

(214 c).

The Committees also report that they have transferred the Electoral Divisions of Kill & Kiltick from the Collection Area originally allotted to Mr. Thomas Holbrook to the area allotted to Mr. George Meyler. (Minute No. 78).

(214 d)

The Committees report also that they duly considered the memorial of Poor Rate Collector Patrick Finn, and decided to make no change in his Collection Area, and that Mr. Finn has accepted this decision (Minute No. 79).

(214 e.)

The Committees jointly report that they have carefully considered the amount of the security to be given by each Poor Rate Collector on the lines directed by the County Council, and have fixed the following amounts for them:-

Name	Amount	Name	Amount
Patrick Boland	£ 1500	Bernard Cullen	£ 500
Peter J. Murphy	1700	Joseph Weyer	1200
Patrick Finn (for Areas Nos 3 & 4)	1400	Thomas Cullen	1400
Edward A. Coonan (for Areas 5 & 10)	1600	Patrick Downey	900
Joseph Mooney	2000	Thomas H. Holbrook	2200
Thomas Flanagan	400	George Meyler	800
		<u>Total £15,600</u>	

(214 f.)

The Committees further report that they have investigated the claims of the retiring Poor Rate Collectors and Cess Collectors, and they find that the following sums are payable to each of the officers named. [These figures have been revised by deducting in the case of each Cess Collector the amount allowed to him for receipt stamps in the Year 1898 from the average amount paid to him for fees and receipt stamps in the three years ended Summer Assizes, 1898] :-

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Name.	When Appointed.	Average Emoluments.			Gratuity.		
		£	s	d	£	s	d
Patrick Bartley		76	9	5	382	7	1
Samuel Cooper	April 1881	83	19	.	419	15	.
John Dunne	Sept. 1863	40	5	6	201	7	6
John Walsh	April 1891	39	11	4	178	1	.
Edward Nolan	1863	37	1	8	185	8	4
Edward Coulon	1886	12	7	11	61	19	7
Peter Jackson	1877	29	3	9	145	18	9
Patrick J. Bourke	1896	63	11	2	111	6	.
James Donohoe	1880	46	14	4	233	11	8
Thomas Newenham	1880	60	19	2	304	15	10
William Cooper	1893	16	16	7	58	18	.
James Brennan	1882	80	16	.	404	.	.
John Jackson	1889	69	8	5	347	2	1
William Cooper	1893	50	8	8	176	10	4
Benjamin Jackson	1855	35	16	2	179	.	10
Patrick Rodley	1890	82	8	.	412	.	.
Denis Dunne	1887	76	14	9	383	13	9
Christopher Connell	1876	82	12	1.	413	.	5

The Total of the foregoing Gratuities amounts to £ 4598 16 2

In respect thereof one-half will be paid out of the Local Taxation Account, viz £ 2299 8 1

The Balance chargeable to the County will therefore be £ 2299 8 1

The Committees jointly recommend the County Council to raise this last-named sum by three half-yearly levies of about one half-penny in the £ on the Valuation of the County at Large, if the consent of the Local Govt Board can be obtained.

(214 g.)

The Committees jointly report that they have referred the claim of Dr. McCann to the Board of Guardians of Ballyglass, the claim of Dr. Stoney to the Board of Guardians of Celbridge, and the claim of Mr. R. J. Lefroy to the Local Govt. Board for information as to whether & to what extent these claims are chargeable to the County of Kildare.

(214 h.)

The Committees report further that arrangements have been made with the Patriotic Assurance Company to guarantee all the Collectors on a form of bond to be approved of by the Local Govt. Board at the rate of 5% per cent, & they recommend that the premium be paid annually by the County Council, and the proper proportion be deducted from time to time from the fees payable to each Poor Rate Collector.

(214 i.)

As regards the Appeal of the County Council against the reduction in the Valuation of the G. S. & W. Railway, the Committees jointly report that they directed Mr. White, the Solicitor to the County Council, to confer with the Chairman of the Council as to employing an Accountant as an expert for the purposes of the Appeal.

(214 j.)

The Finance Committee separately report that they recommend the County Council to pay the several sums applied for in respect of public works and of matters other than public works, as approved of by the Proposal Committee.

(214 k.)

The Finance Committee further report that they have examined the proposals for payments in respect of public works made on the recommendation of the County Surveyor by the several Rural District Councils on District Form No. 14, and the Committee recommend the County Council to pay same. The Committee had before them and carefully checked the corresponding County Form No. 12 for the Rural Districts of Athy No. 1, Kiltinlass No. 3, and Naas No. 1, but this Form was not supplied by the District Council Clerks for Celbridge No. 1 & Edenderry No. 2. The Committee have examined the copies of County Form No. 14 prepared by the Secretary as the Treasurer's Authority for making these payments, and they are in a position to say that they are correct. Those containing payments in respect of public works are on 15 sheets and amount to £4469.9.1. Those for matters other than public works are on 3 sheets and amount to £2173.5.2.

(215.)

The foregoing report and recommendations of the Finance Committee and the Committee on the Poor Rate Collection Scheme were unanimously approved of by the County Council and ordered to be acted upon.

(216.)

County Form No. 14 in 15 sheets, for payments in respect of public works, amounting to £4469.9.1 and same Form in 3 sheets for payments for matters other than public works, amounting to £2173.5.2, were then handed in by the Secretary and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

(217.)

The Council decided to adjourn until Saturday, 2nd September, at 2.30 p.m.

(218.)

County Surveyor's Report - During to-day's proceedings the following Report was handed in ^{and read} by the County

Surveyor :- (Vide Minute No 208).

COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT

TO THE

COUNTY COUNCIL OF KILDARE

AT

Quarterly Meeting on 28th August, 1899.

MR. CHAIRMAN AND GENTLEMEN,

At the recent quarterly meetings of the District Councils provision was made, practically at the old prices, for renewal of road maintenance contracts expiring on 1st October next; and, although the official return showing prices for which Contractors tendered is not before me, I am able from my own notes to certify that the proposed expenditure for each district is within the limit laid down by law. I believe you may approve of every Proposal, for Works and Payments, formulated by the District Councils. Some of the larger road contracts have been divided into smaller ones.

With a few exceptions all the works have been set to Contractors at the adjourned quarterly meetings, and I hope the few I refer to will be tendered for at this meeting of the County Council. If not it will be advisable to place them in my charge.

The County Council made a general (provisional) declaration regarding Main Roads. The District Councils have been communicated with and given information and calculations on the subject. As far as I know the County Council can now legally make a final declaration to come into operation at any date specified.

One of the Assistant Surveyors (Mr. Thomas Cross) is in bad health since last winter. Mr. Francis Bergin, of Kildare, is acting for him; but there are many objections to an official, such as an Assistant Surveyor, working by deputy. I venture to ask the Council to consider the matter.

I have the honour to be,

Your faithful Servant,

EDWARD GLOVER,

County Surveyor.

14th October 1898
Phyllis Brown Ch.

County Council.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, at 2:30 p.m. on Saturday, 2nd Sept^r 1899.

(219.)

The names of the Councillors were called over by the Secretary, and the following were present:— Mr. S. J. Brown (Chairman); Mr. Minch, (Vice Chairman); Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, Mr. W. R. Ronaldson; Mr. R. McKenna; Mr. John Cribbin; Mr. James Kelly, (Kathbride); Mr. J. E. Medlicott; Lord Fred^{ck} Fitzgerald; Mr. Stephen Heydon; Mr. J. T. Heffernan; Mr. Stephen Murphy.

The Chair was occupied by

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

(220.)

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the reading of the Minutes of the last Meeting was deferred to the next meeting of the Council.

(221.)

The Chairman informed the Council that there had been meetings in the early part of the day of the Finance Committee and the Committee appointed to consider the questions of the Permanent Staff and the remuneration to be paid to Officers for extra services in bringing the Local Govt. Act into operation, and that he was authorised by both Committees to submit his Minutes of their Proceedings for the consideration of the Council. Having stated the purport of the Minutes of both Committees the Council unanimously Ordered that the payments recommended by the Finance Committee as shown by their Minutes be made.

(222.)

The Secretary read a Circular, No. 317, dated 29th August, from the Local Government Board, relative to the fixing of the salaries of existing officers, and it was proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and unanimously Agreed—

That the recommendations of the Finance Committee and of the Officers Staff Committee be approved and adopted;

That the offices of Accountant, Assistant Clerk, & County Surveyor's Clerk, at the salaries named in the Minutes of the Committee be advertised, applications to be sent in to the Secretary on or before 13th October; appointments to be made on Saturday, 14th October.

(223.)

Letter, No. 49023, dated 29th August, read from Local Govt Board to the effect that the money required for the payment of the moieties of gratuities to retiring officers could not be obtained by means of an overdraft from the County Treasurer, but that the Council might apply to the Local Govt. Board to sanction a loan for the requisite amount for a period of 12 years, repayable by equal half-yearly instalments. The matter having been fully considered, it was proposed by Mr. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and unanimously agreed:

That the sum required to pay gratuities under the Act be borrowed from Her Majesty's Treasury, repayable by means of a Sinking fund spread over a period of 30 years, and that the Local Govt. Board be asked to sanction the advance.

(224.)

Letter, No. 11727, dated 29th August, read from the Commissioners of Public Works, giving certain particulars as to the loans created for Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. The Secretary was directed to ascertain from the Commissioners upon what principle these loans had been apportioned between the Counties of Kildare and Carlow prior to the passing of the Local Govt Act of 1898.

(225.)

Letter dated 30th August read from Mr. H. F. Cotton, Local Govt Auditor, enclosing the accounts of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum for the three months ended 31st March, 1899, with his report thereon.

(226.)

Letter, No. 49022, dated 1st September, read from Local Govt. Board, stating that they could not add anything to the information conveyed in their letter of 5th May last and in the Memorandum presented to the House of Commons on 16th June last, with reference to the subject of the Agricultural Grant allocated to the County of Kildare.

The Secretary was directed to write again to the Local Govt Board and to point out that the information desired by the County Council was not contained in any of the communications which had so far been received by them, and to again request that it might be furnished.

(227.)

Circular, dated 24th August, read from the Union Amalgamation Committee of the General Council, asking for information on various matters. The Secretary was directed to reply that the information in paragraph 2 of the circular could not be furnished from the offices of the County Council, and that application for same should

be made direct to the Clerks of Unions, and that as regards the other subjects dealt with in the circular, and especially that relating to the amalgamation of Unions, the Delegates appointed by the County Council to the General Council would be in a position, and are fully authorized to express the views of the County Council at the meetings of the General Council.

(228.)

Letter, dated 27th August, read from Poor Rate Collector Joseph Wyeer, protesting against an outsider having been appointed to the Collection district vacated by the resignation of Poor Rate Collector Edward Conlon. With reference to same, the Secretary reported that he had referred the matter to the Local Govt Board, and he now read a telegram received from the Board to-day to the effect that Mr. Wyeer having been already provided for, it was in the discretion of the County Council to appoint any person they pleased to the Collection district formerly allotted to Mr. Edward Conlon.

(229.)

With reference to the fortnightly checking of Poor Rate Collectors' accounts, it was Ordered —

That the fortnightly checking of the Rate Collectors' accounts be carried out in accordance with the order of the Local Govt Board, and that the Clerks of the several Unions be appointed Deputies under Article 24 (4) of County Councils Order, for the present half-yearly collection.

(230.)

It was proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed —

That Messrs. Patrick P. Farnan, W. H. Twamley, W. J. Fennell, John Donohoe, & Owen Logan be added to the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

(231.)

Circular, dated 10th August, read from the Secretary of the Irish Financial Reform League, enclosing the report of the All Ireland Committee of the League, and asking the County Council to adopt a resolution and to appoint delegates to the All Ireland Committee. On considering same, it was proposed by Mr. M. J. Clinch, seconded by Mr. R. McKenna, and unanimously agreed —

That the Chairman and Vice Chairman be appointed delegates to the All Ireland Committee, and that the following Resolution submitted in their Circular, be also adopted: —

That, in the opinion of this Council, the financial relations existing between Great Britain and Ireland are most inequitable and are in contravention of the Treaty of Union.

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

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

That we call upon the Electors of Ireland to demand the resignation of any Irish Parliamentary representative who fails to join in unceasingly pressing this question upon the attention of Parliament until justice be done.

That a copy of this Resolution be forwarded to our representative in Parliament.

(232.)

The Secretary handed in notice of a claim for £300 for alleged malicious injury from Mr Adam Kyron of Vasslands, Monasterevan. It was referred to the Solicitor to defend it.

(233.)

The following report from the County Surveyor was read relative to Dangerous Places on the banks of the Grand Canal & Royal Canal in the County :-

CANAL DANGERS.—COUNTY SURVEYOR'S REPORT.
Mr E Glover, County Surveyor, read the following report — "To the County Council of Kildare, September 2nd, 1899 — Mr Chairman and Gentlemen—At your last meeting, August 23th, I was directed to report upon the unprotected state of certain streets and roadways alongside the canal banks in this County and to suggest remedies. The places named in the directions given to me were Killock, Robertstown, Sallins, Monasterevan, and Glenree. I have, since Monday last, visited all these places except Glenree, and I now furnish maps of the four places visited for information of the Council.
Generally I may say that the mere protection for people using roads or quays alongside navigable waterways is of the simplest character and could be done on an average for about 6s a yard. But the question now before you is complicated in two ways (1) as to who must pay the cost of protection, and (2) the method of protection apart from the mere safety of the public. My experience of Canal Companies is that they not only disclaim all responsibility to make any protection themselves, but they also deny the right of public bodies to spend money upon walls or railings which might in any way interfere with present facilities for haulage, loading and unloading of their boats. And a Canal Company's requirements mean large expenditure, say about four times greater than mere protection would entail unless there are wide margins for towing tracks—about 14 feet—between road channel and water edge. It is therefore a matter of difficulty to suggest specific and detailed remedies for the public safety, not knowing what a Canal Company may say and have power to say. But the general lines indicated on accompanying maps can, I believe, be adapted to suit either the public safety or canal requirements consistent with such safety.
KILCOCK.
The public road runs alongside Canal for about 220 perches and there is practically no protection for the whole length—that is from the canal bridge to the turn near the boundary of North Salt Barony. At the town end for about 180 yards the existing low parapet should be raised to, say, 3ft 9in. A new wall about 250 yards long should be built upon the old foundation commencing at where boats unload and ending at Doyle's forge. From the forge on to the Barony Boundary is about 340 yards with a wide grass margin which could be paled and leave room for a towing path inside.
From an old map which I have (published in 1752) it would appear that before the canal was made the Maynooth road for about the last half mile next Killock ran in a more Southerly direction than now and actually crossed the line of canal not far from North Salt boundary, entering Killock at Irishtown, South of present railway bridge. About eight years ago the high and dangerous arch of canal bridge in Killock was taken down and replaced by an iron top.
ROBERTSTOWN.
The bridge crossing canal here is dated 1784. The streets and most of the roads in the neighbourhood of Robertstown seem to be all different from what the map of 1752 shows. For a length of about 572 yards (that is from turn at end of Police Barrack to turn beyond house on Lowlown road) the principal street runs along canal side and the houses face the water. There is no protection except about 50 yards of wall and very short wings at the bridge. The 50 yards of wall referred to was built by the County about 20 years ago and was repaired a few years since. About 60 yards long of new defending wall should be built in continuation of the short wing wall on Lowlown side of bridge. After crossing the bridge from the town the wall next the water should be raised and the bank for the remainder of the way as far as turn to Blackwood should be protected. A wall or adequate paling could, I believe, be put up between the principal street and water edge without interfering with the canal traffic.

SALLINS.
The road (on North side of canal) starting from canal bridge is not shown on the 1752 map, indeed, the Straffan road at that time branched off the Naas road near Monree. On the South, Mr Haulon's, side it is only quite recently, except in front of houses, that the back road to Kerdiffstown was made a public one, the Canal Company having given permission. At the last quarterly meeting of the Rural District Council £140 was passed (provisionally) for posts and chains to protect both banks. At best this means of protection cannot be called satisfactory, but the Canal Engineer would not recommend his Directors to allow any other kind. About six years ago Sallins canal bridge was improved in the way of flattening road slopes and extending the old wing walls. This work made Sallins safer than it used to be, but no doubt it is still a dangerous place for a stranger to go on a dark night or for a drunken man at any time.
MONASTEREVAN.
The map of 1752 shows Monasterevan very different from what is to-day. The canal did not exist, neither did the roadway now along its banks.
Deaths from drowning occur here frequently and no wonder. At last quarterly meeting of Athy Council I applied to build a wall along the most dangerous or rather most frequented portion of roadway, namely, from the railway station bridge to Crow bridge—about 200 yards. My intention was later on to ask for protection in other places. The Athy Council did not pass my application, but referred the matter (through me) to the County Council to inquire whether the Canal Company is, or is not, bound to fence public roads and streets that go alongside the canal. Upon the accompanying map are shown places that should be protected within the town area. I have not included 600 yards of canal bank between railway station and the High bridge because it is only a minor road and there are many like it throughout the County.
CONCLUDING REMARKS.
It must not be forgotten that the cost for mere public protection at canals would be a comparatively small affair owing to the heavy conditions laid down by Canal Companies. They claim the right (1) to do nothing; (2) to compel others to do nothing; and (3) where permission is granted for public expenditure the conditions lead as a rule to so much expense that nothing is done in the end. But the two sides of the case must be looked at. Within the last 10 or 12 years both of the Canal Companies have permitted some of their banks to be turned into public roads, and the question is does such permission imply that the Companies can afterwards be called upon to protect public traffic upon these banks? The same question may perhaps apply where permission was granted, not 10 or 12, but 100 years ago.
Again, assuming a road or street more ancient than a canal and unfenced. In this case the non-protection must have allowed or agreed to when canal was built and consequently at the time legalised.
But ancient legal rights or immunities are often affected by the general trend of subsequent legislation. I believe it is a fact that no industry can be followed or property enjoyed without taking precautions to protect the public where there is risk.—I have the honour to be, your faithful servant, EDWARD GLOVER, County Surveyor, 1st September, 1899. P.S.—Since writing the above I find that in 1876 a Committee was appointed by the Grand Jury to consider matters relating to canal bridges and walls. I will be able to read the facts and Committee's report for you. They may have a bearing on the present subject.—E. G., 2nd September, 1899."

On considering the foregoing report it was unanimously Agreed —
That the Solicitor be instructed to endeavour to find the Case & Opinion
of Counsel on the question of the liability of the Canal Companies as to
dangerous places on public roads adjoining their property, and to
bring same before the Council at their next meeting, and that he
be authorised to get all papers bearing on the question from Mr. Galloway
or any other person in whose possession they may be found.

(234.)

The County Surveyor reported that the Town Commissioners of Newbridge
were in negotiation with the War Office for a strip of land adjoining
Newbridge Barracks wall, now used for storing road material,
and that it was a question for the Council whether this strip of land
should not be taken over ^{by} ~~from~~ them. It was accordingly —
Proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Ronaldson, and
unanimously Agreed — That the Secretary should ascertain from
the Military Authorities on what terms the strip of land in question
could be obtained or leased by the County Council.

(235.)

The County Surveyor read a letter dated 1st Sept^r which he had
received from Mr. P. J. Byrne, Solicitor, Carlow, intimating that a road
contractor, Mr. Owen Cummins of Kilberry, had delivered the
necessary material for repair of his road, and that the Sheriff's
bailliff had seized same under a decree obtained against Mr. Cummins
by Mr. Verschayle, and that the sale in the ordinary course would
take place on Tuesday, 5th September. On considering same it was —
Proposed by Mr. Heffernan, seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and
unanimously Ordered — That the Solicitor be instructed to
caution the Sheriff against interfering with the road material
alleged to have been seized under a decree in the case of
Verschayle v. Cummins.

(236.)

The Council adjourned — to meet again on Saturday
14th October, at 10.15 a.m.

14th Oct^r 1899

Stephen Brown

County Council.

Saturday, 14th October, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 14th October, 1899, at 10:15 a.m.

(237.)

The names of the Councillors were called over by the Secretary, and all were present except Mr. Charles J. Bergin, and he attended later on. The Chair was occupied by

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

(238.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of the Council held on 28th August were read by the Secretary. Minutes Nos. 200 + 201 relative to cases in which no tenders were received or no contracts made were directed to be amended by inserting in the margin opposite each item the number which had been prefixed to it in the advertisement inviting tenders to be sent to the County Council.

Minute No. 209 was also amended by adding to the Resolution therein the following words which it was agreed had been intended to be inserted by the County Council on 28th August:-

"Provided that proper precautions be taken that no re-sale take place except to bona fide agricultural labourers, and that such plots and dwellings shall continue in the occupation of bona fide agricultural labourers."

The Minutes of 28th August, as thus amended, were then confirmed by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

(239.)

The Minutes of the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council, held on 2nd September, were then read & confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(240.)

The Chairman read the Minutes of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the previous day.

On considering same it was proposed by Mr. J.P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and carried unanimously:-

That the Report of the Finance Committee be adopted as shown by their Minutes.

(241.)

The Secretary was directed to write to the Local Govt Board asking them to extend to 15th Novr. the time allowed to the Poor Rate Collectors to complete their collections for the half year ended 30th September.

(242.)

Donnolly's Hollow. — The Council agreed at this point to hear an application from the War Department, and the Secretary read a letter dated 9th October from Major Gen. Chalmers, Commanding the Curragh District, asking for a temporary modification in the hours for closing Donnolly's Hollow road.

Capt. Harpur attended on behalf of the Military Authorities to support the application.

Some members of the Council complained that the Lurg Lane road had not been kept in good order by the Military Authorities, & Captain Harpur gave an unofficial assurance that this state of things would be remedied.

(243.)

On the faith of this assurance, and on the condition that proper notice of the proposed modifications in the hours for closing Donnolly's Hollow road would be inserted in the "Leinster Leader", "Kildare Observer" and "Carlow Nationalist" and would otherwise be sufficiently advertised in the neighbourhood it was proposed by Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and carried unanimously:—

That the application made by Captain Harpur for permission to keep the Curragh Ranges open from 8 a.m. to 12 noon and from 2 p.m. to 5 p.m. for one month from this date be granted.

(244.)

Standing Orders. — The Chairman reported that the Standing Orders Committee had adopted a Code of Standing Orders at their meeting on the preceding day, and at his suggestion their consideration was adjourned to the next meeting of the Council, and it was directed, that the draft orders recommended by the Committee be printed and a copy sent to each member of the Council.

(245.)

Diseases of Animals Acts. — The Chairman reported that the Executive Committee under the Diseases of Animals Acts had drafted rules for that Committee and their Sub-Committees, and would be prepared to submit same and a report thereon to the next meeting of the County Council. The matter was adjourned accordingly.

(246.)

Malicious Injury Claims. — Mr. W. Grove White, Solicitor to the County Council, reported that the following five cases of claims for compensation for alleged malicious injuries were heard at the Michaelmas Quarter Sessions with the following

results:—

Mrs Maria Doyle.	Claim £105.	Deceit for £61.5.0 & costs.	To be levied off bounty at Large;
Mrs Maria Jacob.	" £7.	" £22.10.0 & costs.	" Athy No. 1 R. District
Adam Ryan.	" £300.	" £79— & costs.	" Do.
Rich ^d Harrison.	" £100.	" £22.10/- & costs.	" Do.
John Finn.	" £50.	" £30— & costs.	" Do.

(247)

Proposed by Mr M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr George Wolfe, and unanimously agreed—

That the question of obtaining valuations and estimates in Malicious Injury cases be referred to the Committee for the Permanent Staff and Office Arrangements to report thereon.

(248.)

Notice of Application received from Mrs Esther Byrne, Rathslough, Fontetown, claiming £60-^{or} compensation for an alleged malicious injury. On the Motion of Mr J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr Lawrence Malone, the Solicitor was instructed to defend same.

(249.)

Main Roads.—With reference to the Final General Declaration as to Main Roads, adopted by the County Council on 28th August the Secretary read letters from the Clerks of the Rural District Councils to the effect that same had been unanimously approved of by the Rural District Councils of Athy No. 1, Edenderry No. 2, & Naas No. 1; that the R. D. Council of Baltinglass No. 3 had neither assented nor dissented, but had merely made no Order on the matter; and that no reply had so far been received from Celbridge No. 1 R. D. Council.

(250.)

No Tenders.—On the application of the County Surveyor, the following public work for which no tender had been received or accepted at the last quarterly meeting of Athy No. 1 R. D. Council was given in charge to him for three months from 1st October; viz,
163 perches of road from Barrack Lane, Athy, to the Canal bridge at the Fever Hospital at per perch.

(251.)

Election of Accountant.—The Council proceeded to elect an Accountant for the County Council Office at a salary of £120 per annum, pursuant to advertisement.

The following candidates presented themselves:—Messrs Tho. Orford, Athy; James Kennedy, Monasterivan; John N. Murphy, 21 Nth Frederick St, Dublin; Thomas Langan, Rathcoffey, Kilcock; R. R. Murray, Naas; & James Lupane, 26 Shaftesbury Avenue, Belfast.

The applications & testimonials of the several candidates were read by the Secretary, and each candidate was called before the Council and questioned as to his qualifications, &c.

The Council decided that no votes should be taken for any candidate who was not proposed and seconded.

(252)

Mr. Tho. P. Orford was proposed by Mr. James Kelly, Maddentown, and seconded by Mr. M. J. Menck, M.P.;

Mr. Rich^d R. Murray was proposed by Mr. G. More O'Ferrall, D.L., and seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone;

Mr. Tho. Langan was proposed by Mr. John Field, and seconded by Lord Fredk. Fitzgerald;

Mr. John N. Murphy was proposed by Mr. James Kelly, Rathbride, and seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden.

Mr. James Kennedy & Mr. James Lupane were not proposed.

A poll was then taken, with the following result:—

(253.)

For Mr. Tho. P. Orford — Mess^{rs} Menck, Stephen Hayden, Orford, James Kelly (Maddentown), John Kelly, Heffernan, Bergin, Connolly, Edward Hayden, and Fenelon — 10.

(254.)

For Mr. R. R. Murray — Mess^{rs} Dowling, Wolfe, Mansfield, O'Ferrall, Kirkpatrick, Malone, and the Chairman — 7.

(255.)

For Mr. Tho. Langan — Mess^{rs} Murphy, Ronaldson, Crobie, Colgan, Lord F. Fitzgerald, Medlicott, McKenna, O'Loughlin, Cribbin, Sir G. Dease, and Field. — 11.

(256.)

For Mr. J. N. Murphy — Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride).

(257.)

Second Poll. — Mr. James Kelly, Rathbride, elected to vote for Mr. Tho. Langan, and the other members of the Council agreed to vote as before.

(258.)

Third Poll. — A third poll was then taken between Mess^{rs} Thomas P. Orford and Thomas Langan.

The 10 members who had previously voted for Mr. Orford voted for him again, and the 7 members who had voted for Mr. R. R. Murray now voted for Mr. Tho. Langan, with the result that there were 19 votes for Mr. Langan and 10 for Mr. Orford.

(259.)

It was then proposed by Mr John Field, seconded by Mr M. J. Maich, M.P. and carried unanimously — That Mr Thomas Langan be elected Accountant to the Kildare County Council, pursuant to advertisement.

Mr Langan was directed to be prepared to take up his duties on the 24th October, Mr Murray having been previously informed that his term of service would terminate on that date.

(260.)

The Council next proceeded to elect a Clerk to the County Council Office, pursuant to advertisement. The following candidates presented themselves: — Mr James Kennedy, Monasterevan; Mr W. E. Coffey, Naas; Mr James Boyle, Naas; Mr James Glennon, Leixlip; & Mr Rich^d Masterson, Naas.

(261.)

Mr W. E. Coffey was proposed by Mr G. Wolfe & seconded by Mr Lawrence Malone;

Mr Glennon was proposed by Mr Ronaldson & seconded by Sir G. R. Dease;

Mr Kennedy was proposed by Mr Murphy & seconded by Mr Cassidy;

Mr Boyle was proposed by Mr Edward Hayden, but was not seconded.

(262.)

A poll was then taken, with the following result: —

For Mr Coffey — Messrs Dowling, Maich, Wolfe, Crosbie, Cogan, Colgan, Medlicott, Stephen Hayden, Orford, James Kelly (Rathbride), James Kelly (Maddinstown), John Kelly, Mansfield, Heffernan, O'Ferrall, Malone, Bergin, Connolly, Cribbin, Fenelon, Edward Hayden — 21.

(263.)

For Mr Glennon — Messrs Ronaldson, Lord F. Fitzgerald, M. Keena, Kirkpatrick, ~~Connolly~~, Col. Sir G. R. Dease, & Mr Field — 6.

(264.)

For Mr Kennedy — Messrs Murphy, O'Loughlin, Cassidy — 3.

(265.)

Mr Coffey having obtained a majority of the votes of the Council it was proposed by Mr George Wolfe, seconded by Mr Lawrence Malone, and carried unanimously — That Mr W. E. Coffey be elected Clerk in the Office of the County Council pursuant to advertisement.

(266.)

County Surveyor's Clerk. — The following candidates presented themselves for the post of Clerk in the Office of the County Surveyor: — Messrs John Malhall, Laurence J. Fullam, Richard Masterson, and James Glennon.

(267.)

Mr Fullam was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, & seconded by Mr Edward Fenelon;

Mr Glennon was proposed by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, & seconded by Mr Richard McKenna.

A poll was then taken with the following result:—

(268.)

For Mr L. J. Fullam — Messrs Dowling, Murphy, Wolfe, Crookie, Cogan, Lord F. Fitzgerald, Medlicott, Stephen Heydon, Orford, Jas Kelly (Rathbride), James Kelly (Maddenstown), John Kelly, Mansfield, O'Loughlin, Cassidy, Heffernan, O'Ferrall, Kirkpatrick, Malone & Bergin — 21.

(269.)

For Mr Glennon — Messrs Murch, Ronaldson, & McKenna — 3.

(270.)

Mr Fullam having obtained a majority of the votes of the Council was then unanimously elected.

(271.)

Coal Tenders. — The Secretary reported that there were no tenders for the supply of coal for the Courthouse. He was informed that contractors were unwilling to tender for a three years' supply owing to the fluctuations in the coal trade. Ordered — That the Secretary re-advertise the contract for one year & that meanwhile he be authorized to order whatever fuel may be necessary for the use of the Court House.

(272.)

Letter, No. 50,810, dated 2nd September, read from the Local Government Board, approving of the appointment of Messrs Patrick Fium, Thomas N. Holbrook, ^{Patrick Downey} and Peter J. Murphy as Poor Rate Collectors, notwithstanding their being subject to disqualification under Article 8 (1) of the County (Poor Rate Collectors) Order, 1899.

(273.)

Letters (2), No. 54022, dated 6th October, read from Local Government Board, approving of Mr. Thomas Flanagan & Mr. Patrick Downey (who were not "existing officers" within the meaning of the Local Government Act, 1898) being appointed Poor Rate Collectors.

(274.)

Letter, No. 52361, dated 13th Sept., read from Local Government Board, stating that money cannot be placed in the County Surveyor's hands to execute works in his charge. Dealt with by the Finance Committee in their Minute No. 134.

(245).

Gratuities to Retiring Officers. — Letters (2), No. 55568, dated 27th September, and No. 56399, dated 3rd October, read from Local Government Board, to the effect that the Commissioners of Public Works are not empowered to make a loan for paying moiety of gratuities to ~~existing~~ ^{retiring officers,} suggesting that same might be obtained from the County Treasurer. Letter also read from Hebrew Bank, Naas, dated 11th October, offering to make the necessary loan.

Minute No. 135 of the Finance Committee hereon adopted.

(246).

Letter, No. 55568, dated 13th October, read from Local Government Board, stating that they had given the necessary authority to enable £2299.8.1 to be paid to the County Council out of the Local Taxation (Ireland) Account, under Section 115 (13) of the Local Government Act.

(247).

Letter, No. 53,832, dated 19th September, read from Local Government Board as to the Agricultural Grant. Minute No. 134 of the Finance Committee hereon adopted.

(248).

Letter, No. 52853, dated 26th September, read from Local Government Board, stating (1) that the Board are in communication with the Inland Revenue ~~Authorities~~ Department as to Stamp Duties payable by County Councils, and (2) that the Poor Rate Collectors should make up their Fortnightly Abstracts (Form 4) to the Saturday preceding the day on which their books are checked by the Clerks of the Unions.

(249).

Letter, No. 50609, dated 5th September, read from Local Government Board, enclosing a form of Bond approved by them for the County Kildare Poor Rate Collectors.

(280).

Letter, No. 52871, dated 22nd September, read from Local Government Board, notifying that an Inquiry would be held by them in Naas on 9th October, as to constituting Naas an Urban Sanitary District.

(281).

Letter, No. 56760, dated 3rd October, from Local Government Board, as to the proposed superannuation of Mr. Thomas Cross, C.E., Assistant Surveyor. Minute No. 138 of the Finance Committee hereon adopted.

(282).

Letter, No. 55545, dated 5th October, from Local Government Board, approving of £200. being paid to the Secretary and £100. to the County

Surveyor, for extra services in bringing the Local Government Act of 1898 into operation in the County Kildare.

(283)

Letter, No. 3240, dated 2nd September, read from Veterinary Department, approving of the appointment of Mr. W. A. Young, V.S., as Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894, for Dalhousglass No. 3 Rural District, at a salary of £10 per ann.

(284)

Circular, No. 3125, dated 4th September, received from Veterinary Department, enclosing copy of Order in Council of 31st August, withdrawing the Muzzling of Dogs (Ireland) Order of 1894 from certain districts.

(285)

Circular, No. 2670, dated " — August, 1899," read from Veterinary Department, ~~ref~~ relative to repayments to County Councils out of the General Cattle Diseases Fund under section 72 of the Diseases of Animals Act, 1894. Ordered — that the forms prescribed in the Circular be compiled & printed.

(286)

Letter, No. 57,500, dated 7th September, read from Local Government Board, enclosing letter from Mr. Christopher Cornell, complaining that he had not yet been paid his compensation as a retiring Barony Cess Collector.

(287)

Munite No. 115 of the Finance Committee was read, relative to County Council Munite No. 193, respecting payments to Road Contractors.

On the motion of Mr. M. J. Munch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Edw. Fenelon, Munite No. 115 of the Finance Committee was approved unanimously.

(288)

Letter, dated 12th September, read with Resolution adopted by Naas No. 1 Rural District Council on 11th September, complaining that the road contractors were not paid sooner. The Secretary read his letter of 16th September in reply, explaining the causes of the delay on the present occasion.

(289)

Letter, dated 28th September, read from Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, with two Resolutions adopted by them on 27th September, (1) asking the County Council to elect evicted tenants, or members of their families (if qualified) to vacancies in the Council office, & (2) to place the Flag of Ireland over the County Court House.

(290)

Letter, dated 30th September, read from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, requesting the County Council to put in force in the Parish of Castledermot the compulsory provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892. Ordered - that the District Council be asked to specify the electoral divisions or townlands to which they wished the Act to be applied, as parishes no longer appear in the Valuation lists as territorial denominations.

(291)

Letter, dated 12th October, read from Mr. Patrick Fullam, Roseberg Newbridge, road contractor, complaining of the action of the Magistrate at Newbridge Petty Sessions on an application made to them by him to enable him to obtain gravel. The Secretary was directed to reply that the County Council had no power to interfere in the matter.

(292)

Letter, dated 18th September, read from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, asking the County Council to grant a site in Monastereran for the erection of a Memorial to Father Prendergast; also to defend all claims for malicious burnings or injuries which are to be heard at the October Quarter Sessions.

Letter, dated 9th October, also read from Monastereran 98 Club, applying that a site for the Father Prendergast Memorial be granted in the Market Square, Monastereran.

It was proposed by Mr. M. J. Munnich, M.P., seconded by Mr. E. J. Cassidy, and carried unanimously:

"That the request of the Committee of the Monastereran 98 Club be granted, the site to be fixed on consultation between the County Surveyor, Mr. Cassidy (County Councillor) and Messrs. Peter P. Imminons and Edward Kennedy (the local District Councillors) and the Committee of the Monastereran 98 Club."

(293)

Letter, dated 8th September, read from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, as to the proposed Auxiliary Asylum for Harmless Lunatics, and objecting to Naas Prison buildings being used for the purpose.

(294)

Letter, dated 22nd September, read from Resident Medical Superintendent of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum, stating that "the proportion of the number of lunatics from each

County, according to the average of the three local financial years ending 31st March, 1899, is—

Carlow—147

Kildare—207.

Ordered— that the Secretary be directed to ask for a detailed return for each County, showing (1) the number of inmates, (2) the name & residence of each, (3) the date when admitted, and (4) the length of detention of each in the Asylum during the three years ended 31st March, 1899.

(295).

Letter, dated 25th September, read from the Clerk of the Union, Celbridge, stating that the Guardians had assessed the compensation claim of Dr. Stoney of Lucan under section 115 (18) of the Local Government Act at £240., payable as follows:—

By County Council of Kildare ... £131.13.9

" " " " Dublin ... 64.16.3

" " " " Meath ... 13.10.0 Total £240.0.0.

The matter was referred to the Finance Committee for their consideration.

(296),

Letter, dated 20th September, read from Lieut. Col. Foley, C.R.E., Curragh District, stating that the Military Authorities would object to the strip of land outside the boundary wall of Newbridge Barracks being used for storing road material.

(297)

Letter, dated 25th August, ^{received} ~~read~~ from County Council of North Riding of Tipperary, submitting a Resolution adopted by them on the Financial Relations question, similar to the Resolution already adopted thereon by this Council.

(298)

Circular, dated 6th September, ~~read from~~ ^{received from} North Dublin Rural District Council, submitting a Resolution on the purchase of Labourers Cottages & Plots, respecting which this Council had already adopted a Resolution.

(299)

Circular, dated 8th September, read from the Limerick Borough Council, submitting a Resolution adopted by them, expressing sympathy with the Boers.

On considering same, it was proposed by Mr. Edw. Paulson, and seconded by Mr. J. J. Hefferman:—

"That we, the Kildare County Council, avail of this opportunity to express our deep regret at the unfortunate ^{state of war} ~~circumstances~~ ^{to which the poor people have been forced} ~~that~~ ^{have forced the poor to war} in order to ^{maintain the independence of} protect their homes & heads."

~~The resolution was carried - Lord F.~~

Mr. A. More O'Ferrall proposed an amendment to the effect that the Council did not consider it their duty to interfere in the conflict or pass their opinion, and that the members of the Council reserved to themselves their private opinions on the present war.

The amendment was seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick, but the Chairman ruled that it was a direct negatve, and therefore out of order.

The original resolution was then carried - Lord J. FitzGerald, Col Sir G. R. Dease, Mr. More O'Ferrall, ^{Mr. Mayne} & Mr. Madlicott dissenting; and Mr. George Wolfe did not vote.

(300).

Resolution, dated 14th September, received from the Loughrea Rural District Council on the subject of Evicted Tenants.

(301).

Resolution, dated 23rd September, received from the Tuam Board of Guardians, relative to the administration of the Agriculture & Industries (Ireland) Act of 1898.

(302).

Letter read from Poor Rate Collector Finn, asking for permission to have his books checked at Athy Union instead of Ballyglass Union, & letters from Clerks of Athy and Ballyglass Union expressing their willingness to leave the question in the hands of the Council. Permission granted.

(303).

Application read from Court House Keeper at Naas, asking for an increase of his salary. Ordered - that the application be referred to the Committee on the Permanent Office Staff.

(304).

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Lynch, M.P., & seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, carried unanimously: -

"That the question of residence & office hours of all County Officials be referred to the Permanent Staff Committee to report to this Council."

(305)

Letter, dated 26th September, read from Mr. F. W. Crossley, on the subject of Irish Tourist Development. On

considering same, it was—

Proposed by Mr. W. J. Kirkpatrick, seconded by Col. Sir Gerald Dease, and passed unanimously:—

"That it is desirable to erect sign posts at the principal cross roads in the County, and that the County Surveyor be requested to draw up a scheme for the purpose, & that a copy of this Resolution be sent to the Clerk of each District Council."

(306)

Proposed by Mr. George Maunsfield, D.L., seconded by Mr. George Wolfe, and carried unanimously:—

"That we again call the attention of the G. S. & W. Railway Company to the insufficiency of the railway communication between Dublin, Tallinn, & Naas between the hour of 8.20 a.m. and 11.30 a.m."

(307)

Ordered— that the County Surveyor be authorised to prosecute at Petty Sessions all defaulting Contractors, and that our Solicitor be authorised to attend same.

A prosecution to be authorised instituted in respect of the flooding in Millbrook Lane.

(308)

The following Notice of Motion was lauded in by Mr. J. J. Hefferman:—

"I will move at next Quarterly Meeting that all Committee meetings be held at the Court House, Kildare."

(309)

The pay forms for the payments recommended by the Finance Committee— Form 27 for £1661.18.5, and Form 14 for £505.0.5— were submitted and signed by the Chairman & 2 other members of the Council.

(310)

The Council adjourned to 27th November.

27th Nov 1899
Stephen J. Brown Ch.

County Council.

Monday, 27th November, 1899.

Minutes of the Proceedings at a Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 27th November, 1899, at 10:30 a.m. for the quarter ended 30th Sept. 1899.

Present: Messrs Steph. (311).

Present: - Messrs Stephen J. Brown (Chairman), Mr. J. Minch, M.P. (Vice-Chairman), John Field, Edward Fenelon, John Cribbin, Edward Hayden, Chas. J. Bergin, Lawrence Malone, John T. Heffernan, A. Moore O'Ferrall, D.L., Joseph Conolly, James Kelly (Rathbride), Stephen Hayden, James E. Medlicott, Lord Fredk Fitz Gerald, Wm. R. Ronaldson, Stephen Murphy, Joseph P. Dowling, Francis Colgan, George Mansfield, D.L., W. J. Kirkpatrick, Geo. Wolfe, Peter Croshie, & Joseph O'Loughlin.

The Chair was occupied by Mr. Stephen J. Brown, J.P., Chairman of the County Council. (312.)

Letter read from Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, regretting that he could not attend this meeting, owing to his having to go to the County Monaghan on business.

(313.)

The Minutes of the Meeting of 14th October were read and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(314.)

With reference to Form 1 [Financial Minutes] for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899, the Secretary handed in same completed except as regards pp. 6 & 7, which related to the amount of the proposals for new works and maintenance of works, and the calculations respecting same, under Section 27(2) of the Local Government Act, which he stated could not be completed for some little time. Ordered accordingly that the consideration of the accounts under this Form be postponed.

(315.)

Form 2 (Financial Statement Book of Receipts) and Form 3 (Financial Statement Book of Expenditure) were presented for examination for the Quarter ended 30th June.

(316)

The County Treasurer's Statements of receipts and payments, consisting of the Bank pass-books, duly certified by the Treasurer, were handed in - one for the quarter ended 30th June, one for the quarter ended 30th September, and one to 25th November, showing a balance to credit at the present date of £14,614: 4: 3.

(317)

The Council proceeded to consider the proposals for New

MS (323.)
Proposed by Mr. P. J. Dowling, seconded by Mr. M. J. Muir,
M.P., and carried unanimously:-

That a Committee, consisting of Lord F. Fitzgerald and
Messrs. Medlicott & Mansfield be appointed to affix the
seal of the Council to all documents requiring the seal
affixed to them MS

Works and Maintenance of Works made by the Rural District Councils and the contracts made in respect of same, and the following resolutions were adopted: -

Athy N^o 1 Rural District. - The proposal to expend £40 on direction-posts was rejected, as same are County-at-large charges and the County Surveyor was directed to bring all such cases before the next Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee.

The other proposals of the District Council (N^{os} 1-6) were approved with the exception that the flagged footpath proposed in N^o 5 in front of the Convent New Schools, Athy, is to be 4 feet wide instead of 4 ft 9 inches.

(318.)

For Ballyglan N^o 3 Rural District there were no proposals to be considered.

(319.)

Celbridge N^o 1 Rural District. - As to direction posts, like resolution as in Athy N^o 1 Rural District. Other applications approved.

(320.)

Edenderry N^o 2 Rural District. - Application approved.

(321.)

Kaas N^o 1 Rural District. - All applications approved.

(322.)

County at Large. - No applications for New Works or maintenance of works from the Proposal Committee.

(324.)

No Tenders. - The cases in which no tenders were received or no contracts made at the Adjourned Quarterly Meetings of the District Councils were dealt with as follows: -

(325.)

Athy N^o 1 Rural District. - N^o 1 ~~100~~ 57 perches of road from Richardstown three roads - Given in charge to County Surveyor for three months;

N^o 2 ~~100~~ 724 perches of road from Castledermot Market Place etc. - Like order;

N^o 3. - 732 perches of road from three roads near Inch Castle - one tender

~~100~~ received from Mr. Edward Kelly, but his sureties not being present the work was given in charge to the County Surveyor for three months;

N^o 4. - 540 perches of road from Johnstown West to Newtown Allen three roads - Tender accepted from Patrick Byrne, Knocknagoe, but ~~100~~ the contract could not be completed owing to the papers relating to it not having been forwarded from Athy N^o 1 R. D. Council;

N^o 5. - To make 62 yds of flagged footpath at Convent New Schools, Athy - ~~100~~ Given in charge to Co. Surveyor owing to contractor & sureties not having appeared;

No 6 - 163 perches from Barrack Lane, Athy, to Canal Bridge. —
On the motion of Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Lord Fred^k FitzGerald,
this work was given in charge to County Surveyor for six months.
(326.)

Edeuderry No 2 District. —

No 1 - 942 perches of road from Barony bounds at Drohid — Given in
charge to County Surveyor for six months.
(327.)

Naas No 1 Rural District. —

- No 2 - 1182 perches road from Thomas Wolfe's of Derryvarroque. — Given in charge
to County Surveyor for three months;
" 6 - 107 perches road known as Double Ditch — Like order;
" 8 - 160 perches road from Turnings Gate. — Like Order;
" 9 - 492 perches of lanes in the Town of Kildare, &c. — Like order;
" 10 - 253 perches road from Brownstown cross-roads. — In this case there were
three tenders, and on the motion of Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Heffernan,
it was unanimously resolved that the tender of Luke Luoken, Moorfield,
be accepted at £68.10.5 per annum (5^s per perch) for 3½ years
from 1st January, 1900;
" 12 - 452 perches road from Woolpack Mill. On the motion of Mr. Laurence
Malone, seconded by Mr. John Field, the tender of Mr. Thos. Slattery
was accepted at £13. per annum (9^d nearly per perch) for 3½ years
from 1st January, 1900;
" 13 - 693 perches road from three roads at Arthurstown — Given in charge
to County Surveyor for three months;
" 15 - 589 perches road from Thomastown three roads. Tender of Patrick
Fullam, Rosberry, accepted at £22 per annum (9^d nearly per perch)
for 3½ years from 1st January 1900.

(328.)

Provisional Proposals. — The following provisional proposals were
received: —

Athy No 1 Rural District. — One proposal to expend £105 on a footpath between
Mykerstown cross-roads & Mr. Byrnes, Walterstown;

Celbridge No 1 Rural District. — Two ^{provisional} proposals: —

£50 to provide direction posts on main roads;

£200 to make a concrete footpath in Leixlip;

Naas No 1 Rural District. — Two provisional proposals, viz, —

£50 to fill grieses and widen and improve 190
perches of road at Knockshough Glebe, &c;

£100 to make a concrete footpath in Kildare.

Edeuderry No 2 Rural District. — Letter read from Mr. Mark Blake of

Mount Merrion, relative to 882 perches of road in the townlands of Barnaran and Lullymore, and 159 perches of fence, which had been adopted as a provisional proposal by Edeuderry N^o. 2 District Council at their last Quarterly Meeting, and proposing that same should be dropped, as the landlord, Mr. Rudenell Murphy, was willing to execute the work. Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin stated that the Edeuderry N^o. 2 District Council proposed an expenditure of £120 upon the work, but it appeared that, by an oversight of the Rural District Clerk, the matter had not been sent in to be laid before the County Council.

(329.)

On the consideration of the payments recommended by the Finance Committee it was Resolved — That all payments recommended by them as shown by their Minutes of 8th, 18th, & 25th November be approved.

(330.)

Fuel for County Court House. — The Secretary stated that he had advertised as directed for a supply of fuel for the County Court House, but that he had received no tenders for coal or coke, and only one tender (from Mr. James Dempsey, Newtown) for turf at 12^s. per load for twelve months. This tender was considered excessive and it was Ordered — That the Secretary do order such coal & coke as may be required from time to time for the present, and that fresh advertisements be inserted in time for the first Quarterly Meeting in the next financial year, inviting tenders for coal, coke, & turf for one year, the probable annual quantity of coal required to be stated in the advertisements, and such coal to be delivered in lots of two tons each.

(331.)

Letter dated 6th November read from Mr. J. H. Holbrook, resigning his position as Poor Rate Collector; also further letters from him dated 8th & 21st November, the last-named enclosing a copy of a letter which he had addressed on that date to the Local Government Board on the subject.

Mr. Holbrook appeared before the Council and made a statement as to his reasons. On hearing him it was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and unanimously agreed —

That Mr. Holbrook's resignation be accepted.

(332.)

Further proposed — that it be referred to the Permanent Staff and Officers' Committee already appointed, to divide Mr. Holbrook's district into at least two convenient districts.

Proposed by Mr Fanelon, seconded by Mr Malone -
That it be divided into two districts - one North and the
other South of Naas.

Amendment to the foregoing Amendment proposed by Mr Minch,
seconded by Mr Medlicott -

That it be referred to the Finance Committee to divide the
district into at least two convenient districts, and also to
report in the terms of Standing Order N^o. 22.

The last Amendment was put to the Council & declared
carried.

(333.)

The Council proceeded to consider the Minutes of the Proceedings of
the Committee on the Permanent Staff and Office Arrangements, held
on 4th & 13th November, printed copies of which had been sent to the
members of the Council on 23rd November with the following results:-

(334.)

County Analyst. - On considering the Committee Minutes Nos 166, 167,
203 & 204 it was stated that in addition to the separate agreements
recently made by Sir Charles Cameron with the Guardians of Naas &
Athy Unions, an agreement had also been made with him by the
Guardians of Celbridge Union on similar lines. The Council considered
that any arrangements made with any of the Unions in the County
should be cancelled, and that the salary of £60 per annum
proposed by their Committee should apply to the whole County.
It was ultimately proposed by Mr W. T. Kirkpatrick, seconded by
Mr John Field, and unanimously agreed -

That as regards the County Analyst the report of the Committee
is approved provided Sir Charles Cameron agrees to cancel the
arrangements made with Celbridge or any other Board of
Guardians in the County, as regards recent appointments.

(335.)

Veterinary Inspectors. - Minutes Nos 168, 169, & 170 of the
Committee were approved, and as regards No. 171 same was also
approved except as to the remuneration proposed to be paid to
Mr Michael Smith for Edenderry N^o. 2 District, which was referred
back to the Committee for further consideration.

(336.)

Assistant Surveyors. - On considering the Minutes Nos 172, 173,
and 174 submitted by the Committee relative to the Assistant Surveyors
and their proposal in Minute N^o. 174 that the salaries of Assistant
Surveyors Coonan, Delany & Dominic should be increased from

£80 to £90 per annum, it was proposed by Mr. Edward Fehelon, seconded by Mr. James Kelly, (Rathbride),

That the proposed increases of salary be not sanctioned.

The resolution was put to the Council & declared not carried.

(337.)

Mr. James Delany, Assistant Surveyor, stated that he and the other Assistant Surveyors had decided to accept the proposed increase, but would appeal to the Local Govt. Board to grant them a further increase. In consequence of this statement it was proposed by Mr. Munch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and carried unanimously —

That the paragraphs relating to the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors be eliminated from the report of the Committee.

(338.)

County Surveyor. — The recommendations of the Committee (Minutes Nos 175 and 206) as to the County Surveyor's salary having been considered, it was proposed by Mr. Edw. Hayden, & seconded by Lord Frederick FitzGerald: —

That the recommendation of the Committee with regard to the County Surveyor be approved, Mr. Glover undertaking to reside in the County as soon as he possibly can, and not later in any event than a year from this date.

(339.)

Amendment proposed by Mr. James Kelly, Rathbride, and seconded by Mr. Joseph Connolly —

That no increase of salary be given to the County Surveyor.

The amendment was rejected by a large majority.

(340.)

The original resolution was then put, and unanimously adopted, and the County Surveyor accepted the terms proposed, and the conditions attached to them.

(341.)

Secretary to County Council. — The Minutes of the Committee (Nos 177 to 187) relative to the duties and remuneration of the Secretary were considered, and after considerable discussion it was proposed by Mr. Medlicott and seconded by Mr. O'Connell —

That the recommendations of the report with regard to the Secretary's salary be confirmed, with the addition that it be a condition of the proposed increase that the Secretary should reside within the County within easy

reach of his office, and that he should do so within one year from this date, and that until he has actually taken up his residence as above he should attend at the Secretary's office on at least four days in each week, from ten to four o'clock.

(342.)

The following amendment was proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Stephen Murphy, and carried:-

That "five days" be substituted for "four days", and that the Secretary do have until next meeting of the Council to consider whether he will agree to the terms proposed.

(343.)

Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride) proposed, and Mr. Lawrence Malone seconded, as a further amendment:-

That the resolution stand, with the alteration that the salary be £300 instead of £400.

The amendment was rejected, and the original resolution, as amended by Mr. Dowling's amendment was then carried unanimously.

(344.)

Court House Keeper at Naas. — The Committee's Minute (No. 207) was approved, and it was agreed that in addition to his statutory salary of £10 per annum the Court House Keeper at Naas should be paid £20 (instead of £10) per annum from 1st April, 1899, as an allowance for cleaning, washing, &c, in consideration of the increased amount of this work entailed upon him by the passing of the Local Government Act.

(345.)

Claims of Clerks of Unions. — The Minutes of the Committee (Nos. 209 to 211) were approved.

(346.)

Evidence in Cases of Malicious Inquiries. — Minute No. 212, submitted by the Committee on this subject was amended by inserting, after the word "defend", the words "and that such claims are not also defended by the District Council". The Minute as thus amended was then adopted.

(347.)

Proposed Pension to Mr. Tho. Cross, C.E., Assistant Surveyor. — Minute No. 231, adopted by the Finance Committee on 18th Nov^r,

was approved and adopted.

A letter, dated 23rd November, was read from Mr. Cross, expressing his satisfaction with the proposals of the Finance Committee in his case, and his letter was accepted as a resignation of his appointment accordingly.

It was referred to the Finance Committee to make arrangements for the appointment by the County Council of his successor.

(348.)

Standing Orders. — On considering the Standing Orders submitted by the Standing Orders Committee, it was proposed by Lord Frederick FitzGerald, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, and unanimously agreed that the last paragraph of Standing Order No. 23 should be amended by inserting the words "three of" before the words "the members."

(348.) (a)

It was also unanimously agreed, at the suggestion of Mr. Munch & Mr. Mansfield that Standing Order No. 14 should be amended by omitting the words "and may order his removal, and such removal shall be deemed to be the act of the Council."

(348.) (b)

On the motion of Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Munch, it was then unanimously resolved —

That the Standing Orders be approved, with the above amendments.

(349.)

Draft Rules for the guidance of SubCommittees under the Diseases of Animals Acts were submitted by the Executive Committee under those Acts, & were amended.

It was then proposed by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Fenelon, and carried unanimously —

That the Draft Rules as amended be approved.

(350.)

On considering Minute No. 259 of the Finance Committee, it was proposed by Mr. Dowling, seconded by Mr. Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously —

That P. G. L. B. Stoney's compensation be assessed at £210., and that the proportion chargeable to the County of Kildare be taken as £131.13.9.

(351.)

Pursuant to Notice of Motion it was moved by Mr. J. J. Heffernan -

"That all Committee Meetings be held at the Court House, Kildare".

The motion was seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and after considerable discussion it was put by the Chairman, when there voted -

For - Messrs. Murch, Edw. Hayden, Berquin, Heffernan, O'Loughlin, Kelly (Rathbride), Cassidy, J. Heydon, Medlicott, Murphy, and Dowling - total 11.

Against - Messrs. Field, Fenelon, Gibbin, Maloney, Wolfe, Colgan, Donaldson, Kirkpatrick, and the Chairman - total 9.

The motion was therefore carried. Lord E. Fitzgerald & Mr. Crosbie did not vote.

(352.)

With reference to an item in the Solicitor's taxed costs, it was resolved, on the motion of Mr. Heffernan -

That it be referred to the Finance Committee to suggest regulations for giving instructions to the Solicitor to the Council.

(353.)

Ordered - that the Paying Order for £93.7.6 to Adam Byron, for compensation, &c, for a malicious injury, be retained by the Secretary until it be ascertained whether an appeal has been lodged in the case.

(354.)

Resolved - that before filling a Paying Order for £6.5.0 for balance of fees claimed by the Secretary for fees under the Juries Acts the opinion of the Local Government Board is to be obtained as to whether the scale applies to each Union, or to all the Unions collectively & in globo.

(355.)

A number of lists of Irrecoverable Debtors were submitted by the Poor Rate Collectors. Items disallowed were marked with a X by the Chairman, and each ^{sheet} was then initialed by him.

(356.)

County Form 14 for Paying Orders Nos 648 to 1413 was signed by the Chairman and two of the Councillors, and also County Form No. 27 for Paying Orders Nos A.19 to A.26.

(357.)

It was resolved that the General District Poor Rate for the half year ending March 31, 1900, should be the same as for the preceding half year, and the Secretary was authorised to ascertain from the Local Government Board whether the levying of fractional rates for separate charges might be postponed pending legislation on the subject.

(358.)

Letter, No. 63373, dated 6th November, read from Local Government Board relative to the proposal of the County Council to borrow about £2500 from the Heberman Bank ^{by a mortgage of the Rates}, stating that no form had been prescribed for such a mortgage.

Letter, dated 28th October, also read from Heberman Bank, agreeing to lend the money at 3's per cent interest for five years, & payable in ^{ten} half yearly instalments.

(359.)

Circular, dated 16th October, received from Veterinary Department, relative to Sheepscab.

(360.)

Order, dated 13th November, received from Board of Agriculture, relative to Swine Fever.

(361.)

The County Surveyor handed in a list of unie cases in which road contractors were ~~neglected~~ neglecting their duties, & recommending that the contractors and their sureties should be prosecuted at Petty Sessions.

The cases were considered, & prosecutions were ordered in all of them.

(362.)

Circular, dated 21st October, and letter (with Statement) dated 14th November, received from Commissioners of Public Works relative to loans made for Carlow District Lunatic Asylum. Ordered - to be put on the Agenda for next meeting.

(363.)

~~Letter, dated~~ County Analyst's report received for the quarter ended 30th September, 1899.

(364.)

Letter, dated 16th November, read from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, requesting the County Council to put the

compulsory provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892,
into force in certain parts of that Rural District.

Proposed by Mr. Edw. Hayden, seconded by Mr. Dowling,
and unanimously agreed -

That the Compulsory Education be put in force in the
Rural District of Athly No. 1 in the districts mentioned in
the letter, and that the appointment of Committees be
adjourned to the next meeting of the County Council.

(365.)

Resolution read from Ballyglass No. 2 Rural District
Council, requesting that some person resident in the
District should be appointed Poor Rate Collector for it.

(366.)

Resolution read from Celbridge No. 1 Rural District
Council, as to payments to July road contractors.

(367.)

Letter read from Navas Waterworks Committee,
asking the County Council to take in the water for the
County Court House. Postponed to next meeting of the
Council.

(368.)

The Council adjourned.

Stephen Brown Secy. 30 Dec. 1892

COUNTY COUNCIL.

SATURDAY, 30TH DECEMBER, 1899.

Minutes of an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Saturday, 30th December, 1899, at 10.30 a.m.

(369)

Present—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of the County Council) in the chair; John T. Heffernan, J.P.; W. R. Ronaldson; George Wolfe, J.P.; Lord Frederick FitzGerald; Ambrose More O'Ferrall, D.L.; Stephen Heydon; Laurence J. Malone; Charles Bergin; Joseph P. Dowling; James Kelly, Rathbride; Joseph O'Loughlin; Peter Crosbie; John Kelly; James Kelly, Maddenstown; John Cribbin; Edw. Hayden; and Edward J. Cassidy, J.P.

A letter was received from Mr. George Mansfield, D.L., and a telegram from Mr. Francis Colgan, J.P., regretting that they were unavoidably prevented from attending the present meeting.

(370)

The Minutes of the Meeting held on 27th November were read and amended, and confirmed as amended, and signed by the Chairman.

(371)

The Chairman suggested that time would be saved if the Minutes of every Meeting were printed and issued with the Agenda Paper for the following Meeting, and, after some discussion, it was proposed by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed to:—

“That a copy of the Minutes of previous Meetings be sent to each Member of the Council, with the Agenda Paper, prior to each Meeting, and that the Secretary be authorised to have same printed.”

(372)

Poor Rate Estimate.—The Secretary submitted his estimate for the Poor Rate for the half year ending 31st March, 1900, and proposed that the rates for the ordinary expenditure should be the same as for the half year ended 30th September, 1899.

As regards Separate Charges, he proposed that the same course should be adopted as in the last half year, and that, pending legislation, no rates should be struck for Separate Charges representing fractions of a penny, which would be, to a large extent, uncollectable, and that, consequently, the only Separate Charges to be raised for the present half year should be two pence in the £ for Naas Cemetery, Waterworks, and Sewerage, and a halfpenny in the £ for Newbridge Cemetery, chargeable in both instances on the same areas as last time.

Having fully considered the subject, the Council unanimously adopted the following resolution on the motion of Mr J. T. Heffernan, seconded by Lord Frederick FitzGerald:—

“That the General District Poor Rates and Separate Charges for the half year ending 31st March, 1900, be as follows:—

The Rates for the Ordinary Expenditure of the County for the service of the half-year ending the 31st day of March, 1900, chargeable to the several Districts, are to be 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.
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of County Charges	2·089	1·372	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	6-120	2-675	8-795
Total	11-045 (11d.)	8-574	19-619 (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.)

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	1-856	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 are to be added to the rates above-mentioned for the payment of such separate charges, and the same are to form part of and will be collected with the above general rates:—

Name of Special Area or Contributory Place.	Purpose or Name of Charge.	Special Poundage Rate.
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.

(373)

In connection with the striking of the foregoing rates the Secretary read a letter, dated 23rd December from the Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council forwarding the following resolution adopted by them on 20th December:—

That we desire to call the attention of the County Council to the fact that, on the Demand Note or receipt for rate, the poundage rate under the Public Health Act is not specified, thereby leaving the occupiers in a position not to know what to deduct from the landlords.

With reference to this matter the Secretary reported that he had called the attention of the Clerk of the Athy District Council to the subject of separate charges on 25th April last, and had received a reply that there were no separate charges in the District, and in Table (c) of the Estimate of the District Council for the current year the columns for separate charges were blank, although Table (a) contained an item of £340 for General Sanitary Expenses. He had written for further explanations, but had so far not received any, and under these circumstances the County Council were of opinion that they could take no action in the matter at the present time.

(374)

Provisional proposal, received from Edenderry No. 2 District Council, proposing to expend £120 on repairing 882 perches of road, and making 159 perches of fence in the townlands of Barnaran and Lullymore.

(375)

Irish Education Act, 1892—With reference to Minute No. 364, and the letter of 16th November from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, the Secretary reported that he had no information as to names to be proposed as members of School Attendance Committees in the portions of Athy No. 1 Rural District where the compulsory provisions of the Irish Education Act were to be put in force. Mr. Edward Hayden said that he was also not in a position to suggest names. The Secretary was, therefore, directed to write to Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, asking them to suggest names for the School Attendance Committees for the several districts mentioned in their letter of 16th November.

(376)

Letter, dated 30th November, read from Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, with the following resolution adopted by them on 29th November:—

That the following arrangements of districts for appointment of School Attendance Committees be recommended to the County Council for adoption, the names of existing schools being adopted to signify the surrounding districts:—

1. Allen District.—(Schools): Allen, Allenwood, Milltown, Robertstown, Kilmeague.
2. Ballymore-Eustace District.—(Schools): Ballymore-Eustace, Tipperkevin, Rathmore, Killeel, Kill.
3. Clane District.—(Schools): Clane, Staplestown, Prosperous, Tinnahoe, Millicent, Sallins, Caragh, Clongorey.

4. Kilcullen District.—(Schools): Athgarvan, Halverstown, Kilcullen, Brannockstown, Ballymount, Carnalway, Two-Mile-House.

5. Kildare District.—(Schools): Suncroft, Ballysax, Kildare.

(377)

- Proposed by Mr. John Cribbin, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and carried unanimously :—
That the School Attendance Committee for the District of Allen consist of Rev. Edward Lalor, P.P., Kilmegue; Rev. George Garrett, Kilmegue; Mr. Denis Nolan, Blakestown; Mr. John McNally, Allenwood; and Mr. Daniel Healy, Allen.

(378)

Proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously :—
That the School Attendance Committee for the District of Ballymore-Eustace consist of Rev. P. McCarthy, P.P., Ballymore-Eustace; Rev. J. Norris, P.P., Rathmore, Naas; Rev. George Gowing, D.D., P.P., Kill; Rev. Canon Adams, Kill; and Mr. Thos. Grace, Ballymore-Eustace.

(379)

Proposed by Mr. Peter Crosbie, seconded by Mr. John Cribbin, and carried unanimously :—
That the School Attendance Committee for the District of Clane consist of Rev. James Colgan, P.P., Clane; Rev. Austin Kinsella, P.P., Caragh; Rev. Thomas Morrin, P.P., Naas; Mr. Thomas Cooke-Trench, D.L., Millicent; and Rev. Canon Sherlock, Sherlockstown.

(380)

Proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously :—
That the School Attendance Committee for the District of Kilcullen consist of Very Rev. Monsignor Tynan, P.P., Newbridge; Very Rev. Canon Langan, P.P., V.F., Kilcullen; Rev. W. S. Somerville-Large, Carnalway, Kilcullen; Mr. John La Touche, D.L., Harristown; and Rev. Patrick Warren P.P., Ballitore.

(381)

Proposed by Mr. C. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and carried unanimously :—
That the School Attendance Committee for the District of Kildare consist of Very Rev. Monsignor Murphy, D.D., P.P., V.G., Kildare; Rev. Wm. Ransbott, P.P., Suncroft; Very Rev. Dean Cowell, The Deanery, Kildare; Rev. Michael O'Reilly, O.C.C., Kildare; and Rev. John Wilkinson, Ballysax.

(382)

Ordered—That Naas No. 1 Rural District Council be requested to have the boundaries of the several districts for which School Attendance Committees have been appointed marked upon the map prepared for them by Mr. Bergin, C.E., and a duplicate of such map deposited with the County Council for future reference.

(383)

Poor Rate Collection District No. 13.—The Finance Committee Minutes, Nos. 267, 268, and 269, with reference to County Council Minute No. 332, were read, relative to the division of the district lately resigned by Poor Rate Collector Holbrook, and it was proposed by Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and carried unanimously :—

That Minutes Nos. 267, 268, and 269 of the Finance Committee be approved.

(384)

Letter, No. 70,078, dated 9th December, read from Local Government Board, with copies of letters addressed to them on the 21st November and 1st December by Mr. Thomas H. Holbrook, relative to the circumstances under which he resigned the office of Poor Rate Collector for Collection District No. 13, and requesting that the County Council would submit their observations on the subject to the Local Government Board.

The Secretary was directed to forward to the Local Government Board copies of the correspondence which had passed between him and Mr. Holbrook on this subject, together with any statement of facts which might seem to be necessary.

(385)

The Chairman proposed that the appointments to the Poor Rate Collection Districts suggested by the Finance Committee should be made at the next meeting of the Council, and that same should be advertised forthwith, the remuneration to be eight pence in the £ on the amount of the warrants, and the persons appointed to give the same security as in the case of the other Poor Rate Collectors.

(386)

Proposed by Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride) seconded by Mr. John Kelly:—

That the remuneration of the Collectors to be appointed for the two districts be at the rate of sixpence, instead of eightpence, in the £.

The amendment was put to the Council, and was rejected by 12 votes to 4.
The original proposition of the Chairman was then carried unanimously.

(387.)

Secretary to County Council.—The Council proceeded to consider the Secretary's reply to their proposals relative to his Salary, Residence, and Office Hours, as embodied in their Minutes Nos. 341 and 342.

A letter on the subject, sent by the Secretary on 28th December to each member of the County Council, was taken as read, and the Chairman read a letter with reference to its contents, which he had received from Mr. Edward Fenelon.

After considerable discussion, the Secretary stated that he was unable to agree to the proposals of the Council, for the reasons given in his letter of 28th December; and, as the Council was unwilling to alter them, he intimated that he would write to the Chairman, giving notice to him and to the Council of his intention to retire from the position of their Secretary on 31st March, 1900, under the provisions of Section 115 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act.

(388.)

Appeal re Valuation of G. S. & W. Railway.—Finance Committee Minute No. 272 was read by the Secretary, and unanimously confirmed and adopted by the Council.

(389.)

Payments.—The following payments, recommended by the Finance Committee (Minutes Nos. 273 and 274), were sanctioned, and County Form No. 14, authorising the County Treasurer to pay same, was signed:—

Paying Order No. 1414—Michael Smith, V.S., Mullingar	..	£7	0s	0d.
„ 1415—County Inspector, R. I. Constabulary, Naas		0	2s	0d.

(390.)

Temporary Staff.—The Secretary applied for authority to employ some extra hands to expedite the filling and comparing of the Demand Notes for the Poor Rate for the current half-year. Some members of the Council objected, on the ground that the present staff could have been employed on this work earlier than 15th December. The Secretary stated that the amount of work which had been done by the accountant and clerk between 23rd October and 15th December was, in his opinion, larger than they could have got through but for the fact of their having had outside assistance without expense to the Council. The following Minute was ultimately adopted:—

The Council, although of opinion that extra assistance in connection with the present Rate should be unnecessary if the work had been given to the permanent staff at an earlier date, decided, on the Secretary's application, to authorise the employment of one checker and extra hands for the purpose of filling the Demand Notes for this occasion only, remuneration not to exceed £4 in all for checking, and 2s. per hundred notes filled for each extra copier, to be increased to 2s. 6d. per hundred in cases in which there are separate charges.

(391.)

Letter No. 23,217, dated 28th November, read from Local Government Board, transmitting a copy of an Order separating the town of Athy from the Rural District of Athy No. 1, and constituting the town an Urban Sanitary District from 1st April, 1900, unless petitioned against.

(392.)

Letter No. 64,347, dated 8th December, read from Local Government Board, separating the town of Naas from the Rural District of Naas No. 1, and constituting the town an Urban Sanitary District from 1st April, 1900, unless petitioned against.

(393.)

Ordered—That it be referred to the Finance Committee to suggest the necessary financial adjustments of property, rights, liabilities, etc., consequent upon the towns of Naas and Athy becoming Urban Sanitary Districts.

(394.)

Proposed by Mr. J. P. Dowling, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and unanimously agreed to:—
That Mr. Laurence Malone's name be added to the Finance Committee, in accordance with the recommendation of the Finance Committee (Minute No. 193).

(395.)

Circular No. 60,075, dated 17th October, read from Local Government Board, to the effect that, in the opinion of the Law Officers, the County Council, as successors to the Grand Jury in fiscal and administrative matters, are bound to provide for the execution of the printing required in connection with the department of the Clerk of the Crown and Peace, for which the County has heretofore presented or paid.

(396.)

Circular No. 63,672, dated 20th November, read from Local Government Board, forwarding particulars of the rates of interest payable to H. M. Treasury on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund on the security of local rates.

(397.)

Circular No. 377, dated 22nd November, read from Local Government Board requesting the County Council to arrange for the future to hold a Meeting (which might be an adjournment of a Quarterly Meeting) in the first week of each financial quarter for the purpose of paying, on the recommendation of their Finance Committee, the instalments of demands due to Unions and District Councils in respect of the quarter then current.

Ordered—That the present Meeting of the Council be adjourned at the conclusion of this day's proceedings to Tuesday, 23rd January, to pay the claims of the Boards of Guardians and Rural District Councils to the close of the current financial year, and to transact any other business.

(398.)

General Order read from Local Government Board, dated 22nd Nov. (being County Councils No. 2 Order, 1899), containing further regulations relative to the Annual Budgets and Estimates of County Councils, District Councils, and Boards of Guardians.

(399.)

Circular, No. 57653, dated 24th November, read from Local Government Board, explanatory of the provisions of the Small Dwellings Acquisition Act, 1899, and enclosing a copy of that Act for the information of the County Council.

(400.)

Circular, No. 68992, dated 30th November, read from Local Government Board, with copy of a letter, dated 27th November, from the Board of Inland Revenue, stating that "receipts for Poor Rate, given by Collectors appointed by County or Urban District Councils, constituted under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, are regarded as exempt from stamp duty, under the provisions of Section 96 of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Act, 1838."

(401.)

Letter, No. 69889, dated 2nd December, read from Local Government Board, authorising the County Council to overdraw the County Treasurer's Account to an amount not exceeding £11,000, on the understanding that the advances would be repaid by 31st March, 1900.

Letter, dated 11th December, read from the Manager, Hibernian Bank, Naas, stating that his Directors had authorised him to grant the foregoing overdraft to the County Council, on the same terms as to interest as had been already arranged between the County Council and the Bank.

(402)

Circular, No. 387, dated 6th December, read from Local Government Board, calling attention to the arrears of Poor Rate collectable prior to 1st April, 1899, which have been collected and lodged since that date, or which still remain outstanding, and stating that same must be treated in the books of the County Council as credits of the Unions in which such rates have been collected, or are still due, and should go towards the reduction of the general Union Rate to be levied hereafter on the Demands of the Boards of Guardians concerned, and suggesting that the County Council should request the Clerks of the Unions to state the exact amount of any such arrears lodged since 1st April, 1899 (and not brought into the previous accounts), and that such amounts should be transferred to credit of the County Fund, and credited in the County Ledger to the Unions in which such rates were collected.

Ordered—That the Secretary apply to the Clerks of the Unions, wholly or partly situate in this County, in the terms indicated by the Local Government Board in their circular.

(403)

General Order, dated 11th December, read from Local Government Board, regulating the qualifications for the Office of Secretary to the County Council.

(404)

Circular, No. 390, dated 18th December, and further circular, No. 73,500, dated 23rd December, read from Local Government Board, on the subject of the remuneration of officers of County and Urban District Councils and Boards of Guardians, for services rendered in connection with the Registration Acts and Juries (Ireland) Acts, and to the areas chargeable with the cost thereof, and forwarding the Registration (Ireland) Amendment Rules, 1899, No. 2, and a General Order of the Local Government Board, dated 9th December, on the same subject.

(405)

Letter, No. 73952, dated 21st December, read from Local Government Board, with reference to the proposal of the County Council to grant a superannuation allowance to Assistant Surveyor Thomas Cross, C.E., and forwarding queries to be filled up respecting same, and also stating that under the provisions of Section 4 of 28 and 29 Vic., cap. 26, as modified in pursuance of Sub-Sec. (11) of Section 83 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, "no grant shall be made without one month's previous notice, to be specially given in writing to every member of the County Council of the proposal to make such grant, and the time when it shall be brought forward." Further stating that advertisements inviting candidates for the office of Assistant Surveyor should specify that such candidates will have to pass such examination as may be prescribed.

Ordered—That, when issuing the Agenda for the next Meeting of the Council, the Secretary do give notice to each member of the Council in the terms mentioned in the letter of the Local Government Board, of the proposal to grant a superannuation allowance of £50 per annum to Mr. Thomas Cross at the Quarterly Meeting of the Council on 26th February, such allowance to date from 1st December, 1899.

(406)

Circular, No. 72930, dated 22nd December, read from Local Government Board, forwarding the Local Government Auditor's Report on the Accounts of the Grand Jury of County Kildare following Spring Assizes, 1899, showing, *inter alia*, that a balance of £747 2s 6d. was due by the Grand Jury Treasurer at the date of the audit, and that a sum of £301 8s. 8d. was repayable by the Government in respect of Prosecutors' and Witnesses' Expenses for the period covered by the Accounts.

Ordered—That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board for authority to transfer the balance to credit of the Treasurer of the Grand Jury to the County Fund.

(407)

Circular, dated 22nd December, read from Local Government Board, enclosing a copy of the scale of expenses, which had been authorised by the Local Government Board by their General Order of 6th March, 1899, for the first elections of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners, and suggesting that the Council should submit their views to the Local Government Board as to the scale of expenses which ought to be adopted for the elections on 15th January, 1900.

Ordered—That the scale approved of by the Local Government Board for the first elections be adopted as the scale for the forthcoming elections on the present occasion, subject to the approval of the Local Government Board.

(408)

Circular, No. 4156, dated November, 1899, read from Veterinary Department, relative to the cleansing and disinfection of Swine Rests.

(409)

Letter, dated 21st October, read from the Commissioners of Public Works, intimating that £751 17s. 3d. had been remitted to the Joint Committee of Management of Carlow District Lunatic Asylum in discharge of the balance of the loans of £500 and £28,800 authorised for new works, &c.; and a further letter dated 14th November, stating that the expenses of the Asylum are henceforth to be defrayed in proportion to the number of lunatics therein from each county, according to the average of the three local financial years ended next before the last triennial election of County Councillors, and also forwarding a statement showing that the amount payable by the Counties of Carlow and Kildare in respect of the loans is £761 17s. 1d. for the period ended 30th September, 1899.

Ordered—That the Secretary write to the Resident Medical Superintendent of the Asylum calling his attention to the fact that the return asked for by the County Council on 14th October (Minute No. 294) had not yet been furnished.

(410)

Ordered—That the Secretary write to the Local Government Board, pointing out that it would be desirable that legislation should be obtained to extend the amount (at present limited to £1) authorised for the erection of a direction post.

(411)

Malicious Injury Claims.—The Secretary reported that since the last Meeting of the Council the following claims for compensation for alleged malicious injury had been received, and, by the Chairman's direction, had been placed in the hands of the County Solicitor:—Kate Heffernan, Foxhill, £50; Anne Fennin, Brackney, £52; Michael Murphy, Ballyvass, £40; Rev. J. E. Ellison, £25; same, £8 10s; Representative Church Body, £200; same, £10.

(412)

The Secretary read a letter, dated 14th December, from the Solicitor to the County Council, asking whether he was correct in assuming that, in Malicious Injury Cases where the District Council had decided to appear, it would be his duty to appear for the County Council, but not to summon witnesses, or bespeak copies of the information. The Secretary was directed to reply in the affirmative.

(413)

Naas Waterworks.—Letter, dated 17th November, read from Naas Waterworks Committee, asking the County Council to take in the water supply for Naas Courthouse, at 9d. per 1,000 gallons.

Ordered—That the Secretary write to the Clerk of the Waterworks Committee, offering to pay £12 per annum for water for the County Courthouse, on condition of such hydrants as the County Surveyor might consider necessary being provided for and permitted.

(414)

Train Service to Naas.—Letter, dated 13th November, read from the Secretary, G. S. & W. Railway, stating that nothing could be done to comply with the representations of the County Council as to the insufficiency of the railway communication between Dublin and Naas, without running an additional train which the traffic at present would not warrant.

Proposed by Mr. E. J. Cassidy, seconded by Mr. J. T. Heffernan, and carried unanimously:—

That we regret that the G. S. & W. Railway Company has refused the reasonable request of the Council for an improved train service, which is much required.

(415)

Circular, dated 11th November, read from the Irish Cattle Traders and Stockowners' Association, Dublin, relative to the tolls in fairs, and requesting the assistance of the Council towards having all fairs held on Greens, instead of on the streets of towns.

The Secretary was directed to reply that there were no tolls in fairs in the County Kildare, but that the Council approved of the principle that the seller should pay the toll where leviable, and would co-operate with the Association in any efforts to have fairs held on Greens, instead of on the streets of towns.

(416)

Circular, dated 16th October, read from Limerick County Council, complaining of the decision of the Royal Commission on Local Taxation, to abandon their intended sittings in Dublin, and to hold them in London instead.

(417.)

Circular, dated 14th October, read from Waterford County Council, advocating half-yearly instead of quarterly meetings relative to public works, and also other reforms of procedure.

(418.)

Evicted Tenants' Restoration Fund.—Circular, dated 21st November, read from the Hon. Secretaries of the Evicted Tenants' Restoration Fund, enclosing a printed copy of their appeal, signed by His Eminence Cardinal Logue and Lord Plunket, and inviting the Council to appoint a County Committee to co-operate in the movement.

Ordered—That the matter be placed on the agenda paper for the next meeting of this Council, with the view of a Committee being then appointed.

(419.)

Letter, dated 9th December, read from the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, Curragh Camp, inquiring whether the County Council would take over the strip of land on the north-east side of Newbridge Barracks as far as Ryston, at a nominal rent, on the understanding that they would keep it free from rubbish or other nuisance.

The Secretary reported that he had conferred with the County Surveyor, and had replied, asking whether heaps of stones intended for road material would be regarded by the military authorities as coming under the expression "rubbish or other nuisance." The action of the Secretary was approved, and the matter was adjourned.

(420.)

Circular, dated 30th November, read from Limerick County Council, advocating the construction and maintenance of roads by direct labour, under the control of the County Surveyor, rather than by contract, and that the law should be altered accordingly.

(421.)

Circular, dated 4th December, read from the Corporation of Sligo, asking the County Council to adopt the following resolution:—

Resolved—That this Council call upon the Irish members of Parliament to use their best endeavours to have a clause in the Catholic Emancipation Act of 1829, dealing with Jesuits, Friars, and Monks, revoked as soon as possible, as the clause holds every Jesuit, Friar, and Monk in the Kingdom criminals in the eye of the law of England.

On the motion of Mr George Wolfe, seconded by Mr Peter Crosbie, the foregoing resolution was unanimously adopted, and directed to be sent to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and to the members for this County.

(422)

Circular read from Longford County Council, advocating that the County Councils of Ireland should bring before the All-Ireland Council the necessity of giving the question of the custody of the Courthouses very careful consideration, and of taking such steps as might lead to the County Councils obtaining a more complete control over them, especially with reference to the right to float the flag of Ireland over the Courthouse.

It was decided to leave the matter to be dealt with by the representatives of this Council on the General Council.

(423)

Circular read from Navan Rural District Council, submitting a resolution advocating the formation of a National Assembly to formulate the policy of the Nationalists of Ireland, the conduct of Parliamentary Elections, and every matter concerning the National welfare of Ireland.

(424)

Circular, dated 29th November, read from Tipperary (South Riding) County Council, advocating that the "appointed day" under the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, should be fixed as 24th March instead of 1st April, 1899.

(425)

Letter, dated 29th November, read from Mr. James Kennedy, Solicitor, Naas, demanding payment of £76, which the County Surveyor had refused to certify in favour of Mr. Patrick Rourke, Waterstown, road contractor, and threatening legal proceedings.

(426.)

Notice of Motion, by Mr. J. P. Dowling:—

That in all future appointments of Rate Collectors the poundage rate be fixed by the County Council in each case.

(427.)

Notice of Motion, by Mr. J. T. Heffernan:—

I will move at next meeting that the expenses as to Compulsory Education Act of the different schools in Naas No. 1 Rural District be charged to the Rural District.

(428.)

Notice of Motion, by Mr. Peter Crosbie:—

I will move at the adjourned meeting of the Council that Standing Order No. 21 be altered to the following:—

That copies of all proceedings, resolutions and reports of every Committee intended to be laid before the Council shall, unless the Committee, for reasons specified in a resolution passed by them, direct to the contrary, be sent to every member of the Council three clear days previous to the meeting of the Council at which they are to be submitted.

(429.)

Proceedings against Road Contractors.—On the application of the County Surveyor, it was ordered that the Contractors for the repair of the following Roads be summoned before the Justices at Petty Sessions for neglect and inattention in the performance of their duties under their Contracts:—

- 506 perches, between the three roads at Ballysax Manor House and Brownstown cross roads;
- 642 perches, between Dunmurry and Rathbride, and from Friarstown to Blackmillers Hill;
- 434 perches, between the three roads at the Curragh Farm and Straw Hall three roads, near French Furze;
- 325 perches, from Lock Hospital to Pigeon lane, and to the Railway Station, including Market Square, in the town of Kildare.

(430.)

The Council adjourned to Tuesday, 23rd January, 1900.

Stephen Brown Secy.
23 Jan'y 1900

KILDARE COUNTY COUNCIL.

TUESDAY, 23RD JANUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, held in the County Courthouse, Naas, on Tuesday, 23rd January, 1900, at 11 a.m.

(431).

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of the County Council), in the chair; M. J. Minch, M.P.; Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; Owen Cogan; George Wolfe, J.P.; Edward Hayden; Stephen Heydon; Peter Crosbie; John Field, J.P.; Charles J. Bergin; Laurence Malone; Stephen Murphy; John Kelly; Joseph O'Loughlin; Wm. R. Ronaldson; W. T. Kirkpatrick, J.P.; Rishard McKenna, J.P.; E. J. Cassidy; Francis C. Olgan, J.P. Mr. Edward Fenelon, J.P., attended later.

(432).

Letters of apology were received from Messrs. J. E. Medicott, J.P., Joseph P. Dowling, and Lord Frederick FitzGerald, regretting that they were unavoidably prevented attending the present meeting.

(433).

The printed minutes of the last meeting having been sent to each member of the Council with the agenda paper for the present meeting, were now taken as read, and confirmed and signed by the Chairman.

(434).

On the suggestion of the Chairman it was decided that the minutes for the entire financial year should be printed in book form after 31st March, 1900, for the use of members of the Council.

(435).

Poor Rates for the half-year ending 31st March, 1900.—The Council unanimously adopted the following resolution:—

Ordered by the County Council of the County of Kildare that the following rates be made on the property situated in the under-mentioned Rural Districts, rateable under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, for the service of the half-year ending 31st day of March, 1900, at the following rates in the pound, and that this Resolution be signed by the Chairman on behalf of the County Council, and that the Seal of the Council be affixed hereto:—

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.
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of County Charges	2·089	1·372	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.
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of County Charges	2·089	1·372	3·461
„ Union Charges	2·836	4·527	7·363
„ District Charges	6·120	2·675	8·795
Total	11·045 (11d.)	8·574	19·619 (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.
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of County Charges	2·089	1·372	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.)

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.
	Pence.	Pence.	Pence.
In respect of County Charges	2·089	1·372	3·461
„ Union Charges	5·147	3·197	8·344
„ District Charges	6·067	1·856	7·953
Total	13·303 (1s. 2d.)	6·455	19·758 (1s. 8d.)

	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	10 127 (101.)	6 821	16 848 (1s. 5d.)

And whereas certain separate charges are chargeable on the Areas 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 rates:—

Name of Special Area or Contributory Place.	Purpose or Name of Charge.	Special Poundage Rate.
Electoral Divisions of Naas Rural and Naas Urban	Naas Cemetery, Water Works, and Sewerage	2d in the Pound
Electoral Divisions of Morrinstown-Biller, Newbridge Rural, Newbridge Urban, and Old Connell	Newbridge Cemetery...	½d. in the Pound.

The foregoing Resolution was accordingly signed by the Chairman and Sealed by the Secretary in presence of the Council.

(436).

Ordered:—That Mr. E. J. Cassidy, Mr. John Kelly, and Mr. Owen Cogan do affix the Seal of the Council to the Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants. The Rate Books and Collectors' Warrants were sealed accordingly in the presence of the Council.

(437).

Resignation of the Secretary.—The Chairman read a letter addressed to him on 30th December, 1899, by the Secretary, giving notice to the County Council of his intention to retire from office on 31st March, 1900, under the provisions of Section 115 (4) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, for the reasons stated in his letter.

The Chairman and other members of the Council expressed their regret at the Secretary's resignation, and it was suggested by the Vice-Chairman that it would be convenient if some arrangement were come to with the Secretary, whereby his services might be retained temporarily for some time after 31st March, until the Accounts had been audited, and the new Estimates and Rates had been made. On considering the matter the following Resolution was:—

(438).

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously:—

That the approaching vacancy in the office of Secretary be notified to the Finance Committee in accordance with Standing Order No. 22, to enquire whether any and what alterations should be made in the duties and salary of the office, and report thereon to the Council at their next meeting, and to report to the Council on what terms and conditions it can be arranged that the Secretary should continue in office until after the audit of the Accounts and Striking of the new Rate, and that the remuneration of the Secretary since 1st April last should be considered and a report made to the Council thereon.

(439).

Proposed by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, J.P., seconded by Mr. George Wolfe, J.P., and carried unanimously:—

That the Council hereby express their regret at receiving notice of Mr. Willis's resignation of the office of Secretary, and wish to place on record their sense of the efficient manner in which he always discharged his duties.

(440).

Payments Recommended.—The Minutes of the Finance Committee, Nos. 286, 288, 289, 291, 293, 297, 298, 299 and 300 were considered, and it was ordered:—That the payments recommended therein by the Finance Committee be paid.

County Form No. 14 embracing said payments for Paying Orders Nos. 1416 to 1427, amounting in all to £2902 17s. 2d., was accordingly submitted by the Secretary, and signed by the Chairman and two members of the Council.

(441).

Printed copies of a Return of Inmates in the Carlow Lunatic Asylum during the three years ended 31st March, 1899, were sent with the Agenda Paper for the present meeting to each member of the Council, and also a copy of the following minute adopted by the Joint Committee of Management on 10th January, 1900:—

Proposed by S. J. Brown, Esq., seconded by Father Walsh:—That Copies of the Return of

of both Councils with a view to their being examined and checked by the members of such Councils, and that each member be asked to report to the Joint Committee on or before the 1st February next as to the corrections of such Returns, so far as they relate to the chargeability of the several patients, and as to the ability of themselves or those responsible for them to pay for or contribute to the cost of their maintenance.

With reference to the foregoing Minute, the Chairman urged on the members of the Council the importance of carefully examining the list of patients chargeable to the County of Kildare, and reporting to the Joint Committee before 1st February any cases which might seem to require investigation.

(442).

Appointment of Poor Rate Collectors.—Pursuant to advertisement of 3rd January, ordered by the County Council at their meeting on 30th December, 1899, the Council proceeded to elect two Poor Rate Collectors for the Collection district lately resigned by Collector Thomas H. Holbrook.

The following candidates were proposed and seconded for the Northern division of the district, comprising the electoral divisions of Bodenstown, Oughterard, Naas Rural, and Killashee, and (for the current half-year) the electoral division of Naas Urban:—

Mr. John Fitzsimons, Mooretown, Clongowes Wood, was proposed by Mr. John Field, and seconded by Mr. Peter Crosbie;

Mr. Edward Fitzpatrick, Kildare, was proposed by Mr. James Kelly and seconded by Mr. Joseph O'Loughlin;

A third candidate, Mr. William Gogarty, Celbridge, was not proposed or seconded.

A poll was accordingly taken, by a show of hands, between Messrs. John Fitzsimons and Edward Fitzpatrick when there voted:—For Mr. John Fitzsimons, 12; for Mr. John Fitzpatrick, 8.

It was then proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Mr. Peter Crosbie, and unanimously agreed to—that Mr. John Fitzsimons be declared elected.

(443).

For the Southern division of the district, comprising the electoral divisions of Carnalway, Gilltown, Kilcullen and Usk there were three candidates, viz.:—

Mr. Richard P. Dowling, Portersize, proposed by Mr. Owen Cogan, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden; *Mr. Andrew O'Reilly, Sadistown, proposed by Mr. Dan Malone, seconded by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick*

Mr. Thomas J. Grehan, Mullacash, Naas, was not proposed or seconded.

A poll was then taken, by a show of hands, between Messrs. Dowling and O'Reilly, when there voted:—For Mr. Andrew O'Reilly, 10; for Mr. Richard P. Dowling, 9.

It was then proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, and carried unanimously:—That Mr. Andrew O'Reilly be declared elected.

(444).

Several Poor-Rate Collectors whose accounts had not yet been balanced with the Clerks of the Unions, although the full amount of their warrants had been duly lodged, applied to the Council for payment of their poundage fees. On their undertaking to give every assistance in their power to the Clerks of the Unions in tracing the discrepancies in their accounts, the Secretary was ordered to hand them in their Paying Orders for their fees on the present occasion.

(445).

A memorial was handed in from some of the Poor-Rate Collectors, requesting that the size of the Demand Notes should be reduced. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon.

(446).

Proposed by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P. (on behalf of Mr. Joseph P. Dowling), seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and carried unanimously:—That in all future appointments of Rate Collectors the poundage rate be fixed by the County Council in each case.

(447).

A notice of Motion standing in the name of Mr. J. T. Heffernan relative to expenses under the Compulsory Education Act in Naas No. 1 Rural District was not moved, but the Secretary read a letter, No. 217, dated 13th January, from the Local Government Board, stating that all expenses incurred in carrying out the provisions of the Irish Education Act, 1892, should be treated as District charges.

(448).

Proposed by Mr. Peter Crosbie, seconded by Mr. M. J. Minch, M.P., and carried unanimously:—That copies of all proceedings, resolutions, and reports of every Committee intended to be laid before the Council shall, unless the Committee, for reasons specified in a resolution passed by

them, direct to the contrary, be sent to each member of the Council three clear days previous to the meeting of the Council at which they are to be submitted.

(449).

Pursuant to his Notice of Motion, and with reference to County Council Minute No. 418, Mr. Edward Hayden moved:—

That this Council do appoint a Committee to organise a County Meeting in the County Kildare, for the purpose of raising money to be given to the Evicted Tenants' Restoration Fund.

The Motion was seconded by Mr. Stephen Heydon, and carried unanimously, and the following gentlemen were appointed a Committee for the purpose:—The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Edward Fenelon, Mr. Field, Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, Mr. C. J. Bergin, Mr. Stephen Murphy, Mr. Peter Crosbie, and Mr. James Kelly (Rathbride).

(450).

Colonel Sir G. R. Dease handed in the following Notice of Motion for the next meeting of the Council:—

I shall move at next meeting of the Council that, as the question of removing imbeciles from Workhouses and a suitable place to be provided for their care has been already approved by the Council, immediate steps be taken to carry out the resolution then agreed to.

(451).

Local Records.—Circular read from Local Records Committee, Whitehall, S.W., asking for information in regard to the existing arrangements for the custody of local records and other public documents, and for suggestions respecting same for the future. Ordered:—That the subject be referred to the Finance Committee.

(452).

Letter (not dated) read from the Secretary to the Commissioners of National Education, giving the names of the School Attendance Committee for the Rural District of Baltinglass No. 3 for the period of three years from 1st January, 1900.

(453).

Circular dated 29th December, 1899, read from Privy Council Office, Dublin Castle, enclosing an Order in Council dated 22nd December, 1899, varying the times for publishing advertisements, depositing documents, and serving notices in cases of applications under the Tramways and Public Companies (Ireland) Act, 1883.

(454).

Letter, No. 75,323, dated 29th December, read from Local Government Board to the effect that the County Council could not grant to the Courthouse Keeper at Naas a higher salary than £10 per annum, but that the Local Government Board would make no objection to paying this officer a salary of £20 a year in respect of additional duties devolving upon him as Keeper of the County Council Chambers.

The Council resolved accordingly that the Courthouse Keeper at Naas be paid a salary of £20 per annum, from 1st April, 1899, as Keeper of the Council Chamber and Offices, in lieu of the allowance of £10 per annum formerly granted to him for cleaning, washing, etc., in addition to his salary as Courthouse Keeper.

(455).

Letter, No. 75,324, dated 4th January, 1900, read from Local Government Board, approving of the proposal of the County Council to fix the salary of the County Surveyor at £625 per annum from 1st April, 1899.

(456).

Letter, No. 14,088, dated 11th January, read from Local Government Board with other correspondence), approving of the proposal of the County Council to adopt for the purposes of the elections of Urban District Councillors and Town Commissioners in January, 1900, the same scale of expenses as had been fixed by the Local Government Board for the election of Guardians in Urban Districts under their Order of the 6th March, 1899.

The Council now referred the matter to the Finance Committee to suggest a new scale for similar elections in the future.

(457).

Letters, dated 15th and 22nd January, read from the Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, forwarding a resolution adopted by that Council on 6th instant relative to the subject of Separate and Special Charges, and with reference to an item of £340 in their Estimate and Demand for the current year under the heading of General Expenses under the Public Health Acts, which they believe should have been raised as a separate item of the Poor Rate. The Secretary explained that it had not been so raised because the District Council in their Estimate had made no return under the heading of Separate Charges, and because the Clerk of the District Council had written at the time to say that there were no Separate Charges in the district. After considerable discussion, it was—

Proposed by Mr. Stephen Heydon, seconded by Mr. O'Loughlin, and carried unanimously:— That the Local Government Board should be asked if provisions could be inserted in levying the amount of the Estimates for the coming financial year, so that the Public Health charges or other Separate Charges which were not levied as separate items of the Poor Rate in the rates for the year ending 31st March, 1900, could be so levied in the coming year that occupiers might be enabled to deduct the proper proportion of such rates when paying their rents.

(458).

Letter dated 17th instant, read from Naas Waterworks Committee, agreeing to the proposal of the County Council that the Council should pay £12 per annum for the water for the use of the County Courthouse, and that the necessary hydrants would be provided for and permitted. Referred to the County Surveyor to take the necessary steps for establishing connections between the Courthouse and the town water supply.

(459).

With reference to County Council Minute No. 419, a letter, dated 1st January, was now read from the Officer Commanding Royal Engineers, Curragh District, stating that heaps of stone for road material would not come under the head of rubbish or other nuisance if the strip of land on the north-east side of Newbridge Barracks, as far as Ryston, were taken over by the County Council at a nominal rent from the War Department.

Resolved:—That the necessary steps be taken to carry out the proposal of the War Department on the terms proposed in their letters of 9th December and 1st January.

(460).

Circular read from County Dublin County Council asking for the co-operation of the Kildare County Council in the establishment of a National Inebriate Reformatory under the powers conferred on Councils by the Inebriates Acts, 1879 and 1898.

On the motion of Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, it was unanimously Resolved:—That the Chairman, Vice-Chairman, Mr. George Wolfe, and Colonel Sir G. R. Dease be appointed a Committee of this Council to confer with the Dublin County Council on the subject of the establishment of an Inebriate Reformatory and to report to this Council thereon.

(461).

Circular, dated 28th December, read from Wexford County Council, advocating the formation of a National Assembly for the direction of the policy of the Nationalists of Ireland, the conduct of Parliamentary elections, and other matters.

(462).

Letter (not dated) read from the Irish County Councils General Council, forwarding a copy of a letter dated 16th December, from the Chief Secretary for Ireland, as to supplying members of County Councils with copies of Orders, Circulars, etc., issued under the Local Government Act, and under any other Acts administered by County Councils, and stating that the principal Orders already made would shortly be published in one volume as a Parliamentary Paper.

Resolved:—That a sufficient number of copies of the Parliamentary Paper in question be obtained, and that a copy be sent to each member of the County Council and to their officers.

(463).

Letter, dated 13th January, read from the Irish Financial Reform League, inviting the County Council to appoint one or more members of a Joint Committee to promote the objects of the League.

Resolved—That Mr. Joseph P. Dowling, and failing him, the Chairman, and failing him, Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, be appointed to represent this Council on the Joint Committee of the Irish Financial Reform League, for the purposes indicated by them.

(464).

Letter, dated 22nd January, read from Rev. Monsignor Murphy, Kildare, stating that it would not be convenient for him to act as a member of the School Attendance Committee for the district of Kildare, but suggesting that his curate, Rev. John Delaney, might be invited to do so.

Proposed by Mr. C. J. Bergin, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone and carried unanimously:—That Rev. John Delaney be appointed in lieu of Rev. Monsignor Murphy as a member of the Kildare School Attendance Committee.

(465).

On the application of the County Surveyor, it was resolved—That the following work be given in his charge for twelve months from 1st January, 1900, at 6d. per perch (the price allowed by the District Council) as the Contractor declared for same at the last Quarterly Meeting of the County Council had not entered into the necessary bond:—540 perches of road between Prumplestown Road at Johnstown West and the three roads at New-town Allen, near Ballaghmoon Bridge.

(466).

Letter dated 18th January, read from Acting Clerk of Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, stating that the Local Government Board had accepted the resignation, dated the 4th instant, of Mr. John T. Heffernan, of Kildare, as chairman of the County Council of Naas No. 1 Rural District.

(467).

Proposed by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. George Wolfe, and carried unanimously:—That Mr. C. J. Bergin be appointed a member of the Finance Committee in lieu of Mr. J. T. Heffernan, resigned.

(468).

Malicious Injury claim handed in from Mr. Timothy Colclough, of Rathcoole, for £78, for alleged poisoning of two cows and three horses, his property. Resolved:—That the claim be referred to the solicitor of the County Council to defend same on behalf of the Council.

(469).

Proposed by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Francis Colgan, and carried unanimously:—That the Secretary be authorised to appoint the Clerk of each Union to act as his deputy for the purposes of Article 24 (3), (4), and (5), of the County Councils Order, 1899, for checking the collections of the Poor-Rate Collectors for the half-year ending 31st March, 1900.

(470).

Letter read from the Solicitor to the County Council, enclosing a form of Resolution to be passed by the Council under their Seal, authorising the proposed Mortgage of the Rates for £2,431 in favour of the Hibernian Bank, for the repayment of the moiety of gratuities paid to retiring Poor-Rate Collectors and Cess Collectors. The Resolution, as submitted by the Solicitor, was then proposed by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Bergin, as follows:—

Resolved:—That in accordance with the letter of the Hibernian Bank, Naas, of the 11th October, and the Letter of the Local Government Board, No. 63,373, dated 6th November, 1899, that the Rates of the County of Kildare be mortgaged to the Hibernian Banking Company, Limited, to secure the repayment of the sum of £2,431, at 3½ per cent. interest, repayable in five years by ten equal half-yearly instalments, said loan being as to £2,300, required for the payments of gratuities to retiring officers, and as to £131, being compensation payable to Dr. Stoney, of Lucan, for loss of fees in consequence of the alteration of his Dispensary District, and that a copy of this Resolution be sealed with the Seal of the County Council for the satisfaction of the said Hibernian Bank, Limited, Naas.

The resolution was carried unanimously, and signed by the Chairman, and sealed in presence of the Council, and the Secretary was directed to send it to Mr. W. Grove White in due course.

(471).

Letter No. 3380, dated 18th January, read from Local Government Board, to the effect that they had authorised the Hibernian Bank, Naas, to transfer to credit of the County Council Account, the balance existing to credit of the former Grand Jury of the County Kildare.

Letter, dated 19th January, also read from Hibernian Bank, Naas, to the effect that the County Council Account had been credited as follows:—£1,048 11s. 2d., for the balance to credit of the Treasurer of the former Grand Jury of Kildare; £13 8s. 2d. for interest thereon from 16th March, 1899, to 19th January, 1900.

(472).
Circular, dated 13th January, read from Cork County Council, submitting a Resolution on the subject of the preservation of timber in Ireland.

On the motion of Mr. John Field, seconded by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, the Resolution of the Cork County Council was adopted in the following amended form:—

That as this country is every day getting denuded of the little timber left standing, which, if allowed to proceed unchecked, will materially injure the present and future prospects of the country, and destroy its beauty, we ask the Irish Members of Parliament to prepare a short Bill, and do all in their power to pass it at the next session, to restrain and regulate the wholesale

destruction of the woods in the country, to encourage planting, and give powers to the County Councils to deal with this subject, as also take steps towards the reafforesting of Ireland.

(473).

Letter read from the County Surveyor, asking for authority to take proceedings, if necessary, against the contractors and their sureties for the following roads:—1,143 perches between Kildare Chapel and Barony bounds at Maddenstown; 759 perches between the Barony bounds at Suncroft, and the Curragh Edge.

The Council unanimously resolved to give the County Surveyor the authority sought for

(474).

Letter read from the Hon. Secretaries of the United Committee for the Prevention of the Sale of Drink to Children (4, Eustace Street, Dublin), asking the County Council to pass a resolution and send same to the Chief Secretary for Ireland and the Members for the County. The suggested Resolution was proposed by Mr. Peter Crosbie, seconded by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, and unanimously adopted as follows:—

This meeting of the County Council of Kildare, in view of the great evil that has resulted from the employment of children of tender years as messengers for intoxicating drinks, calls attention to the fact that twenty out of the twenty-four members of the recent Royal Commission on the Licensing Laws recommend that no child under sixteen years of age should be served with any intoxicating liquor, for consumption either on or off the premises. The Meeting, therefore, urges upon the Government the importance of dealing with this question in the next Session of Parliament, and calls upon all Irish Members to support the recommendation.

(475).

Letter read from the Editor of the "Irish County Council Gazette," asking the Council to insert their advertisements in the "Gazette." On considering same it was proposed by Mr. Field, seconded by Mr. Crosbie, and unanimously Resolved:—That all appointments be advertised in the "Irish County Council Gazette," as well as in the other authorised papers.

(476).

The sheets of Irrecoverable Arrears for some of the Poor-Rate Collectors were submitted and examined, and directed to be forwarded to the Local Government Board for consideration.

(477).

Resolved:—That a supply of the Regulations adopted by the County Council for carrying out the provisions of the Irish Education Act be printed, and that copies be furnished to each School Attendance Committee, with a circular directing attention to their provisions.

(478).

This concluded the business for the day, and the Council separated.

Stephen J. Brown
26th February 1900

COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 26th FEBRUARY, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at the Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, for the Quarter ended 31st December, 1899, held in the Council Chamber, Naas, on Monday, 26th February, 1900, at 10.15 a.m.

(479).

Present:—Messrs. Stephen J. Brown (Chairman of the County Council), in the chair; M. J. Minch, M.P.; Colonel Sir G. R. Dease; Edward Fenelon, J.P.; John Cribbin; W. T. Kirkpatrick, J.P.; Laurence Malone; Charles J. Bergin; A. More O'Ferrall, D.L.; John Field, J.P.; Owen Cogan; Francis Colgan, J.P.; George Wolfe, J.P.; Lord Frederick Fitzgerald; James E. Medlicott, J.P.; Stephen Heydon; Edward Heydon; Stephen Murphy; Joseph P. Dowling; Peter Crosbie; James Kelly (Rathbride); Richard McKenna, J.P.; E. J. Cassidy; and Joseph O'Loughlin, J.P.

(480).

At the suggestion of the Chairman, the Standing Orders were unanimously suspended, for the purpose of reading a letter, dated 1st February, from the Clerk of Naas No. 1 Rural District Council, stating that Mr. John Healy, of Firmount, Clane, was unanimously elected as Chairman of that District Council, in the room of Mr. J. T. Heffernan, resigned.

Mr. Healy being present, made the Statutory Declaration accepting office, and took his seat on the Council.

(481).

Resolved unanimously—"That as printed copies of the Minutes of the last Meeting had only been received by the Members of the Council on the previous day, the Standing Orders be now suspended, and the Minutes taken as read, and confirmed, and signed by the Chairman.

(482).

The County Surveyor's Report, dated 21st February, having been sent to each Member of the Council, it was agreed to take same as read.

(483).

The question of the acquisition of Quarries was referred to the Finance Committee, to confer with the County Surveyor, and report thereon to the next Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

The County Surveyor was authorised to give his consent to the cutting of sods or turf on the sides, fences, or any other part of any public road, in such cases as he may think fit, pursuant to 19 and 20 Vic., cap. 63, sec. 18.

(485.)

Direction Posts.—On considering a map submitted by the County Surveyor, showing the localities in which he suggested the erection of twenty direction posts, some alterations in same were made at the suggestion of members of the Council, and the map, as altered, was signed by the Chairman.

Resolved—That the lettering on all direction posts be painted, instead of enamelled.

(486.)

The Quarterly Meetings for the year ending 31st March, 1901, were fixed as follows:—

Council, &c.	1900.	1901.	Day of Week.
EDENDERRY	13 April .. 13 July ... 12 October	11 January ..	Friday
ATHY	21 " .. 21 " .. 20 " ..	19 " ..	Saturday
NAAS	23 " .. 23 " .. 22 " ..	21 " ..	Monday
CELBRIDGE	{ 26 " } Thursday } 25 " .. 24 " ..	23 " ..	Wednesday
BALTINGLASS	27 " .. 27 " .. 26 " ..	25 " ..	Friday
PROP. COMMITTEE	9 May .. 8 August ... 7 November	6 February	Wednesday
COUNTY COUNCIL	28 " .. 27 " .. 26 " ..	25 " ..	Monday

(487.)

Pursuant to Article 7 (12) of the County Councils Order, 1899, the Secretary handed in a Bank Passbook certified by the County Treasurer, showing the sums of money received and Paying Orders paid up to 24th February, 1900, the balance to debit of the Council at that date being £9,910 19s. 5d. The Treasurer's statement was examined by the Council and signed by the Chairman.

In connection there with the Secretary submitted also a Balance Sheet, showing the sums received and paid by the County Treasurer for each of the quarters ended respectively 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December, 1899, and for the period from the 31st December, 1899, to 24th February, 1900. Same was examined by the Council, and signed by the Chairman.

(488.)

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced for examination by the Secretary, and the Chairman was authorised to sign same for the quarter ended 30th June, 1899, as it was accidentally not signed when submitted at the Quarterly Meeting on 27th November, 1899.

Attention having been called to a number of alterations and erasures, the Secretary explained that the alterations were due to certain items having been transferred from heads of account, under which they had at first been entered, to other headings, to which they subsequently appeared to more properly relate. As regards erasures, he stated that they had been made contrary to his instructions, and that he had given directions that they should not be made again.

As regards the quarter ended 30th September, 1899, Mr. J. P. Dowling called attention to the fees paid to the Secretary and the Poor Rate Collectors under the Franchise Acts, under Paying Orders Nos. 1396 to 1403, and stated that he believed that the number of ratings had been calculated on an erroneous principle. The matter was referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon, and, pending their report, it was decided to postpone the signing of the Financial Statement Book of Expenditure for the quarter in question.

(489.)

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and examined, and was directed to be signed by the Chairman for the quarters ended respectively, 30th June and 30th September, 1899.

The Secretary was directed to see that all other office books were written up to date immediately.

(490.)

The Financial Minutes Book for the quarters ended 30th June and 30th September, 1899, was produced by the Secretary, but he stated that he had been unable up to the present to insert the required particulars on pages 6 and 7, relative to payments and proposals respecting public works, owing to his not having been able to complete the necessary printed Abstracts or Query Books.

(491.)

County Form 10, containing Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works from the Proposal Committee, was handed in by the Secretary.

For No. 1 (for repairing the roofs and water closets of the County Courthouse at Naas) no tender having been received the matter was given in charge to the County Surveyor until next Quarterly Meeting—expenditure not to exceed £2 10s.

For No. 2 (to connect the cisterns in Naas Courthouse with the town water supply) the contract made with Mr. Joseph Boulger was approved, at £24 15s.

For No. 3 (painting, alterations, etc., in County Surveyor's offices) there was no tender, and the matter was given in charge to the County Surveyor—expenditure not to exceed £15.

For No. 4 (to provide for 20 Direction Posts) there was no tender, and the matter was given in charge to the County Surveyor at £47 10s.

(492.)

On considering the Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works from the Rural District Councils, and the contracts made in respect of same, the County Surveyor stated that, owing to a mistake of the Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District, two roads—No. 14 (638 perches) and No. 19 (to make a footpath of 600 perches) had been advertised as cases of no tenders, but that tenders had been accepted and contracts made in respect of them. Owing to a similar cause No. 18 (to flag a gravelled footpath in Castledermot) had not been advertised with the no tenders cases, although no tender had been obtained for it, and there was the further complication in the case of No. 14 that, while a tender had been accepted for it, the bond had been filled for a different road (No. 13, for 504 perches). The Secretary also drew attention to the fact that there was no tender for No. 13, but that it was not included in the list sent to him by the Clerk of the Rural District for publication as a no tenders case.

Ordered—That No. 13 and No. 18 be advertised as no tenders for the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council, and that in the case of No. 14 the accepted tender should stand good, and the contractor (Edward Hyland) and his sureties be requested to attend the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council on 12th March, to execute a correct bond.

The other proposals from Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, for which contracts had been duly made, were then unanimously approved.

(493.)

Proposals for New Works and Maintenance of Works, for which contracts had been made by the Rural District Councils of Baltinglass No. 3, Celbridge No. 1, Edenderry No. 2, and Naas No. 1, were also unanimously approved.

(494.)

The County Surveyor was directed to submit a proposal to the next Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee for ventilating the Council Chamber, and securing same against drafts, and for heating the Council Chamber and County Courthouse, by radiation or other means.

(495.)

Proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Col. Sir G. R. Dease, and unanimously resolved: That the County Surveyor take into consideration the state of repair of Kildare and Athy Courthouses, and bring before the next Quarterly Meeting of the Proposal Committee such proposals for their renovation and heating as shall appear to him necessary and desirable.

(496.)

NAO
No Tenders.—On proceeding to consider the cases in which no tenders had been received, or no contracts made, the County Surveyor called attention to No. 38 on the list for Naas No. 1 Rural District (to provide stones for the Liffey bank at Roseberry), and stated that the price in the advertisement was £40, instead of £49.—Ordered accordingly that this item be re-advertised at £49—for the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council.

(497.)

ATHY No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 3 (640 perches between Glassealy and Broomfield cross-roads). Resolved, to let this road drop out of contract for the present.

No. 13 (504 perches). This item not having been advertised (vide Minute 492 above) a tender now received from Mr. Daniel Cummins was given back to him, and it was—Ordered that the contract be advertised for the Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the Council.

No. 14 (638 perches). Already dealt with. (Vide Minute 492 above).

No. 19 (To make a footpath 600 perches). Already dealt with. (Vide Minute 492 above).

No. 20 (753 perches, road and footpath, between Market square, Athy, and Bert cross-roads). This item had not been advertised on the list submitted to the Quarterly Meeting of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, but having been advertised as a case of No Tenders, a tender now received from Mr. James Rowan, Bert, was accepted, and a bond for same duly perfected.

(498.)

CELBRIDGE No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 133 (A concrete footpath in Leixlip). Two tenders were received—from John Breen for £199 17s. 0d., and from Patrick Farrell for £200. Proposed by Mr. John Field, seconded by Lord Frederick Fitzgerald, and resolved unanimously:—

That the tender of Patrick Farrell be accepted, and the bond for same prepared and sealed.

(499.)

NAAS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

NAO
No. 8 (233 perches, between Blackwood and Brockagh). Tender received from Mr. Edward Halligan, and accepted.

No. 19 (516 perches, between Rathmore Glebe and Killeel). No tender. Given in charge to County Surveyor until next Quarterly Meeting.

NAO
No. 23 (190 perches, from Westown Hill to Palmerstown three roads). Tender received from Mr. Thomas Slattery at 6d., nearly, per perch, and accepted.

NAO
No. 27 (425 perches, Killeel to Tinode). No tenders. Given in charge to County Surveyor till next Quarterly Meeting.

NAO
No. 29 (575 perches, known as the Bull Ring road). Tender of Mr. Thomas Behan accepted.

NAO
No. 32 (160 perches, between Turnings and Straffan Demesne). Tender of Mr. William Cornelia was accepted.

No. 36 (80 perches, from the Blessington road at Eadestown into Phillipstown townland). No tender. Proposal allowed to drop.

No. 37 (179 perches, from Cromwellstown road to Synnot's gate). No tender. Proposal allowed to drop.

No. 38. Already dealt with. (Vide Minute No. 496 above).

A No. 39 (To repair a bridge at Mylerstown). Given in charge to County Surveyor at £25.

(500.)

Provisional Proposals.—The following items were submitted by the Proposal Committee (County Form 12), to be treated as provisional proposals:—

1. To repair the external boundary wall of Naas Gaol, at a cost not exceeding £60.

2. To put a new floor across the space from the Council Chamber to the County Surveyor's Office, and remove the circular stairs on one side; also if desirable, to remove the porch inside the Council Chamber, and substitute a plain door therefor—cost not to exceed £50.

(501.)

The Council proceeded to consider the recommendations of the Finance Committee as to Payments prepared by the Proposal Committee and by the Rural District Councils.

(502.)

The printed schedule of Applications for Payments chargeable to the County at Large for matters other than public works, comprising 85 items, as proposed by the Proposal Committee and recommended by the Finance Committee, was passed unanimously, with the variations shown on a copy thereof, signed by the Chairmen of both Committees ~~that~~ *and* specified in Minutes Nos. 325 and 340 of the Proposal Committee).

With reference to item No. 60, being an application by the Secretary for the cost of the temporary staff employed by him in carrying out the provisions of the Franchise and Juries Acts in the year 1899, and payment of which had been refused by the Proposal Committee (vide their Minute, No 325), the Secretary stated that he understood that it was part of the terms that had been offered to him by the County Council, that the fees under these Acts were to be regarded as part of his personal salary, and that the work under them was to be done by the County Council staff. The County Council, however, were of opinion that, although this might apply to the terms to be settled for their new Secretary, it was their intention that the existing Secretary should get this work done at his own expense, and the claim was accordingly disallowed.

(503.)

The Proposals for Payments made by the several District Councils (District Form No. 12) were approved and passed, with the exception that the first item on the list for Celbridge No. 1 (payable to James Tyrell, Cappagh), for £15 7s. 8d., was passed for £15 17s. 8d. (to correct a clerical error).

(504.)

The Solicitor to the County Council handed in the Mortgage on the Rates, proposed to be given to the Hibernian Bank, Limited, for £2,431, for the payment of the moieties of gratuities and other compensation to retiring officers, and at his request the following resolution was proposed by Mr. Malone, seconded by Mr. Wolfe, and carried unanimously:—

Resolved:—That in accordance with the letter of the Hibernian Bank Naas, of the 11th October, and the letter of the Local Government Board, No. 63373, dated the 6th November 1899, and under the powers conferred by the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, the Local Government Application of Enactments Order, 1898, and the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878, a sum of £2431, whereof £2300 is required for the payment of gratuities to retiring officers, and £131 compensation to be paid to Dr. Stensy, be obtained on loan from the Hibernian Bank, Limited, to be repayable with interest at the rate of 3½ per cent. per annum in manner following, that is to say, by ten equal half-yearly instalments of £243 2s 0d, the first instalment to be paid on the 26th day of August next, with interest thereon as aforesaid, the second instalment on the 26th day of February, 1901, and the remaining eight instalments on the 26th day of February and the 26th day of August in each year, with interest on the balance of the principal monies remaining due and owing on the security of these presents, at such dates respectively, at the rate aforesaid, until said sum of £2431 and all interest shall have been fully paid and satisfied, and that repayment be secured by a mortgage of the rates of the county to said bank, pursuant to said Statutes, and that said mortgage shall be duly executed by the County Council, and that a copy of this resolution be also sealed with the Seal of the County Council for the satisfaction of the said Hibernian Bank, Limited, Naas.

Carried unanimously.

(Signed), STEPHEN J. BROWN,
Chairman of the County Council,
26th February, 1900.

The Mortgage was then signed by the Chairman on behalf of the Council, and ordered to be sealed (vide Minute No. 506).

(505.)

Proposed by Mr Joseph O'Loughlin, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and unanimously carried:—

That the printed lists of proposals for new works and new contracts for maintenance, to be sent to the members of the Council prior to Quarterly Meetings, should show on the face of such lists whether the expenses are chargeable wholly to the District, and partly to the County at Large.

(506.)

Mr E. J. Cassidy, Mr. John Healy, and Mr. George Wolfe were unanimously appointed to affix the Seal of the Council to the following documents:—

- (1.) The Mortgage to the Hibernian Bank, and the Resolution relating thereto;
- (2.) Contracts entered into by the District Councils;
- (3.) Contracts entered into to-day with the County Council.

The Seal was affixed to same accordingly.

(507.)

Salaries of Assistant Surveyors.—Circular letter, No. 29 M, dated 21st February, read from the Local Government Board, fixing the salaries of all existing Assistant Surveyors (in all cases where an agreement had not been arrived at between them and the County Council), as from 1st April, 1899, on the following scale:—

Districts not exceeding 250 miles,	£120 a year.
" " 275 "	£125 "
" " 300 "	£130 "
" " 325 "	£135 "
" " 350 "	£140 "
" " 375 "	£145 "
" " 400 "	£150 "

On considering same, it was proposed by Mr. George Wolfe, seconded by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and unanimously resolved:—

That the Kildare County Council desire to know the grounds on which the Local Government Board have determined to increase the salaries of the Assistant Surveyors in this County. This appears to have been done on the representation of the Assistant Surveyors, without any opportunity having been afforded to the County Council of knowing what these statements were, and therefore of offering any explanation as to the former or future work.

The Secretary was directed to forward the foregoing Resolution to the Local Government Board, and to state that the County Council considered it a matter for complaint that the memorandum prepared by the Assistant Surveyors had not been submitted to the County Council, and that the County Council had decided not to grant the proposed increases of pay to these officers pending the further discussion of the matter.

On the suggestion of the County Surveyor, it was referred to the Finance Committee to frame regulations prescribing the duties of the Assistant Surveyors in the County.

(508.)

Office of Secretary.—The Council proceeded to consider the report of the Finance Committee (on County Council Minute No. 438), as to the approaching vacancy in the office of Secretary, and the arrangements to be made in consequence of same, as embodied in the Finance Committee's Minutes, Nos. 313-319, of 7th February last.

(509.)

Printed copies of the Finance Committee's Minutes not having been sent to the members of the County Council, their Minutes of 7th February were now read by the Secretary.

(510.)

Mr. Malone proposed, and Mr. Murphy seconded—That the recommendations of the Finance Committee, as shown in their Minutes Nos. 314-319, be adopted.

The effect of this proposal would have been as follows:—

- (1.) That the salary of the Secretary to be appointed in succession to the present Secretary is to cover and include all clerical assistance, if any, which may be required, beyond the permanent staff provided and paid by the Council;
- (2.) That such Secretary shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, shall reside within the township of Naas, and shall attend in his office daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at least.
- (3.) That the salary be £50 under the Diseases of Animals Acts, and for all other duties (exclusive of allowances under the Franchise and Juries Acts), £250.

(511.)

An amendment was proposed by Mr. Stephen Haydon, and seconded by Mr. John Field, as follows:—

That in the Finance Committee Minute, No. 319, the sum of £250 be altered to £150.
On a show of hands the amendment was rejected by 20 votes against 4.

(512.)

A further amendment was proposed by Mr. Crosbie, and seconded by Mr. McKenna, to the effect that the salary be £200 instead of £250.

On a show of hands this amendment was carried by 12 votes to 9.

(513.)

The Chairman then submitted the original Resolution, as amended, in the following form:—
That the salary of the Secretary be £50 under the Cattle Diseases Acts, with £200 as general salary, besides the remuneration under the Franchise and Juries Acts.

(514.)

To this Resolution the following amendment was proposed by Mr. Minch, and seconded by Colonel Sir G R Dease:—

That the salary be £245, and £50 under the Cattle Diseases Acts, exclusive of the fees under the Franchise and Juries Acts.

On a show of hands this amendment was carried by 11 votes against 8, and the original Resolution as thus amended was then put to the Council, and declared carried.

(515.)
Ordered—That the report of the Finance Committee as amended be adopted, and be sent to the Local Government Board.

(516.)
Proposed by Mr. McKenna, seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and carried unanimously:—

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee at their meeting held on 20th February, be adopted, to the effect that instead of the Rate Collectors' lodgments being checked by the Clerks of the Unions as at present, this work be done in the County Secretary's Office after the close of the present collection.

(517.)
Regulations, etc., for Secretary's Office.—The Chairman submitted the following recommendation from the Finance Committee:—

The Committee recommend the Council to make an order requiring the Secretary forthwith to deposit in the County Council Office at Naas, all books, letters, circulars, and records relating to public works, and all other documents whatsoever, relating to the County business, and that no such books, documents, etc., be removed from the office without the permission of the Council, or in case of emergency, a written order of the Chairman. Further, that the Secretary, during the remainder of his term of office, be required to attend in the Council Office at least five days per week, from 10 to 4 o'clock.

After discussing the matter, and hearing the Secretary upon it, it was proposed by Mr. A. More O'Ferrall, D.L., seconded by Mr. John Healy, and carried unanimously:—

That the recommendation of the Finance Committee be adopted, with the alteration of five days per week to three days ^{in each} per week.

(518.)
The Chairman submitted the following further recommendations of the Finance Committee:—
(1.) That an Attendance Book be kept in the Secretary's Office, in which should be entered each day the hours of attendance of each officer, and that a memorandum of the work done by each officer be made therein.

(2.) That the Local Government Board be requested not to make any adjudication with reference to the Secretary's salary as from 1st April last, without giving the Council an opportunity of expressing their views, and bringing before the Local Government Board the facts and circumstances of the case.

On the motion of Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. John Cribbin, the foregoing recommendations of the Finance Committee were unanimously adopted.

(519.)
Resolved, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, that the following payments be made, pursuant to the recent Sealed Orders, No. 383, issued by the Local Government Board, relative to Adjustments of Accounts under the provisions of Articles 18 and 19 of the Local Government Transitory Provisions (No. 2) Order, 1898:—

£136 15s. 9d. to the Guardians of Baltinglass Poor Law Union;
£23 13s. 5d. to Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District Council;
£827 7s. 2d. to the Guardians of Celbridge Poor Law Union;
£542 9s. 8d. to the Guardians of Edenderry Poor Law Union;
£638 10s. 6d. to the Guardians of Naas Poor Law Union.

(520.)
Asylum for Harmless Lunatics.—Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease—

That, as the question of the removal of imbeciles from Workhouses, and a suitable place to be provided for their care, has been already approved by the Council, immediate steps be taken to carry out the Resolution then agreed to.

Sir Gerald Dease stated that, owing to the recent death of Mr. S. Ussher Roberts, the Architect to the Board of Control, and the fact that no new Architect had yet been appointed, he believed that no further step could be taken in this matter at the present moment.

After some further discussion, it was Resolved—That the Secretary should write to the Board of Control, and ask them to notify to the County Council as soon as a new Architect had been appointed, and also to give them notice of the time that might be fixed for inspecting the Naas Prison premises, so as to enable the County Surveyor and any members of the Council who desired to do so to be present, and that meantime the matter should stand adjourned.

(521.)
The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Mr Owen Cogan, was, in his absence, moved by Mr. Laurence Malone, seconded by Mr. Edward Fenelon, and unanimously adopted:—

That the name of Rev. P. Warren, P.P., be inserted in lieu of Rev. T. Carberry, P.P., in the School Attendance Committee for Baltinglass No. 3 Rural District (Rev. T. Carberry having been removed to Wicklow).

(522.)
Place for Committee Meetings.—Pursuant to Notice of Motion of 27th January, received from Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, and Messrs. Laurence Malone, George Wolfe, John Field, Peter Crosbie, W. T. Kirkpatrick, and W. R. Ronaldson, it was now moved by Colonel Sir G. R. Dease, seconded by Mr. Francis Colgan, and carried unanimously:—

That the Resolution of 27th November, 1899 (Minute No. 351), that all Committee meetings be held at the Court House, Kildare, be rescinded.

(523.)
Steam Rollers.—Pursuant to Notice of Motion, it was moved by Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick:—
That the County Surveyor be requested to consider the subject of Steam Rollers, and that a Committee be appointed to confer with him thereon.

The Resolution was seconded by Mr. Edward Hayden, and carried unanimously, and the following members of the Council were unanimously appointed a Committee:—The Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, Mr. Laurence Malone, Mr. Edward Hayden, Mr. W. T. Kirkpatrick, Mr. Stephen Heydon, and Mr. John Field.

(524.)
Superannuation Allowance to Mr. Thos Cross.—On considering the Notice of Motion, dated 18th January, and sent to each member of the Council on that date by their order (vide Minute No. 405), it was proposed by Mr. Stephen Murphy, seconded by Mr. Laurence Malone, and unanimously Resolved—

That a Superannuation allowance of £50 sterling per annum from 1st day of December, 1899, be granted to Mr. Thomas Cross, C.E., late Assistant Surveyor.

(525.)
Manufactories of Margarine.—Sealed Order, No. 67435, dated 16th January, 1899, read from Local Government Board, containing regulations as to the issue of Certificates of Registration under the Margarine Act, 1887, and Sale of Food and Drugs Act, 1899, to owners or occupiers of manufactories of margarine, etc.

(526.)
Circular, No. 4100, dated 26th January, read from Local Government Board (with reference to their circular letter of 20th November, 1899), forwarding a further notice from H. M. Treasury, showing the rates of interest payable on loans granted out of the Local Loans Fund, under Treasury Minute of 18th January, 1900.

(527).
Circular No. 19/M, dated 3rd February, read from Local Government Board, forwarding a copy of their Twenty-Seventh Report (1898-1899). The Secretary stated that he had handed the report to the printing contractor to be bound for office use.

(528).
Assistant Surveyors.—Sealed Order, No. 6337, dated 9th February, read from Local Government Board, prescribing the qualifications for the appointment of Assistant Surveyors.

(529).
Letters (2) Nos. 8609 and 8610, dated 9th February, read from the Local Government Board, approving of the recent appointments as Poor Rate Collectors of Mr. John Fitzsimons and Mr. Andrew O'Reilly.

(530).
New Rate Book.—Circular, No. 21/M, dated 9th February, read from Local Government Board, forwarding a specimen page of a new form of Rate Book, designed with a view of lessening the labour of filling up the Form (No. 33) prescribed by the County Councils Order, 1899, and with a view to enabling separate charges leviable over uniform areas to be raised by a consolidated rate.
The Secretary stated that this matter had been under the consideration of the Finance Committee, and on their recommendation the County Council decided to ask the Local Government Board to sanction the adoption of this new Form for this County, with certain modifications approved of by the Finance Committee.

(531).
Circular No. 30/M, dated 14th February, read from Local Government Board, stating that no applications for recoupment out of the Local Taxation Account, under section 115 (13) of the Local Government Act, could be entertained after 15th March, 1900.

(532).
Letter No. 9577, dated 16th February, read from Local Government Board, to the effect that the cost of printing Requisition Forms and other printing under the Registration Acts in the County of Kildare should be paid by the County Council, and should be a County at Large charge.

(533).
Circulars were read from the Local Government Board, forwarding Audited Abstracts of the Accounts for the half-year ended 30th September, 1899, for the Poor Law Unions of Baltinglass, Edenderry, and Naas, and for the Rural Districts of Baltinglass No. 3, Edenderry No. 2, and Naas No. 1, with a copy of the Auditor's Report in each case.

(534).
Letter, dated 27th January, read from the Secretary, G.P.O., Dublin, asking for the permission of the County Council to alter a line of telegraph from a point near Monasterevan Railway Station to Monasterevan post office. On consulting the County Surveyor and Mr. E. J. Cassidy, the Council authorised the Secretary to sign the necessary consent on their behalf.

(535).
Sheep Scab.—Circular, No. 106, dated February, 1900, read from Veterinary Department, Dublin Castle, calling attention to the provisions of Articles 3, 4 and 5 of the Sheep Scab (Ireland) Order of 1898, and requesting the County Council to instruct their Inspectors to carry out same, especially as regards Articles 4 and 5, and to report to the Local Authority and to the Veterinary Department the dates of carrying out the process of dipping, and of completion of the cleansing and disinfection in each instance.

Ordered—That the Secretary communicate the foregoing instructions to the Veterinary Inspectors.

(536).
Compulsory Education Act.—Letter, dated 17th February, read from the Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, stating that he had been directed to ask the County Council to select the following gentlemen as members of the School Attendance Committees for the districts of Moone and Castledermot:—

For Moone District—Rev. E. Dukey, P.P.; Rev. L. Doyle, C.C.; Mr. John Cogan; Mr. William J. Fennell; and Mr. Daniel Lawler.

For Castledermot District:—Rev. M. Walshe, P.P.; Rev. C. W. Ganley, Rector of Castledermot; Mr. Richard Lawler, Skenagun; Mr. John A. Hannon, Prumplestown; and Mr. James Kavanagh, Davidstown.

Resolved unanimously—That the gentlemen named be elected members of the School Attendance Committees in question.

(537).
Separate Charges.—Letter, dated 17th February, read from the Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council, in reply to the Secretary's letters of 19th and 29th January, relative to the disputed question as to whether there are any, and if so what, special charges leviable off particular areas in Athy No. 1 Rural District in the current year, and stating as follows:—

"I am directed to inform you that the erection of pumps in some instances were made special charges off particular areas during the present year ending 31st March, 1900. I estimated £340 for General Sanitary Expenses. This amount was to meet expenses such as painting pumps, keeping same in repair, cleaning sewers, disinfecting houses, etc., etc.,

"I wrote you last year that there were no special expenses under 232nd Section of the Public Health Act, 1878, which, in my opinion, could be raised as a separate expense."

"There were no pumps sunk in the District during the year."

(538).
Notice of Malicious Injury, dated 14th February, received from Mr. Loftus Hayden, Naas, claiming £2 10s. compensation for same.

(539).
Major Borrowes v. County Council.—Letter, dated 20th February, read from Mr. W. Grove White, Solicitor to the County Council, stating that the Court of Appeal had on that day unanimously reversed the decision of Judge Johnson at the Assizes in this claim for malicious injury, and had increased the original decree of the County Court Judge from £15 to £74 10s., and awarded costs, in the County Court of Appeal, and in the Appeal Court, to the applicant, and further, that the amount now awarded, with the costs when taxed, is to be raised off Naas No. 1 Rural District.

Mr. White further stated that the sum of £26 4s. 9d., for the costs awarded against the complainant in the Court below, had not been included in the taxed costs paid to him (Mr. White) at the last Quarterly Meeting, and he therefore now applied for same, as they must now be paid by the County.

(540).
Letters read from the Clerks of the Unions of Athy, Baltinglass, Edenderry, and Naas, applying for remuneration for extra services in bringing the Local Government Act into force, or for loss of fees or salary in consequence of same.

Ordered—That these applications be referred to the Finance Committee to report thereon.

(541.)

Circular, dated 24th January, read from the Clare County Council, urging that steps should be taken during the present Session to obtain amendments to the Rating provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to relieve from the payment of Poor Rate occupiers of holdings in towns and villages (situated in Urban and Rural Districts), whose premises are held under yearly or less than yearly tenancies, where the Poor Law valuation of same does not exceed £4, and that all Poor Rate made upon the occupiers of said holdings should be payable by the immediate landlords as formerly.

(542.)

Private Bill Procedure.—Circular, dated 12th February, read from the Incorporated Law Society of Ireland, submitting a copy of a resolution which was now unanimously adopted by this County Council as follows:—

That in the opinion of this County Council there is an urgent necessity for a thorough reform of Private Bill Procedure, and that inquiries of a local nature should be conducted in Ireland.

(543.)

Irish Railways and Canals.—Circular, dated 22nd January, read from Mr. W. T. Trench (as Acting Secretary of a Committee appointed in December by the General Council of Delegates of Irish County Councils) advising "that a Commission should be appointed by Government to inquire into the whole question of Railway and Canal Policy in Ireland, with especial reference to reductions in rates and fares, and the increase of facilities, due regard being had to the interests of the shareholders, as well as of the public."

Ordered—That the Secretary inform Mr. Trench that the proposal would receive the support of this Council.

(544.)

The Irish Language.—Circular, dated February, 1900, read from the Hon. Secretary of the Executive Committee of the Gaelic League, enclosing a communication recently addressed by them to the Commissioners of National Education, and to the Government, praying to have freedom given to teach Irish in the National Schools of Ireland.

The Secretary was directed to write to the Commissioners of National Education, and to the Chief Secretary for Ireland, stating that this Council would be in favour of the teaching of Irish, and the introduction of the bi-lingual plan of instruction (such as the Welsh have in Wales) into the National schools situated in Irish-speaking localities.

(545.)

Holdings Valued at and under £4.—The following Notice of Motion was handed in by Mr. Peter Crosbie for the next meeting of the County Council:—

That we call upon the Government to amend the rating provisions of the Local Government Act, so as to relieve all occupiers of holdings valued at and under £4 per annum, of any liability for Poor Rate.

(546.)

The Meeting of the Council was adjourned to Monday, 12th March (the hour to be fixed by the Chairman), and it was Ordered that a Meeting of the Finance Committee be held on Saturday, 3rd March, and weekly, thereafter, as long as may be found necessary.

Copy signed by Chairman.

COUNTY COUNCIL.

MONDAY, 12th MARCH, 1900.

Minutes of the Proceedings at an Adjourned Quarterly Meeting of the County Council of Kildare, held in the Council Chamber, County Court-house, Naas, on Monday, 12th March, at half-past one o'clock.

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Present:—Mr. Stephen J. Brown (chairman of the County Council), in the chair; Lord Frederick Fitzgerald; Sir Gerald R. Dease; Messrs. George Wolfe, J.P.; Laurence Malone; William R. Ronaldson; John Cribbin; John Healy; Edward Hayden; Joseph O'Loughlin; Edward Fenelon, J.P.; Peter Crosbie; M. J. Minch, M.P.; C. J. Bergin; Joseph P. Dowling; and A. More O'Ferrall, D.L.

(548).

Resolved unanimously—That the Standing Orders be suspended, and that the printed minutes of 26th February as drafted by the Secretary be taken as read.

The following amendments in the Secretary's Minutes were made:—

Minute No. 494—After the word "means" insert "and lighting same by gas."

Minute No. 501—For "prepared" insert "proposed."

Minute No. 517—In the last two words of this minute, for "per week" insert "in each week."

Minute No. 520—Omit this Minute as printed, and substitute the following amended Minute for same:—

Asylum for Harmless Lunatics.—Colonel Sir G. R. Dease asked, and obtained leave to postpone his notice of motion until the next meeting of the Council, owing to the recent death of Mr S Ussher Roberts, architect to the Board of Works, who was to have inspected and reported upon the buildings on Naas Prison premises.

(549).

No Tenders.—The Council proceeded to deal with the cases of No Tenders which had not been dealt with at the meeting on the 26th February:—

ATHY No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 13—504 perches between Bert cross-roads and the accommodation road at Kilberry. Tender of Daniel Cummins was accepted, and the bond for contract was duly prepared, signed and sealed.

No. 14—In this case (referred to in minute No. 492) the contractor, Edward Hyland, attended, and handed in a bond signed by him and his sureties in the presence of the Chairman and Clerk of Athy No. 1 Rural District Council. Same was ordered to be sealed.

No. 18.—Gravel footpath in Castledermot. There being no tender in this case it was given in charge to the County Surveyor at £49.

NAAS No. 1 RURAL DISTRICT.

No. 38—To provide stones for Liffey bank at Roseberry. Tender of James Sullivan accepted, and bond for the contract duly prepared, signed, and sealed.

(550).

The Solicitor to the County Council handed in a requisition to have his costs taxed. Ordered—That Mr. Valentine Kilbride be appointed to attend on the taxation of Mr. White's costs, and that the requisition to tax be signed and sealed with the Seal of the Council. The requisition was then signed by the Chairman, and sealed.

Further ordered...That in future the Solicitor's costs are to be furnished to the Secretary, to be brought before the Finance Committee for directions as to taxation.

(551).

Speaking Tube.—Proposed by Mr. W. R. Ronaldson, seconded by Mr. J. P. Dowling, and carried unanimously:—

That a speaking tube be provided between the Council Chamber and the Secretary's Office, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to have same erected, and also to provide for lighting the Council Chamber.

(552).

Appointment of Secretary.—The following correspondence with the Local Government Board was read:—

(553).

County Council Offices,

Naas, 27th February, 1900.

SIR,—I gave notice to the County Council of Kildare on 30th December last of my intention to retire from their service on 31st March 1900, and it was referred to their Finance Committee to propose a scale of payment for my services for the year ending on the latter date, and for any period beyond that date that I might continue to hold the office of Secretary to the County Council (as a matter of public convenience, with the consent of the Council and the Local Government Board).

I found myself unable to accept the terms offered to me, or to consent to remain in office beyond 31st March. The County Council, therefore, at their Quarterly Meeting on yesterday, the 26th instant, had under consideration the question of the appointment of their future Secretary, and I have been directed to inform you that they propose that he should be remunerated on the following scale:—£245 per annum for his general duties as Secretary to the County Council; £50 as Secretary or Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Acts, together with the fees that may be payable to him from time to time under the Franchise and Juries Acts.

The County Council further adopted the following recommendations of their Finance Committee:—

(1). That the salary of the Secretary to be appointed in succession to our present Secretary is to cover and include all clerical assistance, if any, which may be required beyond the permanent staff provided and paid by the Council.

(2). That such Secretary shall devote his entire time to the duties of the office, shall reside within the township of Naas, and shall attend in his office daily, from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. at least.

The County Council further decided that after the close of the Poor Rate collection for the current half-year, the accounts of the Poor Rate Collectors are to be checked each fortnight in the office of the Secretary to the County Council, instead of by the Clerks of the several Unions.

I am directed to ask the Local Government Board for their approval of the foregoing proposals. An Adjourned Meeting of the County Council will be held on Monday, 12th March, to consider the Board's reply, and the County Council would then propose to advertise immediately for applications for the post of Secretary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

(Signed), G. DE L. WILLIS,

Secretary to the County Council.

The Secretary,
Local Government Board,
Dublin.

P.S.—The permanent office staff of the County Council consists of an Accountant at £120 per annum, and a junior clerk at £1 per week.

(554)

No. 13,092; 1900.
Kildare County.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 2nd March, 1900.

SIR,—The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them your letter of the 27th ult, communicating for their approval the arrangements made by the County Council of Kildare in connection with the appointment of a Secretary. The Board have given the proposals of the County Council their careful consideration, and I am to state that while the Board are of opinion that the salary fixed for the office in question, namely, £245 a year, exclusive of remuneration as Clerk to the Local Authority under the Diseases of Animals Act, and of fees earned under the Registration and Juries Acts, is a reasonable one, the resolution of the Council adopting the recommendation of the Finance Committee, does