - That same be filed.

(176.)
Letter N^o 10092, dated 15th August, read from the Commissioners of National Education, enclosing two copies of Sample Regulations for the consideration of the County Council, with the view of same being adopted for the Rural Districts of Baltinglass N^o 3 and Celbridge N^o 1.

With reference thereto, and to County Council Minute N^o 112, the Secretary read the following resolution adopted by the Baltinglass N^o 3 Rural District Council on 26th August: -

"That the following form the School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass N^o 3, Co Kildare: -

- "1. Rev. Thomas Carberry, P.P., Crookstown
- "2. Rev. M. Walsh, P.P., Castledermot
- "3. Rev. J. O'Neill, P.P., Baltinglass
- "4. John Kelly, CC, & D.C., Ballitore
- "5. Owen Connor, D.C., do "

After considerable discussion the County Council decided that the School Attendance Committee for each Rural District should consist of ten members; that the first Committee should serve from 1st Oct. 1899 to 30th Sept. 1902; that one half of the School Attendance Committee should be appointed at a meeting of the Local Authority to be held not later than the 15th September in every third year; and that the Commissioners of National Education should appoint the second half of the School Attendance Committee before the 1st October next following, and that if any member of the Committee is for three months in succession absent from their meetings he should cease to be a member thereof. In all other respects the printed Sample Regulations as submitted by the National Education Commissioners were approved.

(177.)

As regards the names suggested by Ballyglass No. 3 Rural District Council it was pointed out that the selection must be made by the County Council, and it was then

Proposed by Lord Fredk. Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr Edward Hayden, and unanimously agreed —

That the names suggested be appointed members of the School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Ballyglass No. 3.

(178.)

As regards a School Attendance Committee for Celbridge No. 1 Rural District, it was proposed by Mr John Field, seconded by Sir G. R. Dease, and unanimously adopted —

That the following gentlemen be named as members of the School Attendance Committee in Celbridge No. 1 Rural District:—

1. Very Rev. Canon Hunt, P.P., Maynooth
2. Rev. Francis J. Maguire, P.P., Celbridge
3. Rev. James Kirwan, P.P., Kilcock
4. Rev. James Colgan, P.P., Clane
5. Rev. William Hauley, CC, Leixlip.

(179.)

As regards Naas No. 1 Rural District, it was proposed by Mr John T. Heffernan, and seconded by Mr Peter Crosbie:—

That in order to carry out the wishes of the Naas Rural District Council No. 1, as conveyed to this Council in their Resolution of 20th June, which resolution was sent back for amendment owing to a technical error and has not since been returned — Resolved: That the provisions of the Irish Education Act 1892 be applied to Naas No. 1 Rural District, save as to the townships of Naas and Newbridge, in which the Act has been already applied by the Township Commissioners, and that the expenses under that Act incurred in that District be levied off the said District, excluding the said townships.

The Resolution was put to the Council, when there voted:—

For.

Colonel Sir G. R. Dease
Mr Peter Crosbie
" John Field
" Charles J. Bergin
" John Crebbin
" Stephen Murphy
" John T. Heffernan
" Joseph O'Laughlin
" W. F. Ronaldson
" George Mansfield, Esq.
" Richard M. Hanna

Against.

Mr Edward Hayden
" Kelly (Maddenstown)
" Laurence Malone
" Kelly (Rathbride)
" James E. Medlicott
" Joseph Connolly

The Resolution was accordingly declared carried.

It was further decided that the regulations already adopted for the Rural Districts of Baltinaglass N^o. 3 and Celbridge N^o. 1 should apply to Naas N^o. 1 Rural District.

(180.)

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Lord Frederick K. FitzGerald, and carried unanimously —

That it be referred to Naas Rural District N^o. 1 to divide their District into convenient areas for the purposes of the Irish Education Act, 1892, and to send to this Council the names of such areas and to suggest names for the several Attendance Committees.

(181.)

The report of the County Analysts (Sir Chas. A. Cameron, C.B., M.D. and Mr Ernest S. Cameron) for the half-year ended 30th June, 1899, was read and ordered to be filed.

(182.)

Circular read from King's County Council enclosing copies of resolutions adopted by them on 8th August, proposing a Convention of three delegates from each Borough and County Council in Ireland, to be held in Dublin to consider various public questions.

(183.)

Resolution read from Londonderry County Council, forwarding copy of a resolution adopted by them on 27th and 28th July on the subject of the Royal Commission on Financial Relations. No Order made thereon as a similar resolution had been already adopted by this Council.

(184.)

Memorial read from the Duchesses of Wellington and others, in favour of a further extension of the close season for the goldfinch and other birds. The consideration of the memorial was deferred to the next meeting of the Council, with the view of ascertaining their powers.

(185.)

The Secretary handed in a postcard written in Irish and received from New York. The Council referred same to the County Surveyor & Mr. O'Mahony, the representative of the "Leinster Leader". They reported that the writer was a Mr. R. H. Geoghegan of Tacoma, Washington, and that he advocated steps being taken for the preservation of the Irish language. The Council decided that a copy of the Resolutions already adopted by them should be sent to the writer, and they requested the County Surveyor to arrange that the reply should be in Gaelic.

(186.)

Letter dated 16th August, read from Mr. C. J. Engledew, M.P.,

acknowledging the receipt of the resolution of the County Council on the subject of ^{the} Weights & Measures Acts, and promising his best attention to it.

(187.)

Circular read from the Town Clerk of Dublin forwarding Resolutions adopted by the Dublin Corporation on 14th August, in favour of improving the existing methods for training and educating the Blind. The Resolutions were unanimously adopted by this Council as follows:—

That we declare that the present system, known as the voluntary system, of training and educating the Blind of the United Kingdom, has failed to relieve them from the misery to which they are subject by reason of their affliction.

That we respectfully urge upon Her Majesty's Government the necessity for giving legislative effect to the unanimous recommendation of the Royal Commission recently appointed to inquire into the condition of the Blind of the United Kingdom, viz:— That the Blind of Ireland should be at once legislated for:

And that copies of this resolution be sent to all the Municipal Bodies in Ireland for their approval.

(188.)

Circular read from the Town Clerk of Dublin, enclosing Resolutions adopted by Dublin Corporation on 21st August relative to the Housing Accommodation of the Very Poor, and the tenure of town tenants generally. No Order made thereon, as similar Resolutions had already been adopted by this Council.

(189.)

Circular No 312, dated 7th August, read from Local Govt Board, with reference to the claims of County Surveyors for expenses incurred or extra services rendered by them in bringing the Act into operation, & suggesting that the County Council should send to the Board within two months from that date a return showing the scale upon which the Council would propose to remunerate their officers for these services &c. The circular was referred to the Committee appointed to consider the question of the Permanent Staff &c., and it was directed that said Committee meet on Saturday next, 2nd September, at 10.15 a.m.

(190.)

Letter dated 10th inst. from the Clerk of Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council, to the effect that his District Council had before them an application from Mr C. Cameron, County Analyst, for remuneration for extra duties recently imposed on him, and suggesting that the matter should be dealt with by the County Council for the County at Large. The Council

decided to refer the matter to the Committee appointed as to the Permanent Staff and Officers' salaries &c., to report thereon to this Council.

(191.)

Circular dated 7th August read from the Town Clerk of Limerick, forwarding a Resolution adopted at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Borough Council of Limerick on 3rd August relative to a presentment for £500- and costs awarded to an ex-sergeant of the R.I. Constabulary for injuries inflicted on him in the discharge of his duties.

With reference thereto, it was proposed by Mr. J. J. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., and carried unanimously:—

"That we call upon Parliament to amend the law so that the Royal Irish Constabulary shall take the same risks as the Military or Police in other parts of the Kingdom do in the ordinary discharge of their duty. That copies hereof be sent to each Borough & County Council in Ireland.

(192.)

The Secretary handed in the report of the All Ireland Committee of the Irish Financial Reform League. Same was directed to be received and to lie on the table for future consideration.

(193.)

Letter dated 17th August read from Clerk of Celbridge No 1 District Council, forwarding the following Resolution adopted by his Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting at Maynooth on 16th inst:—

"That we request the County Council to pay all July road contractors up to the 1st April, 1899, on their long half-year, to meet the first quarter under the new rules."

After considering the foregoing and hearing the County Surveyor thereon, it was proposed by Lord Frederick FitzGerald, seconded by Mr. John Field, and carried unanimously—

"That road contractors who entered into their contracts at a July Assizes, and whose contracts exist at present, ought to be paid up in full to 1st July 1899; otherwise they will be a quarter's payment in arrear for the remainder of their contract, which in some cases will be for two years or more, and that it be referred to the Finance Committee to advise the Council as to how this can best be done.

(194.)

Letter dated 25th August read from Rev. John Delany, C.C., Kildare, giving particulars of the proceedings at a meeting in the Court House, Kildare, on 13th May, and the steps taken then and subsequently towards the reopening of the Kildare County Infirmary. The

Secretary was directed to reply that the County Council would be prepared to take the matter into consideration as soon as a scheme had been formulated by the Committee of subscribers & forwarded to him (the Secretary) for the consideration of the Council.

(195.)

Letter dated 28th August read from Mr. Christopher Black, V. S., applying to the Council to renew a special grant of £30 per annum made to him in 1898 by the Kias Board of Guardians for the inspection of sheep at the principal fairs in the County. Referred to the Committee as to Permanent Staff, Officers' Salaries, &c.

(196.)

The Secretary handed in a list of provisional proposals (District Form 13) made by the Kias No. 1 District Council at their Quarterly Meeting on 24th July 1899. Same was directed to be received & filed.

(197.)

The Secretary handed in the tenders, specifications, & bonds for the contracts for public works made at the last Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils. With reference thereto he read a letter dated 25th inst. purporting to be from the Commissioners of the town of Athy and signed by Messrs. Thomas J. Whelan, M. Doyle, W. P. St. John, Thomas Hickey & Michael Malone, objecting to a contract being made for the road locally known as the Crib-road, in view of the Town Commissioners becoming the Urban Council from 1st October.

Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., as Chairman of the Town Commissioners of Athy, stated that the letter had not been written at the request of the Town Commissioners, and after some discussion it was

Proposed by Mr. Medlicott, seconded by Mr. Malone, and carried unanimously:—

That the contract for 129 perches of road from the railway station at Athy to Athy Church on the Carlow road be approved as passed by the Rural District Council.

(198.)

It appeared that contracts Nos. ¹⁷ 21, 26, & 35 had not been signed by the Chairman at Athy No. 1 District Council. They were now signed by Mr. Minch as such Chairman, and there being no objection to them or any other contract, it was ordered that the Seal of the County Council be affixed to the contracts made in said Rural District.

(199.)

A like order was made as regards the contracts made at the ^{Adjourned} Quarterly Meetings of the District Council of Baltinglass No. 3, Celbridge No. 1, Edenderry No. 2, and Kias No. 1.

The Seal of the Council was accordingly attached to the Bonds by Mr. W. G. White, as Solicitor to the Council.

(200.)

The Council proceeded to deal with the cases in which no tenders were received or no contracts made at the adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils. The following decisions were arrived at:—

Athy No 1 Rural District	— 200 perches	— James Harman's tender accepted
" do	300 "	Andrew Dooney's " "
" do	516 "	James Mooney's " "
" do	596 "	do " "
Celbridge No 1 do	118 + 355 }	John Reilly's " "
Edenderry No 2 do	512 "	Richard Doran's " "
Naas No 1 do	1304 "	John Kelly's " "
" do	504 "	Thomas Horigan's " "
" do	202 "	do " "

(201.)

The following contracts were given in charge to the County Surveyor:—

Athy No 1 Rural District	— 557 perches
Celbridge No 1 do	— to repair defacing wall at Annie's Bridge
Edenderry No 2 do	— 942 perches
Naas No 1 do	— 1122 "
do do	— 500 "
do do	— 516 "
do do	— 400 "
do do	— 107 "
do do	— 629 "
do do	— 160 "
do do	— 882 "
do do	— 492 "
do do	— 613 "
do do	— 1145 "
do do	— 673 "
do do	— 955 "
do do	— to clean out & repair pipe & drain

(202)

Letter No. 47477 dated 15th August read from Local Govt. Board as to the preparation of the rate books. With reference to same the Secretary submitted the rate books and the form of certificate to be inserted in same, and the warrants for the Poor Rate Collectors.

The rates as applopped were adopted and made by the Council, and it was directed that the forms handed in by the Secretary be inserted in same, and that the Poor Rate Collectors' warrants be inserted in their collecting books; and that the books be then sealed & signed.

(203.)

Letter read from Mr. William A. Young, V.S., Coppengh House, Tullow, applying to be appointed Veterinary Inspector for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District at a salary of £10- per annum. On the motion of Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. M. J. Much, M.P., Mr. Young was unanimously appointed.

(204.)

The Council proceeded to consider the dates for the Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils, Proposal Committee, and County Council for the residue of the year ending 31st March, 1900. The following dates were selected:

	1899	1900.
Edenderry, No. 2.	Friday 13th Oct.	Friday 12th Jany.
Athy, No. 1.	Saturday, 21st do.	Saturday, 20th do.
Naas, No. 1.	Monday, 23rd do.	Monday, 22nd do.
Celbridge, No. 1	Wednesday, 25th do	Wednesday 24th do.
Baltinglass, No. 3.	Friday 27th do	Friday, 26th do.
Proposal Committee	Wednesday, 8th Nov.	Wednesday 7th Feby

County Council Monday, 27th Nov. Monday, 26th Feby.

(205.)

The Council proceeded to consider the question of Main Roads with reference to their provisional declaration adopted at their first meeting on 22nd April, 1899, and the Secretary read communications thereon from each of the Rural District Councils. After considering same it was proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and seconded by Mr. Edw. Hayden:—

That the provisional declaration of the County Council as published, with the addition of No. 842 in Query Book of Summer Assizes, 1898, and which is marked on the approved map as a main road, be finally adopted as the declaration of this Council, to come into operation on 1st October, 1899.

(206.)

Amendment proposed by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride) —

That all roads be main roads.

On a division there voted for the Amendment — Messrs. Heffernan, Cribbin, J. Kelly, (Rathbride) and Connolly. All the other members voted against it.

(207.)

The original Resolution was then carried unanimously.

(208.) and read

The County Surveyor handed in his report to the Quarterly Meeting

of the County Council, and with reference to the last paragraph therein it was—

Proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and carried unanimously—

That the question as to Mr. Thomas Cross, Assistant Surveyor, referred to in the County Surveyor's report, be referred to the Committee as to officials to consider and advise the Council as to the best course to be adopted.

(209.)

Proposed by Mr. Edward Hayden, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson—

That the Government be asked to legislate with a view—

- (1) To enable Rural District Councils to acquire compulsorily the fee simple of the sites of labourers' cottages taken by them upon lease, & that loans be granted by the Treasury for that purpose, & for the purpose of paying off all existing loans in connection with the acquisition of sites for and erection of labourers' cottages at a rate of interest not exceeding $2\frac{1}{2}$ per cent.
- (2) To empower Rural District Councils to sell to the occupiers of the labourers plots and dwellings and to enable such occupiers to purchase the fee simple of their holdings in like manner, and subject to the like terms and conditions as tenants of agricultural holdings are enabled to purchase from their landlords, ^{provided that proper precautions be taken that no resale take place except to bona fide agricultural labourers, and that such plots and dwellings shall continue in the occupation of bona fide agricultural labourers.} (210.)

An Amendment was proposed by Mr. E. Fendon, to the effect that the latter portion of the Resolution be omitted. The Amendment was not seconded, and the original Resolution was then put to the Council and passed unanimously.

(211.)

On a discussion as to the dangerous condition of the Canal banks, &c. in various places, the County Surveyor was directed to prepare a written report as to the several places in the County, the property of the two Canal Companies, which are dangerous to human life; as to the causes of such danger, that is, whether attributable to the original construction of the Canal works or to negligence on the part of the Company, and to suggest the appropriate remedies. Report to be submitted to Council at their next Meeting.

(212.)

Proposal Committee. — The Chairman reported that at an adjourned meeting of the Proposal Committee, held on that morning, the following recommendations had been adopted, to be submitted

as

as a report to the County Council:-

That the printed schedule of applications for payments for matters other than public works submitted by the Secretary is approved by the Proposal Committee, with the following exceptions:-

N^o. 53 to be £3.14.8 instead of £3.19.8

" 61 " £47.9.8 " £150.8.4

" 64 passed for £85.5.0

" 65 " " £30.14.0

" 67 " " £17.15.0 The applicant in this case,

Mr. Michael McCann, is to apply again with reference to an item of 18³ charged for turf in his account to 30th June, 1899, and to satisfy the Committee that it is reasonable. We further recommend the County Council to advertise for a contract for the supply of coal, coke, & turf for the County Court House from the present time for three years.

N^{os} 71 & 72 - In these cases the Secretary is to obtain information from the Commissioners of Public Works or the Local Government Board as to the ~~principle~~ principle upon which the loans for Carlow District Lunatic Asylum have been apportioned between the Counties of Kildare & Carlow.

N^o. 77 - The Secretary is to apply to the proper Department for further information as to how the amount in this case has been calculated.

N^o. 78 - Dr. O'Neill's account is approved at £14.4.6, but the cheque is not to be issued until two vouchers at present wanting have been lodged with the Secretary.

N^o. 79 - Dr. Joseph Smyth's account is approved at £13.12.0.
(213.)

The foregoing report and recommendations of the Proposal Committee were unanimously approved by the County Council and ordered to be acted upon.

(214.)

Reports from Finance Committee and Committee for the Poor Rate Collection Scheme. - The Chairman submitted the following Reports from the Finance Committee and the Committee for the Scheme for Collection of the Poor Rate:-

(214^a)

The Finance Committee submit their Minute (N^o 67) to the County Council relative to the application of Mr. William Murray of Coonagh.

(214^b)

The Finance Committee and the Committee for the Poor Rate Collection Scheme jointly report that they have appointed Mr. Thomas Flanagan, Kilenagh House, Trapalloy, to be Poor Rate Collector for the Electoral Divisions of Ballinadrummy and Kilrainy. (Minutes N^{os} 74 & 75).