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THE ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONIGAL COUNTY
COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 13TH DAY OF JANUARY,
1931.

1/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Boyle (James), Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Garrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Mylos, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Quigley, Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

2/31.

A P O L O G Y.

An apology was received from Councillor Brady for his inability to be present.

3/31.

MAKING OF SECOND-CLASS ROADS BY DIRECT LABOUR.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Philip Doherty was not dealt with; it being considered too drastic:-
"That, where possible, all second-class roads be made by Direct Labour so as to give the labouring man a chance of making a living in his own country."

4/31.

TAR-SPRAYING AND TAR-GROUTING OF ROADS.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Philip Doherty was not proceeded with in his absence:-
"That a return be prepared showing the mileage in each Assistant Surveyor's District of roads tar-sprayed and tar-grouted for the year ended October, 1930."

5/31.

ALLEGED DANGEROUS CORNER IN THE TOWN OF CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Knox, Gilliland and Babington, Solicitors, Castle Street, Derry, in which they referred to the resolution passed by the Council regarding the removal of an alleged dangerous corner at the junction of Malin Street and the Diamond in the town of Carndonagh, which they had discussed with the landlord. The alterations would necessitate the acquisition by the Council of a considerable portion of the Market House and substantial alterations thereto. Captain McClintock was willing to give permission on payment of £100 as compensation for the property acquired on the condition that all alterations to the Market House should be made by the Council to his entire satisfaction.

6/31.

OBJECTION TO PROPOSED NEW ROAD FROM DRUMKEEN TO CONVOY.

A letter was read from Mr. R. S. Magee, Solicitor, Strabane, in which he objected on behalf of Messrs. David Ewing, William Wither, and Manus Houston to the making of the new road through several townlands from Drumkeen to the road going to Convoys, and he set out the reasons for his objection.

Mr. Magee also appeared before the Council in support of the objection.

As sufficient funds were not available the application for the work, which stood in the name of Councillor Gallen, was struck out.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Gallen seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Irish Land Commission be requested to allocate out of the Relief of Distress Grant a sum to carry out the work.

7/31.

HIRE OF COUNCIL'S ROAD ROLLING PLANT.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Milford Road Contractors' Union, in which he asked the Council to hear a deputation in connection with the cost of hiring the Council's rollers.

A deputation, consisting of Messrs. James Sweeney and James McGettigan, appeared before the Council and asked to have the rolling for the Contractors carried out free of charge.

The Secretary stated that the present system was in accordance with the Public Bodies Order and the Council had no option but to charge sufficient to cover the cost of the plant.

8/31.

DIRECT LABOUR SCHEMES - MILFORD AREA.

A deputation from the Milford Road Contractors' Union complained that where roads were now out of contract and being done by Direct Labour the former Road Contractors were not being employed.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor McPhelimy seconded that old Contractors get preference in future in such works.

9/31.

APPOINTMENT OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following members were appointed as Tenders Committees for the different Areas:-

Ballyshannon.....Councillors Myles, Nyhan, Philip Doherty, and Hamilton.
 Donegal.....Councillors Hamilton, Philip Doherty, F. Gallagher, Manus O'Boyle, and McShane.
 Kiloar.....Councillors McFadden, Brady, and McShane.
 Glenties.....Councillors B. Gallagher, Sweeney and Brennan.
 Dungloe.....Councillors Brennan, D.E. O'Boyle, and McBride.
 Falcarragh.....Councillors James Boyle, McBride, and Doogan.
 Letterkenny.....Councillors Mahony, Callaghan, and McCrea.
 Lifford.....Councillors Wagentreiber, Gallen, Callaghan, and McPhelimy.
 Milford.....Councillors MacGreadie, Baxter, Blaney, Loughrey, and Patrick Doherty.
 Carndonagh.....Councillors Cole, Quigley, Douglas, P. Doherty, McCauley and Kavanagh.
 Burnfoot.....Councillors Scott, Kavanagh, and McIvor.
 Stranorlar.....Councillors Callaghan, McPhelimy, Gallen, and Mahony.
 Pettigo.....Councillors Nyhan, Philip Doherty, and Hamilton.

It was also decided that all members of the Council be members of the different Tenders Committees in the County Electoral Areas for which they were elected.

10/31. DECISION OF MANNER AND CONDITIONS FOR MAKING TENDERS.

The Council decided that in future all Tenders for Maintenance Works be made on new Forms (Form A.) and for Special Works on new Forms (Form B.); Tenders on old Forms to be invalid, but Contractors to be offered an opportunity at the meeting to complete new Forms.

11/31. ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION OF TENDERS.

The Council decided that all Tenders be handed in immediately before the Meetings, which will be held at 11.a.m. on the following dates; the Clerks to the Meetings to be appointed by the local Councillors, and to be in attendance two hours before the hour of the meeting to accept tenders:-

| | |
|-------------------|----------------------|
| Ballyshannon..... | 23rd February, 1931. |
| Donegal..... | 27th February, 1931. |
| Kilcar..... | 23rd February, 1931. |
| Glenties..... | 26th February, 1931. |
| Dungloe..... | 25th February, 1931. |
| Falcarragh..... | 21st February, 1931. |
| Letterkenny..... | 25th February, 1931. |
| Lifford..... | 20th February, 1931. |
| Milford..... | 26th February, 1931. |
| Carndonagh..... | 23rd February, 1931. |
| Burnfoot..... | 27th February, 1931. |
| Stranorlar..... | 26th February, 1931. |
| Pettigo..... | 26th February, 1931. |

12/31. PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1932.

The Council considered the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the County Surveyor's proposals were passed in full subject to certain adjustments to bring the total amounts allowed within the limits already fixed by the Council. Councillors' Motions were passed within a limit of £70 for each Councillor.

Additional sums of £300 were allowed to each of the County Surveyors in respect of each Urban Area.

SUMMARY OF EXPENDITURE APPROVED IN ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1932.

NORTHERN DIVISION.

| | <u>Main.</u> | <u>County.</u> | <u>Total.</u> |
|----------------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Repairs. | £23,714:11:0 | £22,177:1:0. | £45,891:12:0. |
| Improvements. | 403:10:0 | 746:2:0. | 1,149:12:0. |
| Contingencies. | 457: 0:0 | 693:0:0 | 1,150: 0:0. |
| TOTAL. | £24,575: 1:0 | £23,616: 3:0 | £48,191: 4:0. |

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

| | | | |
|---------------------|----------------------|---------------------|----------------------|
| Repairs. | £18,852: 0:0 | £16,403:8:0 | £35,255: 8:0. |
| Improvements. | 375: 0:0 | 1,430:12:0 | 1,805:12:0. |
| Contingencies. | 400: 0:0 | 800: 0:0 | 800: 0:0. |
| TOTAL. | £19,627: 0:0 | £18,234: 0:0 | £37,861: 0:0. |
| GROSS TOTAL. | £44,202: 1:0. | £41,850: 3:0 | £86,052: 4:0. |

The Meeting adjourned until Tuesday, 31st March, 1931.

Confirmed.

Emahony

P. Dwyer Chairman

27th January, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON
TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF JANUARY, 1931.

13/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Quigley (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavamagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, McGreadie, Melvor, McPhelimy, MoShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

14/31.

A P O L O G Y.

A letter was read from Councillor Philip Doherty regretting his inability to be present through illness.

15/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

Councillor Cole objected to Minute No. 1164/30 which he stated was incorrect as the matter had not been ruled out of order.

The Secretary, Councillor Baxter, and others agreed that the Minute was correct.

Councillor Hamilton called attention to Minute No. 1187/30, and suggested that in order to correct the Minutes the following words should be added: "and the camber improved".

Subject to this change, the Minutes were confirmed on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Sweeney.

16/31. C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S O F A N N U A L R O A D W O R K S M E E T I N G.

The Minutes of the Annual Road Works Meeting held on the 13th January, 1931, were unanimously confirmed, on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

17/31.

R E P O R T S O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E.

The reports of the meetings of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 16th December, 1930, and the 13th January, 1931, were unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott.

18/31.

Q U A R T E R L Y L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S.

The Quarterly List of Payments were passed unanimously, subject to certain alterations which had been made by the Finance Committee, and which were adopted.

19/31.

M A I N R O A D S U P K E E P G R A N T , 1 9 3 1 / 3 2 .

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd January, 1931, R/RGM/201, regarding the Main Roads Upkeep Grant, 1931/32, and inquiring if estimates could be furnished of the sums which the Council were likely to allow for the upkeep respectively of (a) Main Roads, and (b) County Roads for the financial year 1931/32.

20/31. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE (MINOR SCHEMES) ACT, 1928.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd January, 1931, F.4271/31. Ilgh. (Pd.) on the subject of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, and setting out the manner in which application should be made for State Contributions.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Nyhan it was unanimously decided to inquire from the Minister for Finance if he would be prepared to state, on being furnished with full particulars of any contemplated scheme, the amount of grant he would be prepared to give before the scheme was undertaken.

21/31. RECOMMENDATION FROM BOARD OF HEALTH RE REPAIR OF ROADS WHICH HAD BEEN OPENED FOR THE REPAIR OF WATER PIPES.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health dated 21st January, 1931, in which he stated that, at their meeting on the 14th inst., the Board adopted the following recommendation of the Donegal Public Health Committee, and he inquired if the County Council would agree to same:-

"That in cases where tarred roads are opened for repair of water pipes that the County Council be asked to restore the tarred surface and that the cost of same be recouped to them by the Board of Health. It is understood, of course, that the openings are to be filled in and pounded by the servants of the Board of Health, but it is much more satisfactory to have the tarred surface done as above recommended."

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to agree with the suggestion of the Board of Health.

22/31. SCHOOL MEALS (GAELTACHT) ACT, 1930.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health in which he stated that the Board had decided to postpone the putting into operation of the School Meals (Gaeltacht) Act, 1930, until the 1st October, 1931, and to include in the Estimate for the coming year an amount equal to the sum which was fixed as the limit for the current half-year, but which it was not proposed to expend.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle stated that School Meals were already being supplied in certain Schools and he inquired who was responsible.

Councillor Mahony stated that no meals were yet being supplied by the Board of Health.

23/31. TRIENNIAL ELECTION OF COUNTY COUNCILLORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 23rd January, 1931, F.5102/31, Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that provision should be made in the Estimates for a sum to meet the expenses of a triennial election of County Councillors.

24/31. MR. McFEELY, V.S. - ABSENCE THROUGH FAMILY BEREAVEMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. McFeely, V.S. in which he stated that owing to a family bereavement he was absenting himself from his duties for a few days, and stating that Mr. D. J. Donnelly was acting for him.

A letter was also read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd January, 1931, L.299-31, in which they enclosed copy of a letter received from Mr. McFeely, V.S., and inquired whether he had obtained the Council's sanction to the employment of Mr. Donnelly, V.S. as his substitute during his absence.

The Council unanimously approved of the arrangement.

25/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MISS MARY J. CASSIDY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd January, 1931, G.92596/30, Dun na nGall (Sf.) in which was transmitted copy of an Order, under Seal, assenting to a Superannuation Allowance of £15 : 16 : 8, plus cost-of-living bonus, to Miss Mary J. Cassidy, late Lace Teacher.

The Council unanimously decided, on the recommendation of the Finance Committee, to pay Miss Cassidy's pension in full, and to apply to the Urban District Councils of Buncrana and Letterkenny for their contributions.

The Council also decided to request the Ministry to refund to them the amount of the cost-of-living bonus paid with the pension, as this bonus had been recouped to the Joint Technical Committee when Miss Cassidy was in receipt of salary.

26/31. LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh C. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff, in which he asked the Council to make a small reconstruction in Letterkenny Courthouse for the Witness Box and the Reporters' Seats before the next Circuit Court on the 17th February, and also asking if the installation of the Electric Light would be completed by that date.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to instruct Mr. W. J. Doherty, Architect, to have the necessary reconstruction carried out.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Cochrane that the Electric Light would be installed when the power was available, and that the wiring had been completed.

27/31. ROAD FROM MAIN ROAD AT SHANKEY TO MR. CHARLES McFADDEN'S SHOP AT GLENVAR.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Russell & Sons, Ballyare Mills, calling the Council's attention to the deplorable state of the road from the Main Road at Shankey to Mr. Charles McFadden's shop at Glenvar.

A letter was also read from a number of prominent ratepayers in Glenvar in connection with the same road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to carry out repairs so far as his resources would enable him.

28/31. MEENAMULLAGHAN WOODEN BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan Bradley, Meenamullaghan, Ballymagan, in which he again directed the attention of the Council to the condition of Meenamullaghan Wooden Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

29/31. SALARY OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th January, 1931, asking for certain particulars regarding the salary paid to the County Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle inquired regarding the nature of the duties carried out by the County Medical Officer of Health.

Councillor Gallen pointed out that a monthly report was furnished by this Officer to the County Board of Health, and that a copy was available for inspection in the office of the Secretary of the County Council.

30/31. APPORTIONMENT OF TIME OF THE STAFFS OF THE COUNTY PUBLIC HEALTH DEPARTMENT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th January, 1931, P.H.226/31, Dun na nGall. Ae. enclosing copy of a letter addressed to Dr. O'Deagha, County Medical Officer of Health, regarding the apportionment of the time of the Medical, Nursing, and Clerical Staffs of the County Public Health Department to duties arising under the Tuberculosis, School Medical Services, and general Public Health work.

31/31. MALICIOUS INJURY DECREE - MRS. E.M.F. COCHRANE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st December, 1930, G.S.243/30. P.g. Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that the Minister saw no objection to the issue of a duplicate Paying Order on foot of the Malicious Injury Decree awarded to the late Mrs. E. M. F. Cochrane.

32/31. HEAVY MOTOR-CAR (SPEED) ORDER, 1930.

A letter was read from the Department of Justice dated 5th January, 1931, in which it was stated that the question of the enforcement of the Heavy Motor-Car (Speed) Order, 1930, had been receiving the attention of the Garda Síochána in Donegal, but so far it had not been found necessary to institute proceedings in respect of breaches of its provisions.

Councillor Myles stated that motorists were aware that there were excessive speeds on roads in the County by heavy vehicles.

33/31. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st December, 1930, G.95561/30. P.a. Dun na nGall, in which they asked for a short statement showing the present financial position of the Council.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th January, 1931, G.1522/31, Dun na nGall. sanctioning Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £20,000, on the accounts of the Donegal Co. Council to the 31st March next.

34/31. MR. DANIEL KELLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 31st December, 1930, G.95560/30. S.e. Dun na nGall. transmitting Declaration Form for completion by Mr. Daniel Kelly.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department dated 7th January, 1931, G.768/31. returning the Declaration Form subscribed by Mr. Daniel Kelly and which had been noted in that Department.

Councillor James Boyle animadverted on the fact that the Council, in increasing Mr. Kelly's salary, had fixed it at £170 per annum, rising by £10 per annum to £280, whereas the sanction of the Ministry was only for £166 per annum, rising by £10 to £290. £250.

He proposed that the Ministry be requested to sanction the scale fixed by the Council.

Councillor Scott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

35/31. RESOLUTION RE IMPORTATION OF FOREIGN OATS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Tariff Commission acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution relative to a resolution passed by the Kilkenny County Council requesting the Minister for Agriculture to prohibit the importation of foreign oats, etc. and stating that under the Tariff Commission Acts, 1926 and 1930, the Tariff Commission could not be set in motion in the manner suggested.

36/31. OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE FOR ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department (Old Age Pensions Branch), dated 2nd January, 1931, 960. Misc. in which it was stated that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal of the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee to appoint a Sub-Committee for Arranmore Island. Attention was directed to the provisions of Section 8 (2) of the Old Age Pensions Act, 1908, and to Articles 23 and 24 of the Old Age Pensions (Consolidated Regulations) 1922, regarding the establishment of local Pensions Sub-Committees. The Minister should be notified of the appointment of the Clerk to the Sub-Committee.

The Council acting as the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee decided that the new Sub-Committee act for the Electoral Division of Arranmore, which includes the Islands of Arranmore and Inniskeeragh, and to authorise the Sub-Committee to act for the Committee in the determination of all claims and questions for the area. They also fixed the Clerk's remuneration as follows:-

5/- each for the first 20 claims or questions in each quarter and for those in excess of 20, 2s/6d each.

37/31. STRABANE NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Councillor Gallen proposed that the use of the Council Chamber be given to the Strabane No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee for their meetings, provided that they be held on dates other than those fixed for the meetings of the Council or its other Committees.

38/31. INSTITUTION OF MUNICIPAL AND COUNTY ENGINEERS.

A letter was read from the Institution of Municipal and County Engineers in which they invited the Council to send representatives to the Annual Conference in Birmingham in June next.

39/31. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

A letter was read from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis in which they invited the Council to send representatives to their Annual Conference at Margate in June next.

40/31. SLAUGHTER OF ANIMALS UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. McFeely, V.S. explaining the circumstances regarding the forwarding of specimens taken from the slaughtered animals referred to in the Department's letter of the 4th December last.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th January, 1931, T.3570/30, stating that Mr. McFeely's explanation regarding the forwarding of specimens of lesions of two cows suspected to be suffering from tuberculosis could not be regarded as satisfactory. Mr. McFeely should keep himself supplied with the necessary equipment for forwarding specimens which can be obtained on application. He should also be warned of the necessity for the prompt despatch to the Laboratory of specimens of lesions found on the post-mortem examination.

Another letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 22nd December, 1930, T.3730/30, in which it was pointed out that although the animals belonging to Messrs. Anderson, Granaghan, and Kelly were slaughtered on the 6th December, and although an animal of Mr. Johnson's was slaughtered on the 9th idem, the specimens of the lesions were not received in the Department's Laboratory until the 15th inst. Mr. McFeely, V.S. should be asked for an explanation in the matter.

41/31.

REITER OF DISTRESS GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th December, 1930. S. Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that in the allocation of grants for the relief of unemployment preference was being given to Public Health Works. The Minister had received from the Donegal County Board of Health and Public Assistance proposals for water supplies and sewerage works which were at present under consideration.

42/31. MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE AND COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RE
INFERIOR FOODSTUFFS.

A letter was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, in which he stated that the Council's resolution regarding the notification to the Civic Guards of all inferior foodstuffs supplied to the institution was considered by the Committee at their meeting on the 9th December, and it was unanimously decided that the carrying out of the terms of the resolution would not be feasible in the Mental Hospital, the Committee having already machinery to deal with abuses in this respect.

43/31.

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE AND COUNCIL'S
RESOLUTIONS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Committee of Agriculture in which he stated that the following decisions were arrived at in connection with the Council's resolutions at the last meeting of the Committee:-

Grant to Scholarship holders (942/30):-

Decision:- No action taken.

Granting of dowries to retiring officials:-

Decision:- Not adopted.

Use of local resources in public works (956/30):-

Decision:- Marked "Read."

Councillor Gallen stated that he believed there was an error in the decision of this Committee to mark "read" the Council's resolution re use of local resources in public works.

44/31.

COUNTY BOARD OF HEALTH AND COUNCIL'S RESOLUTIONS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health in which he stated that the Board arrived at the following decisions in connection with the Council's resolutions:-

Granting of dowries to retiring officials:-

Decision:- Read.

Notification of inferior foodstuffs to Civic Guards:-

Decision:- Board already have power to deal with Contractors who supply articles not of standard quality.

Request to Government to include County Hospitals in future

Sweepstake Profits:-

Decision:- Adopted.

Councillor Nyhan commented on the decision of the Board of Health in the matter of granting dowries to retiring officials.

45/31. RESOLUTIONS OF COUNCIL RE (A) REDUCTION OF SALARIES, AND
(B) PURCHASE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 29th December, 1930, in which it was stated that the resolutions of the Council (a) regarding reduction of salaries of public officials, and (b) purchase of Labourers' Cottages by tenants had been referred to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

46/31. INSURANCE OF CARTERS UNDER UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated 24th November, 1930, E.B.122214, referring to the Secretary's communication inquiring as to the position under the Unemployment Insurance Acts of Carters, and stating that it would not be possible to lay down any general rule governing each case. The position had been reviewed in consequence of the decision of the High Court in the case of the Tipperary (North Riding) County Council v. the National Health Insurance Commissioners in the matter of carters employed by that Council. The Insurance Commissioners decided that such employment was insurable. On appeal, the High Court held that such employment, where personal service was not required, was not employment within the meaning of the National Health Insurance Acts.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen it was unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyors and the Assistant Surveyors when employing carters in future to employ them only on the clear understanding that personal service was not required in any case.

47/31. BATH GREEN, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th December, 1930, P.H.90224/30, Dun na nGall, directing attention to the order made by the County Council on the 29th July last when the question of the preparation of a new map of the Bath Green, Moville, was being considered as the map annexed to the Assignment was incorrect.

The Secretary stated that a new map had since been prepared and forwarded.

48/31. ERECTION OF A WATER TANK AT DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th December, 1930, P.H.89755/30, Dun na nGall, inquiring what progress had been made in connection with the erection of a water tank at Downings Pier.

49/31. PLOT OF GROUND AT BALLYNESS PIER.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 19th December, 1930, in which it was stated that in their communication of the 11th idem regarding the plot of ground at Ballyness Pier, the word "stone" in the third line should read "store."

The matter was noted.

50/31. INVESTING BOARDS OF HEALTH WITH URBAN POWERS FOR PUBLIC LIGHTING OF TOWNS AND VILLAGES IN RURAL AREAS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th December, 1930, P.H. Circ. 53/30, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister investing Boards of Health with Urban powers for the purposes of Section 80 of the Public Health (Ireland) Act, 1878. (Public lighting of towns and villages in rural Areas.)

Another letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th January, 1931, P.H. Circ. 55/30, enclosing a printed copy of the general Order investing Boards of Health with Urban powers for public lighting. Further copies could be obtained from the Government Publication Sales Office, price 1s. each.

51/31. INVESTING BOARDS OF HEALTH WITH URBAN POWERS FOR THE REGULATION OF DANCE HALLS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th January, 1931, enclosing copy of a General Order entitled "The Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931," made by the Minister in pursuance of Section 33 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to empower Boards of Health to adopt Part IV of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, with a view to the regulation of Dance halls, etc. in Rural Areas.

52/31. PAYMENT OF FRANCHISE FEES TO EX-COLLECTOR E. J. DOHERTY.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Cassidy, T.D. acknowledging the Council's resolution re payment of Franchise Fees to ex-Collector E. J. Doherty. He had taken the matter up with the Minister concerned and obtaining his reply he would write further in the matter.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Hugh C. O'Doherty & Son, Solicitors, Castle Street, Derry, applying, on behalf of Mr. E. J. Doherty, ex-Rate Collector, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, for the immediate payment of £36 : 1 : 0 in respect of Franchise Fees for the year 1927/28.

It was decided to request the Minister for Local Government again to reconsider his decision regarding the payment of Franchise Fees in this case, and to point out to the Ministry that their withholding inflicted a severe hardship on Mr. Doherty.

53/31. SECRETARY'S STATEMENTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st January, 1931, A.S. asking to be furnished with the Secretary's Statements for the period ended 30th September, 1930.

54/31. CHANGE OF NAME OF MOUNTCHARLES TO TANATALLON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th January, 1931, G.95242/1930, Dun na nGall, transmitting copy of an Order, under Seal, changing the name of the District Electoral Division and the Dispensary District of Mountcharles to Tanatallon.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed and Councillor Nyhan seconded that the Minister be again asked to change the name of the townland and village to Tanatallon also.

55/31. REPAIRS REQUIRED IN THE NORTHERN DIVISION OF THE COUNTY.

An application by Mr. Steadman for the following amounts to carry out the repairs specified was granted:-
 Repairing a culvert on road No. 100, April 1928, Milford District, £4 : 0 : 0.
 Repairing a pipe on road No. 204, April 1928, Milford District, £4 : 0 : 0.
 Repairing Road No. 295, April 1928, Inishowen District, £6 : 0 : 0.
 Repairing bridge on road No. 146, April 1929, Letterkenny District, £7 : 10 : 0.

A letter was also read from Mr. Steadman stating that the following repairs were also required:-
 Repairing of a pipe on road No. 526, Milford District, £2 : 0 : 0.
 Repairing of a pipe on road No. 524, Milford District, £2 : 0 : 0.
 For Fencing a quarry acquired at Portsalon..... £4 : 0 : 0.
 The amounts required were granted unanimously.

56/31. PROPOSED AMENDMENT OF STANDING ORDER NO. 17.

Councillor Scott proposed:- "That Standing Order No. 17 be amended so as to include the following addition:- That matters not directly relevant to the business of the Council, including Notices of Motion, shall only be considered after all other business has been completed."

Councillor Nyhan opposed the resolution.

Councillor Patrick Doherty proposed as an amendment and Councillor McPhelimy seconded that the Standing Orders remain as they are.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried.

57/31. PROVIDING OF WATER SUPPLIES AND IMPROVEMENTS TO EXISTING WATER SUPPLIES - BOARD OF HEALTH BORROWINGS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health, proposed and Councillor Mahony seconded:-

"That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of the following sums for the purposes mentioned:-

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| Providing water supply for the town of Carnadonagh..... | 7050. |
| Providing water supply for the town of Mountcharles..... | 2250. |
| Providing water supply for the village of Churchill..... | 150. |
| Providing sewers for the town of Ardara..... | 1000. |
| Providing water supply for the village of Ballyliffin..... | 1664. |
| Providing water supply for the village of Carrick..... | 420. |
| Improvements to water supply for village of Dunfennaghy..... | 150. |
| Improvements to water supply for town of Donegal..... | 300. |
| Improvements to sewers in the town of Ballyshannon..... | 400. |
| Improvements to sewers and water supply, town of Castlefin... | 260. |
| Providing water supply for village of Kilcar and improving
sewers..... | 400. |

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| Improvements to water supply for town of Moville..... | 100. |
| Improvements to water supply for town of Milford..... | 700." |

A Deputation, headed by Mr. Charles McCormick, Solicitor, Derry, appeared before the Council in connection with the proposed water scheme for Ballyliffin, and were heard on the motion of Councillor Douglas.

The Deputation were chiefly concerned with the Area of Charge which had not been fixed.

Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the Board of Health, having pointed out that the schemes would only be proceeded with after inquiries were held by the Local Government Department where any disputes existed regarding the Area of Charge, and when all parties interested would be afforded an opportunity of giving evidence, the motions were passed unanimously.

58/31. EXECUTION OF DECREES FOR RATES.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed:- "That the Council do not execute any Decrees they have obtained for arrears of rates, etc. as owing to the present depression it is not an opportune time to further harass people who are daily being faced with all kinds of new (and questionable) legislation which only tends to put them deeper into the mire. I would also ask that the Donegal County Council request the Irish Land Commission that they also for the present call off the execution of their Decrees for Land Annuities, etc."

The Secretary and Councillor Scott pointed out that if the resolution were passed it would have a very serious effect on the finances of the Council.

Councillor O'Boyle then amended his resolution to read:- "That the Council issue instructions to the Rate Collectors to exercise a certain amount of humanity with the people whom they sue". This resolution was then passed unanimously.

That part of Councillor O'Boyle's resolution regarding the Decrees for Land Annuities was passed in full.

59/31. DECLARATION OF ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD. (COOL ROAD).

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Hamilton was adjourned pending the issue of a month's public Notice:- "That the road from the Laghey-Pottigo Road to the Cool Road leading to the Shannagh-Pottigo Road be declared a public road."

60/31. EXECUTION OF WORKS AT GREENCASTLE PIER.

Councillor McCauley proposed, Councillor Myles seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That the County Council request the Board of Works to proceed with the works at Greencastle in the early Spring so as to have the small Pier completed for use during the Salmon Fishing."

61/31. COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS, STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT, ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1930/31.

Councillor McPhelimy proposed and Councillor Wagentreiber seconded:-
 "That as Stranorlar Rural District last year was entitled, on a mileage basis, to £257 for Councillors' Motions, and as Motions exceeding this amount were lodged, but through inadvertence the District only received £180, one of my Motions being reduced by £100 instead of by £23, the Council are respectfully asked to have the error rectified."

The motion was passed unanimously, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

62/31. ROAD FROM ST. JOHNSTON TO ROSSGIER VIA PORT HALL.

A letter was read from Councillor Clarke calling the attention of the Council to the condition of the road from St. Johnston to Rossgier via Port Hall. Owing to the heavy bus traffic this road was becoming almost impassable.

A Deputation, consisting of Messrs. John S. Weir and Hugh O'Donnell, appeared before the Council and were heard on the motion of Councillor Clarke seconded by Councillor Gallen. They pointed out the dangerous condition of the road which had become almost impassable owing to the heavy bus traffic.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

63/31. BRIDGES IN THE VICINITY OF CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole proposed and it was unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyor to furnish reports on the condition of

- (1) Mullan's Bridge at Magheranore.
- (2) The Iron Bridge at Carndonagh.
- (3) The Carrowmore Bridge on the Bocan Road.
- (4) Gortfad Bridge.

64/31. FOOTBRIDGE AT LOUGHNALUGHRAMAN, ARDARA.

Councillor Brady proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That this Council requests the Irish Land Commission to allot £10 out of the recent Relief Grant towards the construction of a Footbridge over the River at Loughnalughraman, Ardara, to accommodate several families in the vicinity, particularly school-children."

65/31. COATS AND HATS FOR ROAD WORKERS.

Councillor Nyhan proposed:-
 "That the coats and hats passed by this Council for road workers be given to them without further delay."

The County Surveyors were instructed to submit estimates of the cost of these coats and hats to the next meeting.

66/31.

ROAD FROM NARIN TO ROSBEG.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed:- "That as the Narin to Rosbeg Road is one of the most important Tourist Roads in the County although not shown on the official tourist map, we again ask the Local Government Department to have it scheduled a Main Road and as we are spending extra money on it we ask for a special grant of £1500 as promised for it and for the approaches thereto from Glenties and Ardara."

Councillor Gallagher also proposed that the assistance of the Irish Tourist Association be requested in having the grant procured.

The resolutions were passed unanimously.

67/31.

RAPHOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th January, 1931, G.1134/31, Dun na nGall, inquiring if the County Surveyor had furnished a report on the condition of Raphoe Courthouse. If he had not already done so the Surveyor should now be asked to report.

Another letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th January, 1931, G.1134/31, Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that a report on the condition of Raphoe Courthouse should be obtained from the County Surveyor and a copy furnished to the Department without delay.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report, and the Secretary was instructed to forward a copy thereof to the Department:-

"The building in which the Court is held at Raphoe is privately owned and a rent for same paid by the County Council.

Any repairs necessary should, therefore, be carried out by the Landlord and if not carried out other premises sought.

The room in which the Court is held is of suitable size and repair except the ceiling.

The apartment over the Court Room is let as a Cafe. The flooring joists of this Cafe or Ceiling joists of the Court Room would appear to be too light in section and the yielding of same to traffic in the Cafe shows some cracks in the Ceiling plaster, and in one place a portion has fallen. It would appear to me that this has been further accentuated by damp when the floor of the Cafe was being washed.

The District Court Clerk's Room adjoins and is connected with the Court Room. In this room books and other Court forms are kept. Such articles could not be reasonably preserved in this room owing to damp in the walls as well as the floor being much too close to the ground level.

Were a stove installed it would help considerably until repairs were effected, and it would require to be used afterwards although less frequently.

A set of pigeon holes would be very desirable instead of having documents hanging on nails in the damp walls."

68/31.

COMPLAINT RE DRAIN BEING CHOKED IN MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Colonel Montgomery, Moville, in which he complained of the condition of a drain near the wall of his property which was choked up, and caused his house to be flooded.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

69/31.

ROAD FROM GREENCASTLE TO INISHOWEN HEAD.

A letter was read from Mr. George Hegarty, Shrove House, Greencastle, in which he stated that a public meeting was held regarding the condition of the road from Greencastle to Inishowen Road, and that a deputation would attend the Council Meeting to draw attention to its deplorable condition.

A Deputation appeared before the Council in connection with the road and were heard on the motion of Councillor McCauley seconded by Councillor Scott.

The Deputation pointed out the dangerous condition of the road which was almost impassable not alone for motor vehicles but also for horse-drawn traffic.

The County Surveyor was instructed to spend on this road any monies available for it during the coming year, and, on the motion of Councillor McCauley, it was unanimously decided to request the Government to give a grant of £1500 for the road which was in an important Tourist district, and to request the assistance of the Irish Tourist Association in obtaining the grant.

70/31.

ALLEGED SLAUGHTER OF COW UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McMonamin, Mullindrait House, Stranorlar, in which he complained that for a cow of his which was slaughtered in March last he had not yet received any compensation.

Mr. Patrick McGlinchey, V.S., reported that when the cow was slaughtered she was suffering from liver disease, and not from any of the forms of disease specified in the Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

71/31.

CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Courtkeeper, Carndonagh, in which he offered to take apart a bookcase in the Boardroom of the Workhouse and to re-erect it in the Courthouse for the sum of £2 : 3 : 0, which included cost of varnishing and staining.

The Council considered the estimate too high and asked Mr. Doherty to re-consider his price.

72/31.

ROAD LEADING TO AUGHNAHOO SCHOOL, PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Rev. W. I. Stewart, Templecarn Rectory, Pettigo, in which he complained of the condition of the road leading from the Main Road down to the Rectory and on to Aughnahoo School, and he asked to have it steam-rolled as soon as possible, otherwise the tyres of his motor-car would be cut to pieces.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

73/31.

ALLEGED DAMAGE TO FURNITURE BY ONE OF COUNCIL'S LIVING-VANS.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. A. Ingram, The Maas, Glenties, in which she complained that some furniture on a lorry was damaged when passing one of the Council's living-vans at Fintona.

The Council decided to deny liability.

74/31.

IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing Memorandum dealing with the special circumstances which affected the position of the Irish Tourist Association for 1931 and 1932, and asking the Council to consider it before deciding on their Estimate for the coming year. A representative of the Association would attend the Council Meeting to explain the matter more fully.

No action was taken in the matter.

75/31. COMPLAINT RE EMPLOYMENT OF FARMERS ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. James Sweeney, Jun., Ballyarr, Coolboy, Letterkenny, in which he complained that certain road work in his district was not being given to the unemployed but to large farmers and their sons.

No action was taken in the matter.

76/31. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Samuel Connolly, Parkhill, Ballyshannon, in which he applied for a position as surfaceman.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

77/31. SALTHILL PIER, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Mountcharles, in which he stated that his predecessor in office did not hand over to him any books or the key of the Weighbridge House. The latter required a new lock as any key could open it.

It was unanimously decided to authorise the Harbour Master to obtain a new lock.

78/31. CLEANING OF MAIN ROADS IN THE BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 29th December, 1930, RM/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 1st idem relative to the cleaning of Main Roads in the Bundoran Urban Area, and stating that it was understood that the cleaning involved was that arising in connection with maintenance for which the County Council was responsible, and that the Urban Council was carrying out the work for the County Council.

The Council decided to pay the amounts in future on the understanding that the Urban Council would be responsible for the cleaning of that part of the Main Road in the Urban Area and that the County Council would have no liability in the matter.

79/31. PIPE AT DRUMWEIR, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Clarke, Drumaweir, Greencastle, in which he called the Council's attention to the condition of a pipe at Drumaweir Cottages on Lower Road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

80/31. DEBRIS IN RIVER AT THE PORT, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, dated 24th December, 1930, asking, on behalf of Mr. W. G. McKinney, Letterkenny, to have debris, which was part of the Bridge at the Port, Letterkenny, which fell into the river removed out of the river as it was a danger to shipping and any damage which might result therefrom would be laid against the Council.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

81/31. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. John Coll, Derrybeg, advertizing to Minute No. 1209/30, and stating that Mr. Dawson promises him 6s/9d per ton in the presence of two other Contractors. He was quite certain that the County Surveyor did not caution him about stones. He now claims 9d. per ton on 181 tons and 6d. per ton on 133 tons.

No action was taken in the matter.

82/31. APPLICATIONS FOR EXTENSION OF TIME FOR PAYMENT OF CERTAIN ACCOUNTS.

Applications were received from Messrs. John McVeigh and Hugh Blaney for payment in respect of road work done prior to the 31st March, 1930.

The Secretary stated that the monies had been certified by the County Surveyor and that an extension of time for making the payments was required from the Department.

The Council unanimously decided to apply for the required extension.

83/31. ALLEGED DAMAGE TO FIELD BY FLOODING AT KILLYCREEN, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Killycreen, Letterkenny, in which he claimed £3 : 10 : 0 per annum since 1923 in respect of damage done to his field by flooding.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

84/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO MOVE PALING TWO FEET FORWARD ON OLD JAIL SITE, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. A. Gallagher in which he asked permission to move the paling round his factory on the Old Jail Site, Lifford, about two feet forward until the hedge has grown, which will take about two years, and he would then put it back where it was before. The present paling, he stated, was too close to the hedge and afforded no protection against goats eating the hedge as soon as it appeared.

On the motion of Councillor Wagentreiber the required permission was unanimously granted.

85/31. SCALE OF CHARGES AT PIERS TO WHICH THE MARINE WORKS (IRELAND) ACT APPLIES.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 17th December, 1930, T.71085, in which it was stated that the Minister was now the authority for the fixing of dues, tolls, etc. in respect of Piers to which the Marine Works (Ireland) Act applied. The Minister would be glad to receive any proposal regarding the fixing of a uniform scale of charges for these Marine Works so that the same rates would be payable as at those controlled by the Council. The Minister was informed that there were a number of small landing-places adjacent to Gortnasate Pier where large catches of herrings were made by small boats thus evading payment of dues. The Department wished to know if these works were under the control of the Council and if it was desired that charges similar to those at Gortnasate should be applied to them also.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle stated that the small landing-places adjacent to Gortnasate Pier, which were known as the East and West Slips and the Jetty, were under the control of the Department of Fisheries, and that he understood that they were now under the control of the Office of Public Works.

On the motion of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to request the Department of Industry and Commerce to introduce a scale of charges for these works and for Gortnasate Pier similar to the scale already in existence for works under the control of the Council.

86/31. REQUEST TO HAVE PETTIGO E.D. INCLUDED IN GAELTACHT, AND REQUEST FOR REDUCTION OF SALARIES.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. McGrath, Carratressey, Pettigo, asking the Council to pass a resolution in favour of having Pettigo E.D. included in the Schedule to the Housing (Gaeltacht) Act, 1929, and also asking the Council to request the Government to reduce the salaries of Ministers and members by 25% and 10% respectively so that the food producers of the country would benefit a little by this national economy.

87/31. RESOLUTIONS FROM WEXFORD COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolutions received from the Wexford County Council were unanimously adopted:-

- (1) "That the withholding of Government Grants on the ground of non-payment of Land Commission Annuities is grossly unjust to ratepayers in general who are meeting their liabilities. Moreover, it is unreasonable to expect County Councils to be responsible for money for the collection of which they have no concern. And that steps be taken to secure amendment in this respect of the existing law."
- (2) "That the provision and maintenance of Motor Roads be entirely met from the Road Fund produced from Motor Taxation."
- (3) "That the Government should take immediate steps to secure the legal rights to safeguard the National Fishing Rights on our Coasts. That the present single Patrol Boat is inadequate."
- (4) "That we call upon our T.D.'s to press for the passing of an immediate full measure of De-Rating in view of the present economic stress in Agriculture. Relief is wanted by the farmer now and should not be deferred."

88/31. ROAD BETWEEN PLUCK AND LECK MEARING.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGill, Dooballagh, Letterkenny, in which he complained of the condition of the road between Pluck and Leck Mearing.

No action was taken in the matter.

89/31. ROAD BETWEEN LECK MEARING AND LISSINISK SCHOOL.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in which they complained of the condition of the road from Leck Mearing to Lissinisk National School, and suggested that a new road be constructed.

The following report was submitted from the County Surveyor in the matter:-

"The road referred to passes through a bog. Sometime in the past the bog was cut away on each side leaving about one-quarter of a mile of the road considerably higher than the land. A new road made alongside the existing one on the lower level would be the more economic way of dealing with this. The cost would be approximately £90."

As no provision had been made for this work in the Road Works Scheme no action could now be taken in the matter.

90/31. LISAHULLY ROAD, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Miss Mary J. Hernan, Lisahully, Ballyshannon, in which she complained of the condition of the Lisahully Road and that although she had written several times nothing had been done to it with the exception of putting on a few tons of rough stones once a year. If the road was not steam-rolled, which should be done, it being a second-class road, she would, without further notice, bring the matter under the notice of the Local Government Board.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was being steam-rolled in the coming year.

91/31. BALLYSTALLAGH BURN PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Carr, Ray P.O., Letterkenny, in which he inquired the present position regarding the Ballysallagh Burn proposed drainage scheme.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Carr that until the Minister for Finance intimated definitely the amount of contribution he was prepared to give the Council could not proceed with the scheme.

92/31.

BURTONPORT FORMER COASTGUARD STATION.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th January, 1931, 484/31, inviting an offer from the Council for Burtonport former Coast Guard Station on a repairing lease. No action was taken in the matter.

93/31. ADMINISTRATION OF AFFAIRS OF BOARD OF HEALTH - REFERENCE BY COUNCILLOR NYHAN TO "GRAVE PUBLIC SCANDAL."

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th January, 1931, P.H.458/31, E.S. Dun na nGall. adverting to Councillor Nyhan's resolution regarding the affairs of the Board of Health and Public Assistance and asking to be furnished with particulars of the matter intended to be referred to in that resolution.

The matter was referred to Councillor Nyhan with instructions to furnish the required information to the Department.

94/31. SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - PROSECUTION AGAINST WILLIAM ALCORN, MILFORD.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Milford, in which he notified the result of Food and Drugs Prosecution against William Alcorn in which 10/- expenses were awarded to the Defendant and asking for the amount. A letter was also read from Messrs. Osborne & Co. in the same matter.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

95/31.

PORT RONAN LANDING-PLACE.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 15th January, 1931, D/62/16, in which it was stated that the Department was satisfied that the landing accommodation afforded by the work carried out at Port Ronan was the most useful form of facility for the fishermen. Boats could be unloaded or loaded at the landing-place and then hauled up the smooth sandy beach to the boatyard. The fishermen knew what form of landing-place was being provided and so far as the Engineer was aware they were quite satisfied and he heard nothing of any dissatisfaction during the progress of the work.

The Secretary was instructed to point out again to the Department that the work carried out at Port Ronan was neither a pier nor a landing-slip, and that immediately the fishermen became aware of the nature of the work proposed dissatisfaction was expressed.

On the motion of Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to request the Department to spend a further sum of £100 on the work and make it suitable for the purpose for which it was intended.

96/31.

ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF CREHENNAN, QUIGLEY'S POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Browne, Crehennan, Quigley's Point, in which he called the attention of the Council to the road in Crehennan townland to which nothing had been done for the last nine months although under repair.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

97/31.

HOLDING OVER OF SCHOLARSHIP (PATRICK K. McC. ROGERS).

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick E. Rogers, Carrickboy, Ballyshannon, in which he stated that his son, who was awarded a University Scholarship last year, had been seriously ill, and he would be unable to continue his University Course for 1930/31. He asked that the Scholarship be allowed as from October, 1931, allowing for the instalment already paid.

The Council unanimously decided to hold over the Scholarship as requested.

98/31. ROAD FROM LITTLE BRIDGE AT WOODHILL TO CRONCERIN, ARDARA.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers at Ardvalley, Ardara, in which they complained of the condition of the road from the Little Bridge at Woodhill to Hugh Breslin's, Croncerin, Ardara. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

99/31. CROVEIGHY ROAD, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers at Croveighy, Dungloe, in which they asked to have 100 perches of the Croveighy Road repaired as it was in a very bad state. They were determined to pay no further rates until it was repaired.

Councillor Brennan supported the application but disclaimed responsibility for the threat to pay no rates.

The County Surveyor said that he hoped to be able to do something to this road in the near future.

100/31. REMOVAL OF PART OF FOOTPATH TO INSTAL WATER.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. Doherty, Main Street, Donegal, in which he asked permission to have part of the footpath in front of his premises removed whilst installing water.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

101/31. FLOODING OF PREMISES AT RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Wray & Co., Solicitors, Ramelton, in which they called the attention of the Council, on behalf of Mr. John McGarvey of Rathmullan, to the fact that his premises were being flooded.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

102/31. INJURY TO COW AT BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Extevelin, Burnfoot, in which he complained that a cow of his, valued for £20, slipped on the tarred road at Burnfoot Bridge and was badly injured. He asked the Council to compensate him.

The Council decided to deny liability.

103/31. FLOODING OF FIELD AT CARRIGART.

A letter was read from Rev. W. J. Bewglass, The Manse, Carrigart, in which he complained that the field in front of his house was flooded owing to an arch of the bridge being blocked with stones.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

104/31. DUNFANAGHY COURTHOUSE.

Councillor James Boyle reported that he had inspected Dunfanaghy Courthouse and was satisfied that they were in good order. He suggested that the Landlord be asked to arrange to have the place dusted before the sittings of the Court.

The Council unanimously approved of Councillor Boyle's suggestion.

105/31. REPAIRS TO COURTHOUSES IN THE SOUTHERN DIVISION.

An application by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, for £10 to carry out small repairs to Courthouses in the Southern Division was unanimously granted.

106/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL PUMP.

An application by Mr. John Hartigan, Commercial Garage, Ballyshannon, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump was unanimously granted on the usual conditions.

107/31. COUNCIL'S PRINTING CONTRACTS.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Typographical Association in which he asked the Council to consider taking steps to have the terms of the resolution relating to printing contracts carried out by certain Contractors.

No action was taken in the matter.

108/30. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR ROADS IN DIFFERENT AREAS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor James Boyle Standing Orders were suspended to enable the Council to consider motions by Councillors Blaney and Loughrey for grants for roads in the Milford Area.

Councillor Mahony then proposed that a grant of £1,000 be asked for the Letterkenny-Stranorlar Road.

Councillor Cole proposed that a grant of £1,500 be asked for the Malin-Malin Head Road.

Councillor Brady proposed that a grant of £280 be asked for the road from Meenoveen Crossroads to Malinmore.

The Chairman ruled the different motions out of order, and the Secretary was instructed to put them on the Agenda for the next meeting.

109/30. APPLICATION FOR RELIEF WORKS IN THE PARISH OF DONAGHMORE.

Councillor McPhelimy submitted a statement signed by the Priests of the Parish of Donaghmore, which pointed out that there were 312 unemployed men at present in the Parish, and that as one-half of the grant for the Relief of Distress had been placed in the hands of the Land Commission to carry out uncompleted works begun by them but unfinished through lack of funds they considered the Area would be entitled to a share to complete these works.

Councillor McPhelimy pointed out, in addition, that these men, for the most part, were small farmers living on uneconomic holdings, and that as they did not come under the National Health or Unemployment Insurance Acts they were unknown to the Minister for Industry and Commerce and not included by him in the Unemployment Statistics.

He proposed that the Land Commission be asked to complete all uncompleted works in the Parish of Donaghmore.

Councillor Gallen, in seconding, stated that the Finn Valley had been hard hit. All the Flax Mills were idle as flax was unsaleable.

The motion was passed unanimously.

110/30. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

Consideration of the following items was adjourned until the next meeting of the Council:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Hamilton:- "To inquire if action has been taken against those failing to cut hedges at lands and corners on all roads, and, if not, to move that 15% of the Surveyors' Salaries be deferred until most of these hedges are cut."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Nyhan:- "That this Council condemns the Government in the matter of the usurpation of the powers of local bodies in appointing local officials; and that we congratulate the Mayo Public Boards in resisting the tyranny of the Government in making arbitrary appointments in County Mayo."

Letter from the Office of Public Works dated 30th December, 1930, 18917/30, drawing the Council's attention to the National Monuments Act, 1930, and enclosing a summary of the provisions of the Act affecting Local Authorities.

Letter from the Irish Land Commission dated 9th January, 1931, P. (C.) 19490/30, stating that the Land Commission is prepared to contribute £70 towards the erection of a bridge across the River Finn at Cronadun if the Council make a similar expenditure and complete the work to the satisfaction of the Land Commission and agree to undertake responsibility for its future maintenance.

Confirmed.

M. W. MacFadden

Chairman

24th February, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON TUESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF FEBRUARY,
1931.

111/31.

ATTENDANCE.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

112/31.

CONDOLENCE.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Hamilton seconded that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Councillor Nyhan on the death of his wife, and to Councillor Doogan on the death of his daughter.

The motion was passed in silence; all the members standing. Councillors Nyhan and Doogan expressed their gratitude to the members.

113/31.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 27th January, 1931, were unanimously confirmed.

114/31.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE.

Councillor Mahony proposed that the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 27th January, 1931, be adopted.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle considered Minute No. 7/31 too drastic, and moved that it be adjourned sine die, and that the Harbour Master be cautioned.

Councillor Patrick Doherty moved that the Harbour Master be instructed to furnish the names of the boats from which he failed to collect dues.

With this amendment the report of the Committee was adopted.

115/31.

REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE.

The report of the special Meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 27th January, 1931, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Nyhan.

Councillor Mahony proposed the adoption of the report of the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 11th February, 1931.

Councillor Quigley called attention to Minute No. 48/31 regarding reduction of poundage to the Collector for District 20 for 1929/30.

The Secretary stated that the poundage was not reduced, but that payment of the additional remuneration was deferred pending the completion of the current collection, when it would be paid if the Collector showed diligence in the discharge of his duties.

The matter was referred back to the Sub-Finance Committee, and with this exception the report was then adopted.

116/31.

REPORTS OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 27th January, 1931.

A letter was read from Councillor Callaghan suggesting that Minute No. 4/31 re alleged appropriation of stones be adjourned.

The Council decided to refer this Minute back to the Law Committee, and the remainder of the report was then adopted.

The report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 11th February, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

117/31.

REPORT OF POLLING COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Scott proposed the adoption of the report of the Committee appointed to consider the drawing up of an amended Polling Scheme for Dail Elections at their meeting on the 11th February, 1931.

The Secretary stated that he had received some further suggestions for the improvement of the scheme that morning.

It was unanimously decided to adopt the report subject to any minor alterations which the Secretary might consider advisable and which might be submitted to him within the following week.

118/31.

CONSIDERATION OF GENERAL ESTIMATE OF RATES AND ESTIMATE OF RATES FOR SEPARATE CHARGES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1932.

In the above connection the Secretary stated that he had received a letter from the Department of Agriculture dated 31st January, 1931, E.884/31, in which it was stated that a Bill dealing, inter alia, with Agricultural Instruction was at present before the Dail, and that Section 32 proposed that the raising of a rate of 2d. in the £ in each financial year, including the financial year ending 31st March, 1932, should be mandatory.

The Secretary also stated that acting on this letter he increased the rate for Agricultural Instruction in the Estimates from 1d. to 2d. in the £.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Quigley seconded that the Estimates as amended be adopted.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed that the Estimates be reduced by £10,000.

Councillor Cole proposed that the Estimates be adjourned pending the issue of the report of the De-Rating Commission.

Councillor Francis Gallagher proposed as an amendment and Councillor Scott seconded that consideration of the Estimates be adjourned until the next meeting on the 31st March subject to the sanction of the Minister, in view of the fact that the Agricultural Bill, which affected them, had not yet been passed and in view of the fact that a semi-official statement had appeared in the Press that the rates would be relieved by a special grant from the Government.

Councillor Cole agreed to Councillor Gallagher's amendment, which was passed unanimously.

119/31.

ROAD FROM TRENTAGH TO ST. JOHNSTON.

Letters were read from Messrs. James McGranaghan, Kinnycally, St. Johnston, William Miller, Milltown Mills, St. Johnston, John Killen, Kinnycally, St. Johnston, and Alexander Browne, Postmaster, St. Johnston, complaining of the condition of the road from St. Johnston to Trentagh.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

120/31.

VETERINARY SURGEONS' BILL, 1930.

Councillor Hamilton called attention to the above Bill which is at present before the Dail, and stated that in a discussion on it the Minister for Industry and Commerce had stated that de-horning of cattle by unqualified persons would be prohibited. There were many other things which would also be prohibited unless done by a Veterinary Surgeon.

He moved that the Council, representing the interests of the farmers of the County, call upon the Government to delete or amend drastically Section 45 of this Bill, and that the Council recommend that further stages of the Bill be adjourned for a month so as to give the farmers of the country, in whose interests the Council presumed the Bill was supposed to be introduced, an opportunity of considering its provisions, and that copies of this resolution be sent to President Cosgrave, the Minister for Agriculture, the Deputies for the County, and the other County Councils of An Saorstát.

Councillor Patrick Doherty seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

121/31.

APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, in which he asked to have Garda Patrick Egan, Annagry, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda David P. Ray, who had been transferred from the County.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Egan.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, in which he asked to have Garda Patrick Ward, Ballyshannon, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda Bernard Morris, Bundoran. The equipment used by Garda Morris could, he stated, be also used by Garda Ward.

The Council agreed to the request of the Chief Superintendent.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, in which he asked to have Garda Daniel Cournane, Creeslough, appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda J. Hartigan.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Cournane.

Another letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, in which he stated that the appointment of an additional Inspector under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts was necessary, and he suggested the appointment of Garda Anthony McGeady, Pettigo. If the suggestion was adopted certain articles of equipment would be required.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda McGeady, and the Secretary was instructed to procure the necessary equipment.

122/31.

FALCARRAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, in which he asked to have the rent allowed him for the Courthouse premises at Falcarragh increased to £20, and also asking for an allowance of £5 for lighting and heating. He considered the present rent of £12 altogether inadequate.

The matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

123/31.

ROAD FROM BALLINAMORE THROUGH MEENASRONE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Meenasrone and Stranagapoge complaining of the condition of the road leading from the Main Road at Ballinamore to the road leading from Meentymeane to Loughmuck.

A letter was also read from Mr. James Timoney, Meenasrone, Ballinamore, in which he complained of the condition of the road from Ballinamore through Meenasrone.

Both letters were referred to the County Surveyor.

124/31. PUBLIC TELEPHONE CALL OFFICES AT CARRIGART AND DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in which it was stated that in accordance with the request of the Council at their meeting on the 28th October, 1930, Public Telephone Call Offices were being provided at Carrigart and Downings, and that the desired facilities would be afforded as early as practicable.

125/31. MILFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Milford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee notifying two vacancies on his Committee caused by the death of Mr. A. McElwee and the absence for over the statutory period of Rev. H. O'Boyce. He stated that the Sub-Committee desired to have Mr. John Sweeney, P.C., Milford, and Mr. P. McFadden, ex-T.D., Glen, appointed to the vacancies.

On the motion of Councillor MacGreadie seconded by Councillor Baxter the recommendation of the Sub-Committee was unanimously adopted.

126/31. COMPLAINT RE BLOCKING OF ROADWAYS IN MOVILLE.

A letter was read from a number of residents in Moville in which they complained of the blocking of certain roadways in Moville with old vehicles and farm implements, and they asked to have the matter rectified.

Councillor McCauley proposed and it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the County Surveyor for a special report.

127/31. FOOTBRIDGE OPPOSITE ARRANMORE CHAPEL.

A letter was read from Rev. P. Maguire, C.C., Arranmore, in which he complained of the dangerous condition of the footbridge opposite Arranmore Chapel Gate.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

128/31. INJURY TO COW AT BURNFOOT.

A letter was read from Messrs. H. C. O'Doherty & Son, Solicitors, Derry, in which they applied, on behalf of Mr. Michael Doherty, Crislaghmore, Burnfoot, for the immediate payment of £20 in respect of a cow which was so badly injured when crossing Burnfoot Bridge that it had to be destroyed. The accident was due to the improper and negligent manner in which the roadway was maintained.

The Secretary stated that liability had already been denied.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee again.

129/31. ALLOWANCES TO VETERINARY INSPECTORS IN CONNECTION WITH THE 1930 SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th February, 1931, L.18-31, in which they sanctioned the payment of the following allowances to the Veterinary Inspectors in connection with the 1930 Sheep Dipping Scheme:-

£30 to Mr. McFeely and £40 each to Messrs. McGlinchey, McGeady, McShane and Marner.

The Department also stated that as County Donegal was now fairly well provided for in the matter of Sheep Dipping Baths and that as the local scheme of Sheep Dipping is largely supervised by the Department's Veterinary Inspector stationed in the district it appeared to them that the necessity for any similar allowances would not again arise.

130/31.

PREPARATION OF THE ELECTORS' LISTS.

A letter was read from the County Registrar in which he applied for an advance of £200 on account of expenses in connection with the publication of the Electors' Lists.

It was unanimously decided to advance the required amount.

131/31.

PAYMENT OF OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th February, 1931, G.8923/31, P.3. Dun na nGall. sanctioning the payment of Overdue Accounts of Messrs. John McVeigh and Hugh Blaney.

132/31.

ANNUAL GENERAL MEETING OF IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES, LTD.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances Ltd., in which they asked the Council to nominate a member to attend the Annual General Meeting of the Company.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Quigley Councillor Mahony was appointed to represent the Council.

133/31.

BUILDING AND FURNISHING CONTRACTS - NEW COUNTY OFFICES.

Certificates were submitted from the Architect for £100 to Messrs. Cullen in respect of building contract and £100 in respect of furnishing contract, new County Offices.

Payment of the amounts was ordered.

134/31.

LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A Certificate was submitted from the Architect for £75 to Mr. James McManus in respect of painting of Letterkenny Courthouse.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

135/31.

HARBOUR MASTER - CHAPEL PIER, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

Notification was received of the death of Mr. Neil H. Gallagher, Harbour Master, Chapel Pier, Arranmore Island, and applications for the position were received from Messrs. John P. Ward and Anthony O'Donnell.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the position for the next meeting of the Council.

136/31.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th January, 1931, P.H.4728/31, Dun na nGall, acknowledging receipt of Analyst's Report for the quarter ended 31st December, 1930.

137/31.

EXTRACTS FROM IRIS OIFIGIUIL.

An extract was submitted from Iris Oifigiuil dated 27th January, 1931, notifying the sale at Carrick on the 14th February, 1931, of lands in Roxborough Glebe now or formerly in the occupation of Mrs. Anne Gillespie.

An extract was submitted from Iris Oifigiuil dated 27th January, 1931, notifying the sale at Milford on the 11th February, 1931, of lands in Fanavolty now or formerly in the occupation of Edward McGinley.

An extract was submitted from Iris Oifigiuil dated 3rd February, 1931, notifying the sale at Buncrana on the 18th February, 1931, of lands in Carnamoyle now or formerly in the occupation of Mrs. Mary Rutherford.

An extract was submitted from Iris Oifigiuil dated 10th February, 1931, notifying the sale at Buncrana on the 25th February, 1931, of lands in Gortyarrigan now or formerly in the occupation of Margaret Doherty.

138/31. LIST OF NAMES APPROVED FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH MARGARINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture in which they enclosed copies of the thirty-eighth list of names approved by the Department for use in connection with margarine.

139/31. EXPENDITURE ON ROADS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, in which they asked to be furnished with certain particulars re expenditure on roads for the coming year.

140/31. EXECUTION OF DECREES FOR ARREARS OF LAND ANNUITIES.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 5th February, 1931, acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing extract from Minutes of Meeting held on 27th January, 1931.

141/31. CHANGE OF NAME OF MOUNTECHARLES TO TANATALLON.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th February, 1931, G.8651/31, Dun na nGall, Pa. in which it was stated, that as already pointed out, the Minister had no power to change the names of the townland and village of Mountcharles to Tanatallon.

142/31. MR. DANIEL KELLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th February, 1931, G.8741/31, Dun na nGall, in which it was stated that in view of the unanimous wish of the Council the Minister consented to the adjustment of Mr. Kelly's salary as requested in Minute 34/31.

143/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MISS M. J. CASSIDY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th February, 1931, G.8742/31, Dun na nGall, in which it was stated that the whole sum awarded as Superannuation Allowance to Miss M. J. Cassidy, including cost-of-living bonus, was payable by the Donegal County Council and the contributory Urban District Councils. There was no statutory authority for a contribution from State Funds towards such allowances.

144/31. EXPENDITURE UNDER THE DISEASES OF ANIMALS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd January, 1931, in which they asked for a statement of the expenditure under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the year ended the 31st December, 1930.

145/31. EXPENSES INCURRED BY COUNCILLOR MANUS O'BOYLE IN ATTENDING ON A DEPUTATION TO THE SEA FISHERIES CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th February, 1931, G.9274/31, Dun na nGall, in which it was stated that the Minister was not aware of any statutory authority pursuant to which he had power to sanction the proposed payment of expenses incurred by Councillor Manus O'Boyle in attending on a deputation to the Sea Fisheries Co-operative Association.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Minister be asked if he had any objection to this payment being made by the Council.

The motion was passed unanimously.

146/31.

HOUSING ACTS OF 1929 AND 1930.

Councillor Blaney inquired if any monies were available for loans under the Housing Acts of 1929 and 1930.

The Secretary stated that a balance of approximately £400 was still unallocated out of the monies raised for loans under the 1924/25 Acts, and that this money could be used for the purpose if sanctioned by the Minister.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to request the sanction of the Minister for the using of this money for loans under the 1929 and 1930 Housing Acts.

147/31.

CLAIM BY ATHLONE PRINTING COMPANY FOR OVERTIME WAGES AND DELAY IN PRINTING OF ROAD SHEETS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th February, 1931, in which it was stated that the question of paying a claim of the Athlone Printing Co. in respect of overtime wages was a matter for the Council to deal with on their own responsibility.

Councillor Hamilton called attention to the great inconvenience caused by the failure of the Athlone Printing Co. to deliver the Road Sheets in proper time, and he suggested that the Council take steps, either by fine or otherwise, to prevent a recurrence of a state of affairs inimical to the financial interests of the rate-payers, the efficiency of the Road Maintenance of the County, and the convenience of everybody.

The Secretary stated that the firm had explained that the delay was caused by an epidemic of 'flu in Athlone.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously agreed not to pay the claim of the Company for overtime wages, and to take cognisance of the delay when considering future tenders from this firm.

148/31.

BOARDS OF HEALTH (URBAN POWERS) ORDER, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th February, 1931, P.H. Cir. 7/31, enclosing a printed copy of the Boards of Health (Urban Powers) Order, 1931, empowering Boards of Health to enforce Part 4 of the Public Health Acts Amendment Act, 1890, for the purpose of regulating places ordinarily used for public dancing or music or other public entertainment of the like kind.

149/31.

CLEANING OF MAIN ROADS IN THE BUNDORAN URBAN AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th February, 1931, R.M./7, in which it was pointed out that the County Council were responsible for arranging for the maintenance and construction of the Main Roads in Bundoran Urban District, and the Minister's consent to such arrangements as were made was not necessarily required.

150/31.

APPOINTMENT OF MISS FULLERTON AS ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th February, 1931, G.9842/31, Dun na nGall. Pf. in which it was stated that the Minister had sanctioned the appointment of Miss Fullerton as Library Assistant subject to the terms of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1928.

151/31. CARROWCANNON (RAY RIVER) PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th January, 1931, 1125/31, asking to be furnished with a copy of the letter conveying the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to the Council's proposed contribution of 38-1/6% of the actual cost of the Carrowcannon (Ray River) proposed Drainage Scheme.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department dated 12th February, 1931, F.9609/31, Dun na nGall. Pd. in which it was stated, in pursuance of Section 13 (b) of the Arterial Drainage Act, 1925, that the Minister approved of the proposal of the Council to contribute 38-1/6% of the actual cost of the Carrowcannon (Ray River) proposed Drainage Scheme.

152/31. REQUEST FOR THREE-DAY MOTOR LICENCES.

A letter was read from the Great Northern Railway Company, Dublin, in which they inquired if it would be possible to obtain motor licences for three days to enable them to run a bus service in connection with the consecration of the new Church at Lough Derg on the 17th May, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th February, 1931, in which it was stated that the County Council had no power to agree to the request of the Great Northern Railway Company to grant three-day licences on motor omnibuses.

153/31. PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Raphoe, in which he reported that in cases under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts at Lifford District Court, John Gourley was fined £1 with 25/- costs where the milk was certified to be 20% deficient in fats, and the case against Laurence McDaid was dismissed on the merits.

154/31. HEDGE-CUTTING.

Councillor Hamilton moved:- "That action be taken against those failing to cut hedges at lands and corners on all roads, and that prosecutions be instituted by the County Surveyor where necessary." The motion was passed unanimously.

155/31. APPOINTMENT OF COUNTY LIBRARIAN IN MAYO.

Councillor Nyhan moved:- "That this Council condemns the Government in the matter of the usurpation of the powers of local bodies in appointing local officials; and that we congratulate the Mayo Public Boards in resisting the tyranny of the Government in making arbitrary appointments in County Mayo."

Mr. Patrick Quigley, Vice-Chairman, who was then in the Chair, adjourned consideration of the matter during the absence of the Chairman, Mr. Michael Og McFadden.

On the Chairman's attendance later Councillor Brady moved the motion in the absence of Councillor Nyhan.

The Chairman ruled the motion out of order on the grounds of being irrelevant, and as likely to open up a political discussion.

Councillors Nyhan, Brady, and Manus O'Boyle protested against the Chairman's ruling.

156/31. EXTENSION OF TIME TO RATE COLLECTORS TO CLOSE WARRANTS.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor McPhelimy was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee for consideration:-

"That the time allowed to Rate Collectors for closing their warrants be extended by two months as in these trying times this extension would benefit both the poorer ratepayers and Collectors and that the present Standing Orders re this matter be not enforced during the extension."

157/31. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR VARIOUS ROADS IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

Councillor Brady proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That the Department be asked for a grant of £250 for the road from Meenaveen Cross-roads to Malinmore."

Councillor Mahony proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That the Department be asked for a grant of £1000 for the Link Road from Letterkenny to Stranorlar."

Councillor Loughrey proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That the Ministry be asked to allocate out of the next Road Grant a sum of £1000 for improving the Main Road from Rathmullan to Kerrykeel from the recent improvements to continue towards Kerrykeel."

Councillor Blaney proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That this Council requests the Local Government Department, Roads, to give a grant of £1,500 out of the Road Fund Grant for the purpose of repairing the Mail Car Road leading from Rosnakill to Fanad Head, between Tamney Post Office and the Barn at Edward Friel's, Ballyhernan."

Councillor Patrick Doherty proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That this Council requests the Local Government Department to allocate out of the next Road Fund Grant the sum of £560 for the completion of the new road, a portion of which was under construction by the Irish Land Commission during 1924, from Michael Shiel's, Derryhassen, via Cruickadocan, to Derryhassen School in the most beautiful section of the Rossapenna and Downings Tourist Centre."

Councillor Patrick Doherty proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Local Government Department be asked to allocate out of the next Road Fund Grant the sum of £250 for making 300 perches of a new road on the Main Road from Letterkenny to Creeslough between James Coll's licensed premises at Derryfad and Mandy Rodden's, Derryfad."

Councillor Doogan proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department be asked to give a grant of £2000 for roads in the Bweedore District out of the next Road Fund Grant; viz. £1000 for the continuation of the Trunk Road between Derrybeg and Bloody Foreland, and £1000 to be spent on the Three Roads leading from Gweedore Railway Station to Bunbeg and Derrybeg and the road leading to Crolly and Dunlewey."

Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
"That the Local Government Department, Roads, be asked for a grant of £1000 for the road leading from Castleforward, via Port Lough, to the Border at Killea."

Councillor Cole proposed and Councillor Douglas seconded:-
"That the Department be asked for a grant of £1,500 for the road from Malin Town to Malin Head."

On a show of hands the motion was defeated.

After the luncheon interval Councillor Baxter re-opened the matter, and suggested that, as this was the only motion applying for a grant which had been defeated, the Council should rescind their decision.

The suggestion was adopted unanimously.

158/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter, which had been adjourned from the meeting on the 26th August, 1930, was read from Mr. Hugh C. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff, in which he stated that Lifford Courthouse was in a very dilapidated state and he thought that something should be done towards its renovation. He suggested that a Sub-Committee be appointed to go into the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to appoint a Sub-Committee consisting of Councillors Gallen and Wagentreiber to go into the matter with Mr. Doherty, Architect, the Secretary, and Mr. Cochrane and report to the next Council Meeting.

159/31.

PURCHASE OF KELP IN THE FANNET AREA.

Councillor Baxter proposed that the Council protest against the methods of the Government in administering Public Funds for the Relief of Unemployment in the Fannet Area.

He said that work was only given to those who sold their kelp to the Government last year, or to those who were prepared to sign a document to the effect that they would give kelp to the Government this year. All the resources of the Government were being joined together in an effort to put other firms out of the business and create a monopoly for one of their own party.

In seconding Councillor Baxter's motion, which was passed unanimously, Councillor Brady complained that in his district of Killybegs the people employed by the Land Commission were being paid only 22/- a week, which was 4/- less than that paid by the Council to their road workers.

He suggested that the Council should also protest against this rate of wages. His suggestion was adopted unanimously.

160/31.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ACT, 1930.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 30th December, 1930, 18917/30, in which the Council's attention was drawn to the National Monuments Act, 1930, and in which was enclosed a summary of the provisions of the Act affecting Local Authorities.

The Council decided to appoint the following as an Advisory Committee to consider the matter and report to the County Council on the steps that should be taken in connection with National Monuments in the County:-

Very Rev. H. Canon McDwyer, P.P., Gortahork.
Rev. E. J. Mullan, C.C., Donegal.
Rev. John O'Doherty, P.P., Rathmullan.
Rev. Michael McGeown, P.P., Carndonagh, and
Mr. Louis J. Walsh, District Justice, Letterkenny.

161/31.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE RIVER FINN AT CRONADUN.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 9th January, 1931, P. (C.) 19490/30, in which it was stated that the Land Commission was prepared to contribute £70 towards the erection of a bridge across the River Finn at Cronadun if the Council made a similar expenditure and completed the work to the satisfaction of the Land Commission and agreed to undertake responsibility for its future maintenance.

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey seconded by Councillor McPhelimy it was decided to adjourn the matter, and to instruct the Secretary to write to the Parish Priest and inquire from him if the people of the locality would be prepared to make up the balance.

162/32.

PREPARATION OF RATE BOOKS, 1931/32.

The Secretary applied for £400 to carry out the annual Rate applotments and the writing of the Demand Notes.

The application was granted unanimously.

163/31.

RAPHOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th February, 1931, G.8743/30, Dun na nGall. C. inquiring what action had been taken relative to the Raphoe Courthouse in view of the terms of the Surveyor's Report.

The Secretary was instructed to inquire from the Landlord if he was prepared to put the place into a proper state of repair and remove the causes of complaint.

164/31. COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS, STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT,
ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1930/31.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th February, 1931, R.M./7, in which it was stated that the Minister could not accede to the Council's request to allow the proposed amendment of the current year's Road Works Scheme as it appeared that the works proposed by Mr. McPhelimy and passed by the County Council were on non-scheduled roads. Rates could be legally expended only on roads scheduled in accordance with the Public Bodies Order.

Councillor McPhelimy proposed and Councillor Nyhan seconded that the Department be requested to re-consider the matter, and that the Deputies of the County be respectfully requested to use their influence in the matter.

165/31. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE (MINOR SCHEMES) ACT, 1928. 20
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A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Killybegs, in which he enclosed a letter received from the Local Government Department which stated that a State Contribution of the full amount in accordance with Section 14 (1) of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, would be made in cases where a scheme had been prepared on that basis, and where a contribution of that amount was essential to make a scheme economic.

The Council decided to request the Department to state on what basis it would be decided if a scheme were economic.

166/31. COSTS INCURRED IN DEFENDING CASE, ALPHONSUS GALLAGHER,
v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, in which they enclosed Bill of Costs amounting to £2 : 10 : 0 incurred in defending proceedings which were brought by Alphonsus Gallagher against the County Council in 1927.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to pay the Bill, subject to sanction.

167/31. RATES ON BALLYSHANNON COURTHOUSE AND TECHNICAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Gallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, in which he applied for a refund of rates paid by the Shiel Trustees in respect of Ballyshannon Courthouse and Technical School.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

168/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. McLaughlin, Letterkenny, in which he applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Baxter the application was granted on the usual conditions.

169/31. CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Pound St., Carndonagh, in which he reduced his bill for removal of press in Carndonagh Courthouse to £2.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

170/31. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCE.

An application was received from Messrs. Chapman, Donegal, for renewal of Cinema Licence.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

171/31. APPLICATION FOR LIST OF BUILDINGS LICENSED FOR CINEMA PURPOSES.

A letter was read from the Western Electric Cinema Company in which they asked for a list of all the buildings in the County licensed for Cinema purposes.

The Secretary was instructed to supply the required information.

172/31. COMPLAINT RE BREAKING STONES IN THE VICINITY OF HOUSES.

A letter was read from Miss Macan, Glenalla, Ray, in which she complained of the practice of breaking stones near houses in Milford.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to have the stone-breaking done away from houses in future.

173/31. DEBRIS IN RIVER AT THE PORT, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Messrs. William Kelly & Co., Solicitors, Letterkenny, in which they asked to be written to when the Surveyor made his report re the debris which had fallen into the river at the Port, Letterkenny.

The County Surveyor was instructed to submit a report for the next meeting.

174/31. DUNFANAGHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. William T. Arnold, Dunfanaghy, in which he stated that Dunfanaghy Courthouse is dusted out on the morning of the District Court and that he would see that it continued to be done.

175/31. ALLEGED SLAUGHTER OF COW UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McMenamin, Mullindrait, Stranorlar, re cow slaughtered by Mr. McGlinchey, V.S.

A letter was also read from Mr. McGlinchey in which he stated that he had nothing further to add to his letter of the 26th January.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

176/31. APPLICATION TO HAVE FENCE ERECTED AT GLENALLA, RAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Doherty, Glenalla, Ray, in which he asked to have a fence erected along his land, on which is situated a quarry used by the Council.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

177/31. APPARATUS REQUIRED IN CONNECTION WITH VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, in which it was stated that a substantial quantity of apparatus was required in connection with the verification of Weights and Measures in the County. The following Tenders were received for the articles required:-

Messrs. W. & T. Avery, Birmingham.....£250 : 7 : 6.

Messrs. De Grave, Short & Co., London...£196 : 15 : 0.

It was decided to request the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, to have a set of weights lying at the house of Mr. James McGuinness, 4, Chamberlain Street, Derry, the property of the Council, examined by the Weights and Measures Inspector with a view to seeing if they could be utilised and to adjourn consideration of the Department's letter in the meantime.

178/31.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Shipowners' Protection and Indemnity Association, 1, Lloyds' Avenue, London, relative to the damage done to Rathmullan Pier by the S. D. "Margaret Hide", and stating that they could not undertake any responsibility. If the Council thought the Pier worth repairing they presumably would give the necessary instructions for the work to be carried out.

The County Surveyor suggested that the following letter be sent to the Shipowners' Protection and Indemnity Association:-

"I have received yours of the 11th inst. It would appear that your opinion of Rathmullan Pier is far from correct.

Piers that can afford vessels lying alongside some 28 feet during low water, which is the case at Rathmullan, are not so common as to be treated lightly.

The damage was caused through the Skipper of the "Margaret Hide" absolutely ignoring the directions of the Harbour Master, and nothing is to be gained by an effort to belittle the Pier.

I have, therefore, been directed by my Council to ask you to be good enough to convey definitely what your Company intend doing as my Council wish to have the issue clear before moving in the matter."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Loughrey the Council decided that a letter on the lines of the County Surveyor's draft letter be sent to the Company, and in the event of an unfavourable reply legal proceedings to be instituted.

179/31.

CONDITION OF THE ROAD BETWEEN KINLOUGH AND BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. Maxwell Boyle, Lareen, Kinlough, in which he complained of the condition of the road between Kinlough and Ballyshannon. A large pile of stones on the side of the road made it very dangerous.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor who stated that the matter was being dealt with.

180/31.

DE-RATING.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Dublin County Committee of Agriculture enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Committee on the 10th February:-

"That the County Dublin Committee of Agriculture wish to place on record its emphatic protest against the ill-informed and hostile statements made at a recent meeting of the Dublin Chamber of Commerce in regard to De-Rating of Agricultural Land. The case on behalf of agriculture has been made to the De-Rating Commission and is well known. It prescribes the manner in which the necessary finance can be found without any new taxation or the shifting of the farmers' burden on to anybody else. If the case as made is not a sound one it is in the public interest that it should be criticised forthwith and this Committee, that has supported the case, welcomes any honest criticism of it. But misrepresentation is not useful criticism. As the statements made by Mr. Sheriff, President of the Chamber of Commerce, are not founded on fact we demand their immediate withdrawal. Further we stand for immediate and complete de-rating and consequently protest against the red herrings of the politicians of both political parties who have been suggesting that certain services such as Main Roads, Mental Hospitals, etc. should be made National Charges. We wish to point out that this would not be relief but merely shifting the burden from the rates to the taxes and would increase considerably the burden of the small ratepayer."

The motion was adopted on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Nyhan.

181/31.

OLD AGE PENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Clones, in which he enclosed copy of the following resolution passed by the Clones Urban Council:-

"That the Government be requested to change the age at which the Old Age Pensions become available from 70 to 65 years; and with a view to providing the extra money necessary in this respect that the salaries of all Public Servants over £300 per annum be reduced by 25% of the amount in excess of £300."

Councillor McPhelimy proposed, and Councillor Douglas seconded that the resolution be adopted.

The motion was passed unanimously.

182/31.

TIMBER FOR WIDENING ARDARA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Harry Cannon, Carpenter, Ardara, in which he enclosed a bill for timber which was lent to Mr. James Maguire at the widening of Ardara Bridge some time ago and which was not returned.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

183/31.

LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Doherty, Architect, in which he stated that he had made arrangements as instructed for having certain necessary alterations made in Letterkenny Courthouse.

184/31.

COMPLAINT RE ROAD BEING RAISED AND GAP LEFT UNFILLED AT BALLYBOE, RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Wray & Co., Solicitors, Ramelton, in which they wrote on behalf of Mrs. McBride, Ballyboe, Rathmullan, pointing out that the road opposite her house had been raised, and, in consequence, a gap or hole had been left unfilled.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

185/31.

FLOODING OF THE ROAD LEADING TO ST. PATRICK'S SCHOOL, CARROWMENA, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. P. J. O'Kane, Carrowmena, Moville, in which he complained of the flooding of the road leading to St. Patrick's School, Carrowmena.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

186/31.

CONSTRUCTION OF A BOAT-SLIP AT POLL-NA-BPIOGH (DOONAUT PIER).

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th February, 1931, 1206/31, in which they applied for payment of £212 : 5 : 4 in respect of construction of boat-slip at Poll na bPioch (Doonault Pier), which was the amount promised by the Council.

Payment of the amount was ordered on the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor James Boyle.

187/31.

RENEWAL OF LICENCE UNDER THE POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application was received from Messrs. Kee & Sons, Ballybofey, for the renewal of a licence granted to them under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act.

The application was unanimously granted on the motion of Councillor McPhelimy.

188/31. ROAD THROUGH SOUTH DOOEY, LETTERMACAWARD.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McAuley, B.A., Dooey, Lettermacaward, in which he asked to have a supplementary grant given for carrying out certain essential repairs to the road which runs through South Dooey.

No action was taken in the matter.

189/31. ELECTRIC WIRING OF LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A Certificate was submitted from the Architect for £30 in favour of Edward McLaughlin in respect of the wiring of Letterkenny Courthouse for Electric Light.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

The Secretary was instructed to make a formal application to the Electricity Supply Board for a supply of electricity for Letterkenny Courthouse, and to complete the usual Agreement.

It was also decided on the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor James Boyle to request the Urban Council to supply electricity to the Courthouse pending the supply of power by the Electricity Supply Board.

190/31. RETAINING WALL AND FENCE ON MAIN ROAD NO. 1684.

An application was submitted from Mr. Caffrey for £30 to build retaining wall and fence on Main Road No. 1684.

The application was granted unanimously.

191/31. APPLICATION TO PLANT FENCE ON THE ROAD BETWEEN SALLYBROOK AND MANORCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Hunter, Grawkey, Manor-cunningham, in which he asked for permission to put down a thorn fence on the road between Manorcunningham and Sallybrook.

The application was granted unanimously.

192/31. ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' SALARIES.

Councillor Scott inquired if any intimation had been received from the Local Government Department as to their attitude in connection with the increases in Assistant Surveyors' Salaries which had been passed some time ago.

The Secretary replied in the negative.

Councillor Scott then proposed and Councillor James Boyle seconded that the Department be asked to sanction the Council's recommendations which had been submitted two years ago.

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Confirmed.

M. J. J.

Chairman,

31st March, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

193/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty, Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McGrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), McBride, Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

194/31.

A P O L O G Y.

A letter was received from Councillor James Boyle regretting his inability to be present.

195/31.

C O N D O L E N C E.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Hamilton a vote of sympathy was passed with the widow and family of the late Councillor Philip Doherty.

196/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 24th February, 1931, were unanimously confirmed.

197/31.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 24th February, 1931, was adopted unanimously.

198/31.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 13th March, 1931, was adopted unanimously.

199/31.

R E P O R T S O F S C H O L A R S H I P S C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen the report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 18th March, 1931, was adopted unanimously. The report of the Scholarships Sub-Committee Meeting held at the County Home on the 24th March, 1931, was also adopted unanimously.

200/31.

D E C L A R A T I O N O F O F F I C E T O B E V A C A N T.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to declare the seat on the Council formerly held by the late Councillor Philip Doherty vacant.

201/31.

D U N F A N A G H Y O L D A G E P E N S I O N S S U B - C O M M I T T E E.

A letter was read from Councillor James Boyle notifying the death of Miss Mary Gallagher, Clerk of the Dunfanaghy Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

202/31.

SALTHILL PIER, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Mountcharles, in which he reported that there was a bolt protruding from the side of the Pier, and stating that it was very dangerous.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

203/31.

PORTNABLAGHEY PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Portnablaghey, in which he reported that Dominick Coll had put up a corrugated iron bungalow on the quay, and stating that Coll was one of the contractors for the repair of the quay.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

204/31.

DREDGING AT DOWNINGS HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries in which it was stated that attention had been called to the necessity for dredging at Downings Harbour, where it was understood there was only a depth of two feet of water at low tide for the greater length of the Pier extension. In view of the restricted accommodation for fishing boats which would be available during the coming summer at Buncrana Pier owing to improvements being in progress there, it was anticipated that a large number of vessels would operate from Downings and the Minister would be glad to learn that the Council would arrange to have this very necessary dredging carried out at an early date.

On Councillor Baxter's stating that there was sufficient accommodation at Downings Pier, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

205/31. SUPPLY OF ELECTRIC LIGHT TO THE COURTHOUSE, LETTORKENNY.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Lettorkenny, in which he stated that the Urban Council were agreeable to let the Courthouse have the required light at the rate of 6d. per Unit, and as the meter was installed in the Courthouse the connection with the Town Cable could be made.

The matter was referred to the Assistant Surveyor, Mr. Patrick Dawson, to have the connection made if necessary.

206/31.

RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCE.

An application from Mr. R. Hamilton, Chemist, Raphoe, for renewal of cinema licence was granted unanimously.

207/31.

EQUIPMENT FOR FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS IN THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siathchana, Lettorkenny, in which he enclosed a list of equipment required for the several Food and Drugs Inspectors in the County.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain the required equipment.

208/31.

BRIDGE BETWEEN DRUMMACROSS AND STRAUGHTER, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from a number of ratopayers in Straughter, Cornass, and Drummacross complaining of the condition of the bridge between Drummacross and Straughter.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

209/31.

BROKEN PIPE ON THE ROAD FROM TUBBER TO GORTREE, CARRIGANS.

A letter was read from Mr. Adam Finlay, Lusticle, Carrigans, in which he complained of a broken pipe on the road from Tubber to Gortree in the townland of Lusticle.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

210/31. COMPLAINT RE PILING OF SAND ON THE PIER AT DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Donegal, in which he complained that John Crawford, Tullycullion, Donegal, brings sand up the channel on his boat and piles it on the Pier and then moors his boat and makes her fast to the Pier.

The Council decided to instruct the Harbour Master to inform Crawford that he had no authority for piling sand on the Pier, and that if he persisted in it proceedings would be instituted.

211/31. ROAD IN THE KNOCKNAFAUGHER DISTRICT.

A letter was read from certain ratepayers in the Knocknafeagher District complaining of the condition of the Knocknafeagher Road and applying for a grant towards its repair.

212/31. ROADS IN THE CLOGHAN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from certain ratepayers in the Cloghan District complaining of the condition of the Main Road at Cloghan Station and the approach to Stone Bridge, and of the condition of the road at Annagh and the approach to the Red Bridge.

No action was taken in the matter.

213/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MISS M. J. CASSIDY.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Buncrana, in which he stated that the Urban Council had decided to take no action in the matter of the superannuation allowance of Miss Mary J. Cassidy.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to be determined by him under Section 50 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

214/31. PROSECUTIONS UNDER THE SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

Councillor Scott complained that in prosecutions under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts in which the Council were successful, the District Justices seldom awarded costs to the Council where they were clearly entitled to them, and he considered this most unfair to the ratepayers.

215/31. AWARD OF SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor Gallen said he had been informed that some teachers in the County whose children had been candidates for Scholarships only prepared for Secondary Scholarships or Monitorships members of their own families, and he would like to have further information in the matter.

His own experience had been contrary to the information he now received.

216/31. REVISION OF COST-OF-LIVING BONUSES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th February, 1931, Circ. G.55/31, re revision of bonuses. In future half-yearly revisions would operate from the 1st January and 1st July in each year.

217/31. SHEEP DIPPING (LOCAL REGULATIONS) ORDER OF 1931.

A copy of the Sheep Dipping (Local Regulations) Order of 1931 was submitted, and referred to the Sheep Dipping Committee.

218/31. ADOPTION OF ESTIMATES FOR THE FINANCIAL YEAR ENDING ON
THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1932.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the Estimates submitted by the Secretary be adopted and that the rates in the £ to be levied by means of Poor Rate for County Donegal Health District be determined as set out in Forms 42 and 43, and that the following amounts be demanded from the Urban Districts of Buncrana, Bundoran, and Letterkenny:-

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| Buncrana..... | £2,257. 3. 11. |
| Bundoran..... | £1,881. 4. 4. |
| Letterkenny..... | £2,108. 2. 10. |

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed as an amendment that the general Estimates be reduced by £10,000 under certain headings, and Councillor Nyhan seconded.

The following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Brady, Cole, Douglas, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Sweoney. Total 7.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Brennan, Callaghan, Doogan, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McCaulley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, McBride, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 22.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor Mahony's motion carried.

219/31. AUDIT OF THE ACCOUNTS OF THE DONEGAL MENTAL HOSPITAL
COMMITTEE FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1930.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th February, 1931, 10246/31, enclosing the following report on the Audit of the Accounts of the Donegal Mental Hospital Committee for the half-year ended on the 31st day of March, 1930:-

Sligo,
7th February, 1931.

10246.

Donegal Mental Hospital Committee.

A Dhuine Uasail,

I beg to report that I have audited the account of the Donegal Mental Hospital Committee for the half-year ended March 31st, 1930.

The claim in respect of the Capitation Grant payable under Section 58 (2) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, has been duly examined and certified. The average annual cost per head during the year ended March 31st, 1930, was £37.16.9. as compared with £41.11.1. during the previous year.

Particulars of insurances and bonds are as stated in the Superintendent's Statements.

I forward herewith certified copies of the Abstracts of Accounts.

(Signed) Misc. 10 meas.
Samonn O'Foghlughá,
Auditor.

220/31. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th February, 1931, T.386/31, in which it was stated that a sample of sputum taken from a cow the property of Mr. W. E. Edwards, Mullaney, Burt, which was forwarded to the Department and of which a biological test was made, had now matured with a positive result for tuberculosis.

The Council's Veterinary Inspector should be instructed to make a further examination of the animal with a view to determining whether the case comes within the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926.

The Secretary stated that the necessary instructions had been issued to the Council's Veterinary Inspector.

221/31.

VETERINARY SURGEONS' BILL, 1930.

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the Limerick and Wexford County Councils stating that the Council's resolution re the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, 1930, had been adopted by their Councils.

A letter was also read from the Secretary, Department of the President, dated 5th March, 1931, S.4521/2, acknowledging receipt of copy of the Council's resolution re the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, 1930.

222/31.

DRAFT POLLING SCHEME FOR DAIL AND COUNCIL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th February, 1931, F.14764/31, Dun na nGall. (c). asking to be furnished with a copy of the draft Polling Scheme as approved by the Council.

223/31.

MR. McFEELY, V.S. - EMPLOYMENT OF SUBSTITUTE DURING TEMPORARY ABSENCE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 25th February, 1931, L.685-31, in which it was stated that the Department approved of the temporary employment of Mr. D. J. Donnelly, M.R.C.V.S. as Veterinary Inspector during the absence of Mr. McFeely on leave from the 9th to the 22nd January, 1931.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department dated 11th March, 1931, P.H.14548/31, Dun na nGall. (Sd.) in which it was stated that the Minister had approved of the temporary employment of Mr. D. J. Donnelly, M.R.C.V.S. as substitute for Mr. W. J. McFeely, V.S. during the latter's absence on leave.

224/31.

HOUSING ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd March, 1931, Circ. H.17/31, asking for certain particulars regarding assistance given under the Housing Acts.

225/31.

HARBOUR DUES AT DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master at Downings giving the names of the boats that came into Downings Harbour during the month of September last.

226/31.

PREPARATION OF THE RATE BOOKS, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1931, G.16003/31, Dun na nGall. Fa. inquiring the actual amount expended in connection with the applotment, etc. of the 1930/31 rates.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th March, 1931, G.17823/31, Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that the Minister sanctioned expenditure in connection with the applotment, etc. of the 1931/32 rates, not exceeding £400.

227/31.

FOREIGN ANIMALS ORDER OF 1931.

A copy of the Foreign Animals Order of 1931 was submitted and noted.

228/31.

SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.
COUNCIL v. THOMAS WARD.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that the Appeal against the decision in the Food and Drugs Case v. Thomas Ward, Rathmullan, was disposed of at Lifford Circuit Court on the 11th March when the conviction was confirmed with £3. 3. 0. costs to the Council and 15/- expenses. The endorsement was removed.

229/31. JAMES BOYLE, SOLICITOR, STRANORLAR, V. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that the Conditional Order in the case, James Boyle, Solicitor, Stranorlar, v. the County Council had been made absolute. The computation of the pension payable to Mr. Boyle was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

230/31. ESTIMATES, YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th March, 1931, Circular No. 25-31, in which they asked for certain particulars in connection with the Estimate for General and Separate Charges for the year ended 31st March, 1931.

231/31. ESTIMATES, YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1932.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1931, G.15989/1931, Dun na nGall. adverting to the adjournment of the consideration of the Estimates and stating that there would be no alteration in the rating principles which would affect the Estimates for 1931/32. The Council should meet without delay for the adoption of the Estimates pursuant to Article 79 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925. The Minister was willing to grant an extension of time for this purpose if an early meeting be arranged.

Another letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th March, 1931, G.17277/31, Dun na nGall. acknowledging receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 7th idem relative to the basis on which a rate should be struck for the purpose of the Committee of Agriculture, and referring to the Circular letter issued by the Department of Agriculture dated the 31st January, 1931, suggesting that in anticipation of the passing of the Agricultural Bill into law by the 31st inst. the County Councils should strike a twopenny rate for agricultural instruction.

232/31. CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Milford, in which he intimated that an application would be made on the 14th April, 1931, to have a child named Mary Anne Gallagher committed to an Industrial School.

233/31. COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS, STRANORLAR RURAL DISTRICT. ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1930/31.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th March, 1931, R/RM/7, in which it was stated that the Minister saw no reason for reconsideration of the terms of his letter of the 6th ultimo relative to the class of roads on which rates might be legally expended.

234/31. COSTS INCURRED IN DEFENDING CASE, ALPHONSUS GALLAGHER, V. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th March, 1931, R/IR/93/7, with reference to the payment of costs in the case, Alphonsus Gallagher v. the County Council, and stating that the matter was one for the Donegal County Council to deal with on their own responsibility.

The Secretary was instructed to submit the account to the Finance Committee with the quarterly list of payments.

235/31.

FREE GRANTS FOR PLANTING OR RE-PLANTING.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 5th March, 1930, 2520/F, in which it was stated that the Department had amended their Scheme of free grants for the purpose of planting or re-planting. A copy of the revised Scheme was enclosed.

236/31.

STATUTORY RETURN OF OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1931, Circ. 21/31. Ilgh. (S.&R.) asking for certain statutory returns on the 1st April, 1931.

237/31.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY COUNCILLOR MANUS O'BOYLE IN ATTENDING ON A DEPUTATION TO THE SEA FISHERIES' CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th March, 1931, G.15911/31. Dun na nGall. F. relative to the expenses incurred by Councillor Manus O'Boyle in attending on a deputation to the Sea Fisheries Co-operative Association, and stating that the Minister could acquiesce in such payment only if there was statutory authority therefor.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Minister be again asked if he had any objection to the Council paying the account themselves.

238/31.

MARINE WORKS ACT, 1902.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 28th February, 1931, enclosing Receivable Order for £109. 13. 1. in respect of contribution due by the Council under the Marine Works Act, 1902.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

239/31.

ROAD WORKS SCHEME, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 26th February, 1931, R/RGM/7, asking for a copy of the Road Works Scheme for the year 1931/32.

240/31.

EIGHTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 28th February, 1931, S.26/1/30, enclosing Payable Order for £786. 1. 3., being amount recoupable to the Council in connection with the preparation of the Eighth Register of Electors under the Electoral Act, 1923, and the Juries Act, 1927.

241/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

An application by Mr. Steadman for £25 for meeting incidental repairs to Lifford Courthouse was granted unanimously.

242/31.

CUTTING OF TENDERS IN GLENTIES AREA.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Bernard Gallagher was ruled out of order:-

"That monies saved by the cutting of roads in Glenties be devoted to the repair of necessary bad roads in the district."

243/31.

MONEY SAVED AT ROAD SESSIONS.

The following Notice of Motion by Councillor Sweeney was ruled out of order:-

"That the amount of money saved at each Road Session be put into the hands of the Road Surveyor of that district for necessary works only evident to him."

244/31.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

Councillor Scott proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That this Council desires to point out to our Government that it views with the gravest alarm the possibility of the transference to the roads of the County of the heavy traffic carried by the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway, as the roads of the County are totally unfitted for such traffic, and if such traffic be diverted to the roads, the cost of road maintenance - already excessive - would be increased to such an extent - probably 20/- in the £ - as to be entirely beyond the paying capacity of the ratepayers, and would ultimately mean the financial bankruptcy of the County."

"That the T.D.'s for the County be requested to raise this matter in the Dail and to impress upon the Government the disastrous results that would follow the transference of this traffic, and that in any further negotiations this Council be consulted."

Councillor Gallen said that some years ago the Council requested the Department of Industry and Commerce to hold an Inquiry into the working of the Railway systems in the County. The Government refused to hold the Inquiry, and, on the motion of Councillor Doogan, it was decided to repeat the request.

Councillor Cole suggested that the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. in dismissing employees should take into consideration the seniority of the staff.

245/31.

DERRY NO. 2 AND STRABANE NO. 2 FORMER AREAS.

Councillor Douglas proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That the artificial boundaries, a remnant of the old Poor Law System, which partitions the old and historic areas of Inishowen and Lifford be removed. That the names or terms, Londonderry or Derry No. 2, and Strabane No. 2, be expunged from the official records and documents of this County, and that in future these areas be known by their old and historic names, Inishowen and Lifford."

246/31.

PROPOSED BALLYLIFFIN WATERWORKS SCHEME.

Councillor Scott proposed:-
 "That as at the January meeting of the County Council, an undertaking was given by the Chairman of the Board of Health that the Ballyliffin Waterworks Scheme would only be commenced after an Inquiry by the Local Government Department, and as it appears Tenders have been invited therefor, without such Inquiry, we invite the Chairman of the Board of Health to make an explanation, and further that we are of opinion that if the Scheme be carried out the area of charge should be the Electoral Division of Ballyliffin."

Councillor Gallen said that the undertaking given by him had been over-ruled by a circular letter from the Department.

Councillor Scott accepted Mr. Gallen's explanation.

A deputation also appeared in the matter and protested against the action of the Board of Health.

247/31.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.

Councillor Cole proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That the road leading off the Cashel Road to Cillbog in the townland of Drumavilla be declared a public Road."

In the absence of Councillor Hamilton, Councillor Wagonsreiber proposed and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the road leading from the Laghey-Pettigo Road to the Cool Road leading to the Shannagh-Pettigo Road be declared a public road."

248/31.

C O N D O L E N C E.

A vote of sympathy was passed with Councillor James Boyle on the death of his father, on the motion of Councillor Mahony; all the members standing.

248/31.

FALCARRACH COURTHOUSE.

An application from Mr. James Duggan for an increase in the rent of Falcarragh Courthouse was adjourned in the absence of Councillor James Boyle.

249/31.

APPOINTMENT OF HARBOUR MASTER FOR THE CHAPEL PIER, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

Applications were received from the following for the position of Harbour Master at the Chapel Pier, Arranmore Island:-

Hugh Coll, Cloughcorr, Arranmore.
 Michael Gallagher (Mick), Cloughcorr, Arranmore.
 Hugh Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore.
 Edward Molloy, Ballintra, Arranmore.
 Hugh Rodgers, Ballintra, Arranmore.
 Anthony O'Donnell, Fallagowan, Arranmore.
 John P. Ward, P.C. Chapel Pier, Arranmore.

Councillor Brennan proposed that Hugh Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore be appointed.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Cole seconded that Michael Gallagher (Mick), Cloughcorr, Arranmore, be appointed.

Councillor Brennan withdrew his proposal and Mr. Michael Gallagher (Mick) was unanimously appointed to the position at a salary of £4 per annum.

250/31.

HOUSING ACTS OF 1929 AND 1930.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Housing Section, dated 20th March, 1931, H.16005/31, (HBF), in which it was stated that before the Minister could sanction the utilisation of the unexpended balance of the loan obtained under the Housing Acts 1924 and 1925, it would be necessary for the Council to submit a local assistance scheme in accordance with the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929.

The Secretary was instructed to prepare a scheme for the next meeting.

251/31.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Kavanagh it was unanimously decided to apply for Overdraft accommodation of £20,000 to the 30th June, 1931.

252/31.

QUALITY OF COAL SUPPLIED TO ROAD ROLLERS.

A letter was read from Councillor Bernard Gallagher in which he stated that he had received complaints from certain Road Contractors regarding the quality of coal supplied to the rollers whilst working in his neighbourhood.

The County Surveyor said that the matter was having attention.

253/31.

VETERINARY SURGEONS' BILL, 1930.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton enclosing petition signed by a large number of farmers in the Ballintra district protesting against some of the provisions of the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, 1930.

The matter was referred to the Department of Agriculture.

254/31.

DESTRUCTION OF A BOUNDARY FENCE AT TULLYDISH.

A letter was read from Mr. E. J. Quigley, Tullydish, in which he complained of the destruction of a boundary fence, his property, in the construction of a new road at Tullydish, and threatening legal action.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

255/31.

PETTIGO COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. D. J. Flood, Pettigo, in which he asked for the use of the Courthouse in Pettigo on Sunday, the 17th May, 1931.

On the motion of Councillor Cole the application was granted subject to the consent of the Landlord.

256/31.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - JAMES COLUMBINE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that in a number of Malicious Injury Claims which were refused he had succeeded in obtaining costs in all but one, that of James Columbine, Meenlougher, Killygordon. He asked for instructions in this case.

The Secretary stated that the matter had been considered by the Law Committee, which recommended that the claim for costs be dropped. The Law Committee's recommendation was adopted.

257/31.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS.

A report was submitted from the Council's Solicitor on Malicious Injury Claims heard recently.

258/31.

FLOODING AT STRAID, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Morrison, Straid, Clonmany, in which he called the attention of the Council to the flooding of his farm caused by a hole in the road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

259/31.

MEENAHALLA ROAD, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from certain residents in Meenahalla, Glenties, complaining of the condition of the Meenahalla Road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

260/31.

APPLICATION FOR A POSITION.

A letter was read from Mr. Peter J. Herron, Meenlachanny, Bruckless, asking the Council for a small job.

261/31.

CO-ORDINATION OF THE COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 12th March, 1931, R/RS/7, requesting the Council to re-consider the whole question of the re-organisation of the County Survey Staff with a view to the co-ordination of the County Engineering Services under the County Surveyors. In two Counties where co-ordination had recently been carried out the County Surveyors' salaries were increased in one case from £520 per annum to £620 per annum, and in the other from £500, with cost-of-living bonus, to £700 per annum, inclusive.

The matter was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

262/31.

BUNCRANA COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Buncrana, in which he reported that the plaster was falling off the walls, and that a window pane was broken.

A letter was also read from Mr. Doherty, Architect, in which he stated that he had taken up the matter with the Contractor against whom a small balance was held to cover such deficiencies.

263/31. PAYMENT TO CLERKS AT MEETINGS OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

On the motion of Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to pay each Clerk who acted at the meetings of the Tenders Committees at the rate of 12s/6d per day for each day worked.

264/31. APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACE-MAN ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. John Lagan, Magheraboy, Raphoe, in which he asked to be employed as a surface-man, and he stated that there was a man employed in his area who was a farmer and dealer.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle suggested that consideration should be given by the County Surveyors, when making these appointments, to men who had no occupation.

265/31. DAMAGE TO RATHMULLAN PIER BY THE S.D. "MARGARET HIDE."

A letter was read from the Shipowners' Protection and Indemnity Association, 1, Lloyd's Avenue, London, E.C.3. dated 3rd March, 1931, re damage done to Pier at Rathmullan by the S.D. "Margaret Hide", and stating that if the Council were of opinion that the Pier was worth repairing they would, no doubt, give the necessary instructions for the work to be carried. If thereafter, they considered they were entitled to recover the outlay from the owner of the "Margaret Hide" they would, no doubt, take the necessary steps to do so.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take proceedings.

266/31. ROAD FROM GLENTIES TO DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Denis Phelan, Glenties, in which he complained of the condition of the road from Glenties to Dungloe which was very narrow with a number of dangerous corners.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Phelan that no provision had been made for the removal of these corners in the Road Works Scheme.

267/31. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in which he applied for the sum of £11. 8. 0. being amount due to Henry Galbraith of Cashel, Carndonagh, for the supply of 76 tons of stones @ 3/- per ton.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

268/31. ROAD IN THE TOWNLANDS OF ARLANDS AND CLOUGHGLASS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Forker, Glenahilt, Burtonport, in which he complained of the condition of the road in the townlands of Arlands and Cloughglass.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Forker that no provision had been made for the improvement of the road mentioned in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

269/31. COST OF ANNUAL REVISION OF VALUATION IN COUNTY DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Commissioner of Valuation in which he applied for one moiety of the sum due in respect of the expenditure in connection with the annual revision of valuation in the County, £115.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

270/31.

CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Carndonagh, in which he asked to have two blinds supplied for the windows facing the Judge's Bench.

The matter was referred to Councillors Cole and Douglas for their attention.

271/31.

APPLICATIONS BY FLAGMEN FOR INCREASES IN WAGES.

Letters were read from Mr. James Craig, Shrove, Greencastle, and Mr. Daniel McFadden, Castlecooley, Burt, and also Mr. James Gallagher, Flagman, No. 4 Roller, for increases in their wages.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyors with instructions to have them placed on the scale drawn up by the Council if not already on it.

272/31.

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP IN BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. James McCarville, East Port, Ballyshannon, in which he objected to the erection of a Petrol Pump by Mr. John Sweeney, Commercial Hotel, Ballyshannon.

The County Surveyor stated that this was a private matter which did not affect the Council.

273/31.

MR. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th March, 1931, G.17821/31. Dun na nGall. Se. stating, in reply to the Secretary's letter of the 9th idem, that the Minister's sanction to the appointment of Mr. Charles L. Callaghan only authorised salary at the rate of £250 per annum.

274/31.

FLOODING IN RAHAN FAR, NEAR DUNKINEELY.

A letter was read from Mr. R. H. Reid, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, in which he stated that he had been instructed to serve a Civil Bill for damage done by flooding from the vennel to Mr. Walker's farm in Rahan Far, near Dunkineely.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was having attention.

275/31.

FLOODING AT LITTLE BRIDGE, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Duffy, Little Bridge, Dungloe, in which he complained of flooding to his land caused by employees of the Council closing a pipe which got broken.

A report was also read from the Assistant Surveyor in which it was stated that the matter was being dealt with.

276/31.

BRIDGE ACROSS THE FINN AT CRONADUN.

A letter was read from the Rev. J. Murray, P.P., Cloghan, in which he stated that he consulted the Committee in charge of the proposed new bridge across the Finn at Cronadun, and they asked him to inform the Council that they were not in a position to provide £70 or any part thereof. They wished the Council to come to their assistance by accepting the offer of the Land Commission and providing the other £70.

Councillor McPhelimy proposed that the Land Commission be asked to carry out the work themselves, and, in doing so, he stated that the bridge could be completed for £70.

277/31.

CLADNAGERAGH PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Cladnageragh, in which she stated that the Pier was in a dangerous condition. Some planks had been salvaged by the fishermen and were lying there safely. It should be looked after at once.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

278/31. ALLOCATION OUT OF ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 7th March, 1931, R/RG/7, referring to the Secretary's letter of the 2nd idem, and to their letter of the 23rd February, notifying the provisional allocation of a grant of £19,175 to the Donogal County Council, and indicating the roads selected for improvement under the Grant.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd February, 1931, SGH/201/31, stating that a sum of £19,175 had been provisionally allocated to the Council, on certain conditions, out of the Road Improvement Grant, 1931/32, for Main Road Improvement as follows:-

Northern Division.

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|---|----------------------|
| (1) Gortahork to Gweedore on L.130 and part of T.72
Gortahork towards Gweedore..... | £1,575. 0. 0. |
| (2) Raphoe to St. Johnston on L.80 Raphoe, thence
for 4 miles towards St. Johnston..... | £4,200. 0. 0. |
| (3) Carrowkeel to Carndonagh on L.79 Johnstons'
Br. Glentogher, thence for 2½ miles towards
Carndonagh..... | £2,237.10. 0. |
| (4) T.72. To continue new surface Bunbeg and
Derrybeg towards Knockfolia..... | £1,575. 0. 0. |
| | <u>£9,587.10. 0.</u> |

Southern Division.

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| (1) T.54. Bundoran-Manorhamilton Road from
Bundoran Main Street to County Boundary at
Bridge 350 perches to be re-surfaced in
cement-bound macadam..... | £2,200. 0. 0. |
| (2) T.72. Donegal-Killybegs Road beginning one
mile from Mountcharles and re-surfacing 880
perches towards Donegal with bituminous grouted
macadam..... | £2,800. 0. 0. |
| (3) T.59. Stranorlar-Letterkenny Road from
Stranorlar Main Street for a distance of 400
perches towards Letterkenny to be re-surfaced
in cement-bound macadam..... | £2,387.10. 0. |
| (4) T.72. From Workhouse, Glenties, for 320 perches
towards Dungloe to be re-surfaced in bituminous
macadam..... £1,200.
From where last Grant work stopped to Dungloe
Town 350 perches perches to be re-surfaced in
water-bound macadam and rolled..... £1,000.. | £2,200. 0. 0.
<u>£9,587.10. 0.</u> |

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Blaney seconded that of the sum allocated to the Northern Division £1,500 be transferred to the Milford Area for the road from Kilmacrenan to Milford, and that the County Surveyor be instructed to recommend the transfer.

Councillor McAvor proposed as an amendment that the Council accept the Ministry's allocation and Councillor Doogan seconded.

The following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Gale, Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (B.), Kavanagh, McIvor, O'Doherty, McBride, and Wagentreiber. Total 9.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Mahony, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McPhelimy, and Scott. Total 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried and the allocation accepted.

Councillor Mahony stated that the money for the Stranorlar-Letterkenny Road was being spent on the best part of the road and he proposed that it be transferred to the other end where it was badly needed. Councillor Hamilton suggested that the 350 perches of the Bundoran-Manorhamilton Road to be re-surfaced in cement-bound macadam be re-surfaced in bituminous macadam at half the cost and that the other half be expended on the Loghey-Pattigo Road.

279/31. ALLOCATION OF FUTURE ROAD GRANTS.

A discussion arose regarding the responsibility of the County Surveyors in recommending certain roads for grants.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was decided to instruct the County Surveyors before recommending roads for grants in future to consult with the Council in the matter.

280/31. PREFERENTIAL TREATMENT OF EX-NATIONAL ARMY MEN.

Councillors Brady and Manus O'Boyle protested against the condition in the letter setting out the allocation of the Road Improvement Grant requiring that preference be given to ex-National Army Men, and in this connection the following resolution from the Dun Laoghaire Borough Council was unanimously adopted:-

"That we, the members of the Dun Laoghaire Council, believing that the preference shown to a certain section in the matter of employment on works of public utility is grossly unjust and calculated to foster and maintain differences between Irishmen, express our deep dissatisfaction of the preferential employment clause inserted in specifications inviting tenders for contracts. That we recognise the right to an equal share in such work for all able-bodied men irrespective of class, creed, or politics, and call for the immediate abolition of this clause."

281/31. DERRYNAMANSHER ROAD, ANNAGRY.

A letter was read from Mr. Neal Boyle, Derrynamansher, Annagry, in which he complained of a broken pipe on the Derrynamansher Road which was causing a great deal of destruction to his land.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

282/31. PREPARATION OF THE RATE BOOKS, 1931/32.

No action was taken on a letter from Mr. R. A. Foley, 5, Trinity Street, Dublin, in which he offered to type the Council's Demand Notes @ £3 per 1000 Ratings.

283/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Cleary, Bishop Street, Ballyshannon, in which he applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

284/31. OBAIR NA CEILPE I bhFANAID.

Cuireadh ar goul ar feadh míosa litir ó Roinn Tailte agus Iascaigh i dtaobh an Run ag tagairt do oibreacha a bhí a ndéanamh fa churam na Roinne i bhFanaid agus a diúltadh an radh go raibh an Riaghaltas ag iarraidh le deireadh a chur ar na daoine a bhí i n-a n-agaídh.

I dtaobh an ratai paighe a bhí Coimisiun na Talmhan ag ioc le lucht oibre in sna Cealla Beaga, is mian leis an Aire a radh gur oibreacha foirithine do b'eadh iad.

285/31. ROSSGIER TO TULLYOWEN ROAD AND ST. JOHNSTON TO TRENTAGH ROAD.

Mr. Steadman applied for £65 for repairs to the Rossgier-Tullyowen Road, and for £20 for repairs to the St. Johnston-Trentagh Road, both of which would come out of the Contingency Fund.

The applications were granted unanimously.

286/31. MILLTOWN AND MEENAMULLAGHAN BRIDGES.

Mr. Steadman applied for £58 for repairs to Milltown Bridge and for £25 for repairs to Meenamullaghan Bridge, both of which would come out of the Contingency Fund. The application was granted unanimously.

287/31. BREACH IN THE PROTECTION WALL AT FAHAN.

Mr. Steadman applied for £18 for the repair of a breach in the Protection wall at Fahan, to come out of the Contingency Fund. The application was granted unanimously.

288/31. ROAD MEETINGS FOR PAYMENTS TO THE CONTRACTORS.

The following dates were arranged for the meetings re payments to Road Contractors:-

Garndonagh.....4th May, 1931.
Burnfoot.....12th May, 1931.
Dunfanaghy.....2nd May, 1931.
Milford.....8th May, 1931.
Letterkenny.....30th April, 1931.
Lifford.....27th April, 1931.
Ballyshannon.....8th May, 1931.
Donegal.....9th May, 1931.
Kilcar.....11th May, 1931.
Glenties.....9th May, 1931.
Dungloe.....12th May, 1931.
Stranorlar.....7th May, 1931.

289/31. REPAIRS UNDER SUDDEN BREACH ORDERS - NORTHERN DIVISION.

Mr. Steadman reported that the following repairs were carried out under Sudden Breach Orders:-

Repair of a bridge on No. 191, April 1928, Inishowen.....£3. 0. 0.
Repair of a bridge on No. 98, April 1930, Inishowen.....£6. 0. 0.
Repair of a bridge on No. 165, April 1928, Inishowen.....£2. 0. 0.
Repair of a bridge on No. 350, April 1928, Inishowen.....£2. 0. 0.
Repair of a bridge on No. 356, April 1928, Inishowen.....£2. 0. 0.
Repair of a bridge on No. 73, April 1928, Derry No. 2.....£5.10. 0.
Repair of Protection Wall on No. 25, April 1928, Milford...£1. 0. 0.
Repair of a pipe on Road No. 19, April 1928, Milford.....£5. 0. 0.

290/31. OBSTRUCTIONS IN LANEWAYS IN MOVILLE.

Mr. Steadman submitted the following report:-

"I inspected the lanes complained of in Moville and found that various articles, or rather parts of same, and other refuse was left lying about on the lanes causing obstruction. I feel that the exercise of a little pressure either by the local Committee or the Civic Guards would bring about all that is desired." The report was adopted unanimously.

291/31. DEDUCTIONS FROM WAGES IN RESPECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT INSURANCE CONTRIBUTIONS.

A letter was read from Mr. Matthew Gallagher, Ramelton, regarding deductions from his wages in respect of Unemployment Insurance Contributions.

Mr. Steadman submitted the following report:-

"With regard to Matthew Gallagher's complaint I wish to state that any work done by him was in the main done at contract prices arranged and these prices included all labour, etc. to be supplied by Gallagher. In the case of any day work done by Gallagher stamps were in the ordinary course deducted."

No action was taken in the matter.

292/31. ROAD FROM JOHN FRIEL'S, CARROWMENA TO GLEN ROAD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Carrowmena complaining of the condition of the road from John Friel's to Glen Road which was impassable, they stated, for vehicular traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that the road had been offered for contract and that no tender had been received.

293/31. DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE OF A HOUSE AT FORQUAR, MILFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. James Strain, Forquar, Milford, in which he stated that he lodged a complaint in October last about damage done to the entrance of his house, which was to have been attended to by the County Surveyor, but so far nothing had been done.

No action was taken in the matter.

294/31. APPLICATION TO HAVE DANGER SIGN ERECTED AT CAVANGARDEN.

A letter was read from Miss Elizabeth Atkinson, Cavangarden, in which she asked to have a danger sign erected at the School and Cross-roads, Cavangarden.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

295/31. PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. George Bradley, Duntinny, Ballynashannagh, in which he inquired the present position regarding the Portsallon and Duntinny proposed drainage scheme, and he stated that unless something was done he would hold the Council responsible for damage to his land.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Bradley that until the Ministry intimated the amount of grant they were prepared to give to assist the scheme it would be held up.

296/31. OBSTRUCTION ON MAIN ROAD AT LISFANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. H. Babington, Fahan, in which he called the Council's attention to the obstruction on the Main Road to Buncrana at Lisfannon caused by people drawing gravel from the sea and placing it in lumps on the County Road until such time as was convenient for its removal. He stated that it was a danger to pedestrians and vehicular traffic.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

297/31. ALLEGED DAMAGE TO MOTOR-BOAT AT BURTONPORT PIER.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen ^{Gallagher} ~~O'Brien~~, Arlands, Burtonport, in which he stated that certain damage was done to his motor-boat at Burtonport Pier; and that he was going to claim damages from the County Council. A report was also submitted from the Harbour Master. The Council decided to deny liability.

298/31. ARTERIAL DRAINAGE (MINOR SCHEMES) ACT, 1928.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th February, 1931, F.14214/31, Dun na nGall. Pd. in which it was stated that until a Drainage Scheme was completed the Minister could only indicate a hypothetical amount for a State grant since the amount of the maximum grant could only be determined on reference to the cost of the completed scheme. It might be assumed that a State contribution of the full amount, in accordance with the Act, would be made in cases where a scheme had been prepared on that basis and where a contribution of that amount was essential to make a scheme ~~economic~~.

299/31. ROAD IN BALLYNALLY TOWNLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. George Montgomery, Ballynally, Moville, in which he complained of the condition of the road in Ballynally townland.

The County Surveyor stated that the road complained of was not a County Road.

300/31. RESOLUTION FROM TULLAMORE URBAN COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Douglas the following resolution from the Tullamore Urban Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That we, the members of the Tullamore Urban Council, condemn with the greatest detestation and abhorrence the irreligious and unchristian article which recently appeared in the "Daily Mail" under the heading of the "The New Uncensored Life of Christ", and we call upon the Minister of Justice and our Representatives in the Dail to take immediate steps to enforce more drastically the censorship of all English papers coming to this country."

301/31. RESOLUTION FROM WESTMEATH COUNTY COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Manus O'Boyle the following resolution from the Westmeath County Council was adopted unanimously:-

"Whereas the County Councils in the Six Counties have completed de-rating, and yet attain their full powers, we, the Westmeath County Council, protest against any attempt at the further curtailment of the powers of County Councils, and the setting up of a costly managerial system, and we demand that the ordinary election of County Councillors be held in June, 1931."

302/31. ERECTION OF DANGER SIGN AT GARDA BARRACKS, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole proposed and it was unanimously resolved to instruct the County Surveyor to alter the position of the direction sign at the Garda Barracks, Carndonagh.

303/31. EASTER HOLIDAYS FOR THE OFFICE STAFF.

The Council directed that the Council Offices be closed from Thursday evening, 2nd April, 1931, until Tuesday morning, 7th April, 1931.

304/31. ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following matters until their next meeting on the 28th April, 1931:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Hamilton:- That this Council wishes to draw the attention of Road Contractors to Paragraphs 4 and 6 in the Maintenance Specification, which are part of their contract, and that the Surveyors be instructed to enforce these clauses in the same manner as in any other, failing which they will be held responsible to the Council."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Bernard Gallagher:- "That we instruct the County Surveyor to have Quigley's Bridge in the neighbourhood of Glenties replaced from the dangerous construction of timber by the erection of Ferro-concrete."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Sweeney:- "That owing to the terrible amount of unemployment in the County now, and as a result the dire hardships the people are suffering, I would ask to bring before the Council and the country the absolute necessity of reviving the Handspun industry at once, and at the same time show the progress made by the Department of Lands and Fisheries during the last three years in connection therewith."

Notice of Motion by Councillor Cole:- "That a sum of £150 be borrowed over a period of five years for the purpose of removing the dangerous corner at the Market House, Carndonagh, and compensating the landlord."

18.

Letter from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, asking for an increase in the rent of Falcarragh Courthouse.

Report from the Architect re repairs to Lifford Courthouse.

Litr o Roinn Tailte agus Irseigh i dtaobh obair na ceilpe i bhFanaid.

Letters from the Department of Industry and Commerce and the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, re weights and measures.

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Confirmed.

CHAIRMAN, 28th April, 1931.

DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

THE ADJOURNED ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE ABOVE COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON TUESDAY, THE 31ST DAY OF MARCH, 1931.

305/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Brady,
Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty, Doogan, Douglas,
Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton,
Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor,
McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus),
O'Doherty, McBride, Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

306/31.

LIST OF CONTRACTS FOR MAINTENANCE AND SPECIAL WORKS
FOR PERIOD COMMENCING 1ST APRIL, 1931.

The Council considered ~~seriatim~~ the list of contracts for
Maintenance and Special Works for the period commencing 1st
April, 1931, as provisionally accepted by the Tenders Committees.

With the exception of those cases in which the Tenders and
Bonds were incorrectly filled, and in the cases of certain
Contractors to whom the County Surveyors objected, which were placed
in the hands of the latter for completion at the amounts allowed in
the Road Works Scheme, the Council decided, on the motion of
Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Cole, to approve of the
acceptance of all Tenders for works by the Tenders Committees, and
to enter into Contracts for the execution of the works in
accordance with the Tenders accepted by affixing the seal of the
Council to the Tenders provisionally accepted by the Tenders
Committees.

307/31.

CONTRACT FOR CONCRETE FOOTPATH IN CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle called the attention of the County
Surveyor to the Council's resolution of the 28th October, 1930,
re use of local resources in public works, and he suggested that
flags be utilised instead of concrete in the construction of a
footpath in Carndonagh.

307a/31. CONTRACT NO. 121, FORMER STRABANE NO. 2 RURAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Elliott, Solicitor, Strabane,
dated 30th March, 1931, stating, on behalf of Mr. Daniel McDaid
of Ballybogan, that he did not wish the Council to proceed with
the making of 120 perches of a new road between Daniel McDevitt's
Flax Mill and Samuel Stewart's, Gortnavilly and Ballylast. The
County Surveyor stated that all the other persons concerned had
consented to the required land being given.

Councillor Gallen proposed, Councillor Wagentreiber seconded,
and it was unanimously agreed to instruct the Council's Solicitor
to take the necessary steps to acquire compulsorily the land
required.

Confirmed.

Chairman, 28th April, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF APRIL, 1931.

308/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty, Doogan, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallon, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughroy, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), McBride, Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber.

In the absence of both the Chairman and the Vice-Chairman, Councillor Nyhan, the Deputy Vice-Chairman, occupied the Chair.

309/31.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from the Chairman, and Councillors Mahony and Douglas.

310/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the Council Meeting and the Adjourned Road Works Meeting held on the 31st March, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

311/31.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

The Report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 31st March, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

312/31.

R E P O R T O F L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

The Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 31st March, 1931, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton.

313/31.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor James Boyle seconded the adoption of the report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 9th April, 1931.

Letters were read from Messrs. J. H. Steadman and John Caffrey, County Surveyors, stating that they could not agree to the proposals of the Sub-Finance Committee regarding the co-ordination of the County Engineering Services.

Councillor Cole then proposed as an amendment and Councillor Brady seconded that the report be referred back.

After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed to refer the matter back to the Sub-Finance Committee for further consideration; the County Surveyors to be summoned to the meeting.

314/31.

Q U A R T E R L Y L I S T O F P A Y M E N T S.

The Quarterly List of Payments was submitted and payment ordered in accordance with the recommendations of the Finance Committee.

315/31.

A L L O C A T I O N O U T O F R O A D I M P R O V E M E N T G R A N T, 1931/32.

Councillor Hamilton proposed and it was unanimously resolved to request the Local Government Department again to re-consider the allocation of the recent Main Road Improvement Grant.

316/31.

MAKING OF RATE FOR THE SERVICE OF THE FINANCIAL YEAR
ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1932.

The Secretary having certified on the forms prescribed that the rate in so far as the value of the hereditaments therein assessed was concerned was in conformity with the valuations in force for the time being, the Council decided to adopt such rates as already determined, and as set out in "Notice of Deposit of Poor Rate Books for Inspection" (Form 46), and it was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher, and unanimously resolved under the provisions of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, and of Acts incorporated therewith, and subsequent Statutes, to allow and make the same in two moieties for the service of the Financial Year ending 31st March, 1932, as assessed in the Rate Book.

A statement of such allowance having been entered at the foot, each Rate Book was signed by the Chairman, and two of the members present, attested by the Seal of the Council, and duly countersigned by the Secretary.

317/31.

CHANGES OF NAMES OF OCCUPIERS IN THE RATE BOOK.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher it was unanimously resolved that the following changes of names of occupiers be made in the current year's Rate Books under Section 6 of 23 and 24 Vic. Cap. 4, for the year ending 31st March, 1932:-

| <u>New Names.</u> | <u>Map Nos.</u> | <u>Townland.</u> | <u>Electoral Division.</u> |
|--------------------|-----------------|------------------|----------------------------|
| William Griffin. | 26a. | Cashelougary. | Inver. |
| Thomas McShane. | 13. | Aighan. | Dunkineely. |
| Thomas McShane. | 15a. | Aighan. | Dunkineely. |
| Maggie Jane Boyle. | 1c. | Rutland Island. | Rutland. |

318/31.

SIGNING OF COLLECTORS' WARRANTS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher it was unanimously resolved to seal and sign the Rate Collectors' Warrants authorising the collection of Poor Rates for the year ending 31st March, 1932, and the Warrants were thereupon duly signed, and the Seal of the Council thereto affixed.

319/31.

BRIDGE AT BENDUFF AND TULLYARB, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Messrs. Daniel McLaughlin, Tullyarb, Carndonagh, and Edward Doherty, Benduff, Carndonagh, complaining that John Doherty of Benduff, Carndonagh, had closed one of the arches of the Bridge at Benduff and Tullyarb, with the result that their lands were flooded and their crops destroyed.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

320/31.

FLOOD GATE NEAR RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Mr. F. Bushe, Drumsille, Rathmullan, in which he asked, on behalf of himself and his neighbours in Glen Cross, Kintail, and Gortflugh, that the flood gate, which was damaged and letting in tide water, might be repaired.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

321/31. VALUATION OF HOLDINGS ADJOINING THE RIVER EANY.

A letter was read from Mr. John Gallagher, Cargrim, Frosses, and other ratepayers, requesting the Council to come to their assistance by reducing the valuations of the holdings, adjoining the River Eany, and which were subject to flooding. The responsible Minister in the Dail informed one of the Donegal deputies that this land was of so little value that it would not pay to have any monies expended in cleaning the bed of the river, and, in view of this statement, a reduction in the valuation is sought.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Valuation Department, Dublin.

322/31. BURTONPORT HARBOUR.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works in which it was stated that an excess of £98 : 2 : 5 was still due by the County Council in respect of improvements carried out at Burtonport Harbour, and a Receivable Order for that amount was enclosed.

Payment of the amount was ordered on the motion of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Baxter.

323/31. APPLICATION FROM BOARD OF HEALTH FOR £200 IN CONNECTION WITH THE ERECTION OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Health in which he stated that the Board were carrying through a Labourers' Acts Scheme, the estimated cost of which was £5540, for the erection of 10 cottages, and as it would be some months before the loan was obtained they desired the County Council to advance them £200 to carry on the initial stages of the scheme. It was provided in the Labourers' Acts, 1906, that the initial expenses, pending the receipt of the loan, were to be met by advance temporarily from the County Council.

The Council decided to make the required loan.

324/31. APPLICATION FROM THE PEOPLE'S PRESS, LTD., LIFFORD, FOR THE COUNCIL'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A letter was read from The People's Press, Ltd., Lifford, applying for the Council's advertisements.

The Council decided to include The People's Press amongst the Council's advertisers.

325/31. AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1931, enclosing Payable Order for £10,469, being final instalment of Agricultural Grant for year ended 31st March, 1931.

326/31. SALARIES OF MEDICAL OFFICERS, ETC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1931, enclosing Payable Order for £1327 : 9 : 5, being balance of proportion of expenditure incurred upon salaries of Medical Officers, etc. during the year ended 30th September, 1930.

327/31. SALARIES OF SANITARY OFFICERS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1931, enclosing Payable Order for £169 : 4 : 0, being balance payable in recoupment of proportion of the salaries of Sanitary Officers during the year ended 30th September, 1930.

328/31.

ESTATE DUTY GRANT, 1930/31.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 25th March, 1931, regarding Local Taxation Grants, and enclosing Payable Order for £1829 : 8 : 9 in respect of Estate Duty Grant for the year ended 31st March, 1931; deductions in respect of defaulting land annuitants, £1151 : 1 : 5; Total, £2980 : 10 : 2.

329/31.

AGRICULTURE ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 31st March, 1931, E.2740/31, in which it was stated that the Agriculture Act, 1931, under which the raising of a sum equal to not less than 2d. in the £ was mandatory, was now law.

Councillor Blaney protested against the raising of the maximum amount, and he complained that the Committee of Agriculture was not representative of the farming interests of the County.

Councillor Gallen agreed with Councillor Blaney, but the Chairman pointed out that this Committee had been appointed by the Council themselves.

330/31.

MISS E. QUINN, TYPIST IN THE COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department in which was enclosed, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter sent to Miss E. Quinn informing her that the Minister was satisfied, following a report on the examination recently held by the Local Appointments Commissioners under the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1928, that she possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable her adequately to perform the duties of her Office as Typist to the Donegal County Council through the medium of that language.

331/31.

SCALE OF CHARGES FOR PIERS UNDER THE MARINE WORKS (IRELAND) ACT, 1902.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, dated 1st April, 1931, T.71085/3, enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister under the Marine Works (Ireland) Act, 1902, fixing a scale of charges in respect of Piers at Gortnasate, Cladnageragh, Downies Bay, Portnoo, and Falcarrib. The new charges were the same as those at present in force at the Piers under the control of the Council.

332/31.

COUNTY ROSCOMMON (CONTROL OF DOGS) ORDER OF 1931.

A copy of the County Roscommon (Control of Dogs) Order of 1931 was submitted.

333/31.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th April, 1931, G.26331/31, Dun na nGall. sanctioning Overdraft accommodation, not exceeding £20,000, to the 30th June next.

334/31.

EXPENSES INCURRED BY COUNCILLOR MANUS O'BOYLE IN ATTENDING ON A DEPUTATION TO THE SEA FISHERIES CO-OPERATIVE ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th April, 1931, G.26330/31, Dun na nGall. C., in which it was stated that the Minister's position regarding the expenses incurred by Councillor Manus O'Boyle in attending on a deputation to the Sea Fisheries Co-operative Association had been clearly explained in previous correspondence.

335/31.

ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th April, 1931, assigning certain Works Numbers to the Road Improvement proposed to be carried out under the Road Improvement Grant in the Southern Division.

336/31.

EXPRESSION OF THANKS FOR VOTE OF SYMPATHY.

A letter was read from Councillor James Boyle in which he thanked the Council for their vote of sympathy on the death of his father.

337/31.

PARAGRAPHS 4 AND 6 IN THE MAINTENANCE SPECIFICATION.

Councillor Hamilton proposed, Councillor Bernard Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council wishes to draw the attention of Road Contractors to Paragraphs 4 and 6 in the Maintenance Specification, which are part of their Contract, and that the Surveyors be instructed to enforce these clauses in the same manner as any other, failing which they will be held responsible to the Council."

Councillor Gallen stated that he favoured the proposal on condition that it referred to corners and bends only.

Councillor Hamilton stated that it was in this respect he was particularly interested also.

338/31.

QUIGLEY'S BRIDGE IN THE NEIGHBOURHOOD OF GLENTIES.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Bernard Gallagher was ruled out of order:- "That we instruct the County Surveyor to have Quigley's Bridge in the neighbourhood of Glenties replaced from the dangerous construction of timber by the erection of Ferro-concrete."

Councillor Gallagher then proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to instruct the County Surveyor to include this work in next year's Provisional Road Works Scheme.

339/31.

REVIVAL OF THE HANDSPUN INDUSTRY.

On the motion of Councillor Sweeney seconded by Councillor Doogan the attention of the Council was unanimously called to the amount of unemployment in the County and the dire hardships the people were suffering.

Councillor Sweeney strongly advocated the revival of the handspun industry, and he complained that the materials made from mill-spun yarns were more expensive to buy than the handspun.

He suggested also that the Department of Lands and Fisheries be requested to show what progress they had made in connection with the revival of this industry during the last three years.

340/31.

DANGEROUS CORNER AT MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Patrick O'Doherty, (Malin), seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That a sum of £150 be borrowed over a period of five years for the purpose of removing the dangerous corner at the Market House, Carndonagh, and compensating the landlord."

341/31.

PROPOSAL TO ISSUE COPIES OF AGENDA TO THE SURVEYORS.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That a copy of the Agenda be sent to the two County Surveyors, and to each Assistant Surveyor."

342/31. PURCHASE OF A ROW-BOAT FOR MORASS FERRY.

Councillor Blaney proposed:- "That this Council make provision for a loan for the purpose of purchasing a row-boat suitable for the conveyance of passengers and live-stock, etc. on Morass Ferry; and that the Council request the Irish Land Commission to bear half the total cost out of the Improvement of Estates Fund."

The Secretary stated that there was no statutory authority under which the Council could make the proposed expenditure.

After some discussion in which it was stated that the boat would cost £100, the motion was passed, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

343/31. HOURS OF ROAD WORKERS IN THE COUNTY.

Councillor Baxter proposed:- "That the hours of the road workers in the County be standardised."

He complained that in some areas the men worked until 6 p.m. on Saturdays, whilst in others they only worked until 1 p.m.

Mr. Steadman submitted a report in connection with the same matter.

On the motion of Councillor Patrick Doherty (Carrigart) seconded by Councillor Francis Gallagher it was unanimously resolved that all employees of the Council cease work at 1 p.m. on Saturdays, commencing with Saturday, 2nd May, 1931.

344/31. WAGES OF SURFACEMEN.

Councillor Baxter proposed, and Councillor Patrick Doherty (Carrigart) seconded:- "That the wages of the surfacemen be increased by 1/- per week at the expiration of three years' continuous and satisfactory service with the Council."

Councillor McPhelimy proposed as an amendment and Councillor Brady seconded that all road workers be paid at the rate of 30/- per week.

After some discussion Councillor McPhelimy agreed to withdraw his amendment for the time being, and Councillor Baxter's motion was passed unanimously.

345/31. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ROAD BETWEEN GORTAHORK AND BURTONPORT.

Councillor Doogan proposed:- "That the Surveyors be asked to obtain a special grant from the Roads Department for the improvement of certain roads between Gortahork and Burtonport, on account of the closing down of the passenger service by the Lough Swilly Railway Company, and the putting on of several heavy buses for the conveyance of passengers and mails on roads that are not suitable for such traffic; and the position will be further aggravated during the summer months by heavy tourist traffic."

Councillor McBride, in seconding the motion, which was passed unanimously, called particular attention to the condition of the road between Gweedore and Dungloe, which, he stated, was practically impassable.

346/31. ROADS IN THE MAGHERAROARTY DISTRICT.

The following Notice of Motion, standing in the name of Councillor James Boyle, was ruled out of order by the Chairman:- "That if at all possible two roads in the Magheraroarty District, which connect with roads now being made by the Irish Land Commission for the improvement of the Kelp industry, be repaired by the Council at a cost of £35."

347/31.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh A. Law, T.D., in which he stated that he would be pleased to support the Council and give any assistance he could in connection with the closing of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, dated 14th April, 1931, T.55394, which acknowledged the receipt of an extract from the Council's Minutes re the possible closing of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway System, and pointed out that in the Order of 1898 authorising the Burtonport and Carndonagh Extensions, provision was made for the appointment of Committees of Management by the Council to take over the maintenance and working of these lines in the event of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company failing to maintain and work them. The Minister did not think that an Inquiry would add materially to what he knew already of the position.

In the absence of Councillor Mahony the following Notice of Motion standing in his name was proposed by Councillor Kenny J. Brennan:-

"That as in the recent negotiations for the continuance of the working of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway the Northern Government secured, in the continuance of the Goods Service between Derry and the different parts of Donegal, ample value for their limited contributions, we now call on the Free State Government to demand in return for their subsidy a sufficient passenger service between Letterkenny and Burtonport. The other parts of the County served by this Railway have good roads, but in that part from which the passenger services have been cut off the roads have never been intended for the excessive bus traffic which the Railway Company now intends running on them, and in a very short time unless a very heavy expenditure is made on them they will become useless for all ordinary purposes."

Councillor Brennan stated that it was essential that at least one passenger train be run each way each day.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle and the other members for that Area strongly supported the resolution which was passed unanimously.

The question of what steps, if any, should be taken by the Council under the Order of 1898 authorising the Burtonport and Carndonagh Extensions was referred to the Law Committee.

348/31. CO- OPTION OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR IN PLACE OF THE LATE
MR. PHILIP DOHERTY.

Councillor Hamilton proposed and Councillor Francis Gallagher seconded that Mr. Joseph Walls, Merchant and Farmer, Ballintra, be co-opted as a County Councillor for the County Electoral Area of Donegal to fill the vacancy caused by the death of Mr. Philip Doherty.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded that Mr. Michael Dunlevy, Selacis, Letterbarrow, be co-opted to fill the vacancy.

The following voted for Mr. Walls:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Cole, Gallagher (F.), Gallagher (B.), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Myles, McCrea, McIvor, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 14.

The following voted for Mr. Dunlevy:- Councillors Boyle (James), Brady, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, McPhelimy, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), McBride, and Sweeney. Total 9.

The Chairman declared Mr. Walls duly co-opted.

349/31.

FALCARRAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. James Duggan, Falcarragh, in which he asked for an increase in the rent of Falcarragh Courthouse.

On the motion of Councillor James Boyle seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher it was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Duggan to apologise for the recent attack he made on the Councillor for that district, when the matter would be considered.

350/31.

WEIGHTS AND MEASURES EQUIPMENT.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated 5th March, 1931, 27573, in which it was stated that even if the set of weights in the possession of Mr. James McGuinness could be utilised such arrangement would not affect the present immediate necessity. The balance included in this apparatus was of obsolete pattern and in such condition as to prevent its being used for standard comparison.

A letter was also read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, in which he stated that he had had the weights and measures equipment in the possession of Mr. James McGuinness examined. He stated that the three balances were of obsolete pattern and were similar to those now in use by the Inspectors and which the Department of Industry and Commerce had asked to be re-placed. With cleaning and adjustments, the weights and measures were in fair condition and could possibly be used as standards. He suggested that the Council make arrangements to have them handed over to the ex-Officio Inspector at Letterkenny to make re-placements that might be necessary at a future time.

Further letters were read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, 33, Upper Merrion Street, Dublin, in which it was stated that all the other County and Borough Councils had now notified their acceptance of the tender of De Grave, Short & Co. for Weights and Measures Standards.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Department of Industry and Commerce to accept the tender of De Grave, Short & Co. for the standards required.

351/31.

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME, 1931.

Mr. Hugh O'Neill, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., of the Department of Agriculture, recommended the Council to continue the Sheep Dipping Scheme which was adopted in 1929, with the same Sub-Inspectors as last year; persons dipping to have either the choice of Burke's Irish Liquid Sheep Dip or Cooper's Albion Fluid, which arrangement, Mr. O'Neill stated, had been satisfactory last year.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Loughrey, Mr. O'Neill's recommendations were adopted unanimously.

352/31.

HARBOUR MASTER, CHAPEL PIER, ARRANMORE.

The Secretary inquired if the recent appointment for the above position was in the nature of a Harbour Mastership or a Caretakership. No dues had even been collected at this Pier, and if the appointment were treated as a Harbourmastership the appointee would require to have a Fidelity Guarantee Bond signed with the aid of a Solicitor, which would cost him more than six months' salary.

The Council decided that the appointment was in the nature of a Caretakership only.

353/31.

COUNTY DONEGAL LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the County Library Committee to cease sending boxes of books to Banerana and Letterkenny, as the Urban Councils of these Areas had refused to contribute to the Library Scheme.

354/31. AUTHORISED COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Sweeney it was unanimously resolved to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have the Sub-Finance Committee and the Committee of Agriculture made authorised Committees within the meaning of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, for the purpose of payment of travelling expenses.

355/31. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP, GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Appointments Commissions dated 11th April, 1931, L.A.15/14/30, recommending Mr. Thomas A. McClintock, V.S., Letterkenny, for the position of Veterinary Inspector in the Glenties Area, and stating that Mr. McClintock had undertaken to reside within the Area.

Councillor Brennan proposed and it was unanimously resolved to inquire from Mr. McClintock if he was prepared to reside in Dungloe, and to adjourn the making of the appointment pending his reply.

356/31. Local SCHEME UNDER THE HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

The Secretary submitted the following Scheme for local assistance to persons erecting houses under the Housing Act, 1929:-

(a). The Council shall lend to persons requiring financial assistance sums not greater than the amounts received by those persons by way of Grants under the Housing Act, 1929. It is not proposed to offer any assistance to public utility societies.

(b). The total amount to be so lent is estimated not to exceed £450.

(c & d). It is not proposed to apply any land to the purposes of the scheme.

(e). It is not proposed to carry out any works of development.

(f). Loans will be advanced for a period of fifteen years and be re-payable by equal half-yearly instalments covering both principal and interest. Interest will be charged at 5%. The loans shall be secured and the houses insured in accordance with the requirements of Paragraph 8 of the Schedule to the Housing (Local Assistance) Order, 1929.

(g). The monies advanced by way of loan shall be taken, with the sanction of the Minister, from the unexpended portion of the loan raised to assist persons erecting houses under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924.

(h). The maximum number of houses in respect of which local assistance shall be granted under this Scheme shall be ten.

On the motion of Councillor Loughrey seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher the Council decided to adopt the Scheme, and to refer it to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for approval.

357/31. CONTROL OF DOGS ORDER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 1st April, 1931, G.823/31, in which it was stated that during the two years ended the 31st December last 1099 sheep were killed by dogs, and the letter further stated that the Department believed that in many Counties where regulations had been made for the control of dogs between sunset and sunrise these regulations were either not observed or not enforced. It was suggested that full particulars of regulations made should be sent to the local Gardai and suitable posters should be displayed at all Gardai Stations drawing attention to the requirements of the local regulations.

The Secretary was instructed to have Posters prepared and displayed.

358/31.

OBAIR NA CEILPE I bhFANAID.

Do Leigeadh litir ó Roinn Tailte agus Iascaigh i dtuobh an Run ag tagairt do oibreacha a bhí a ndéanamh fe churam na Roinne i bhFanaid, agus a diúltadh an radh go raibh an Rialachas ag iarraidh le deireadh a chur ar na daoine a bhí i n-éagaidh.

I dtuobh an ratalaigh a bhí Coimisiún na Talmhan ag ioc le lucht oibre in sna Cealla Beaga, ba mhinic leis an Aire a radh gur oibreacha foirithine do b'eadh iad.

Dubhairt Somhairle Baxter, Comhairleoir, an ath-uair an meid a dubhairt se roimhe, agus dubhairt se fosta gur adhbhar mágaidh na oibreacha de'n Roinn i bhFanaid.

Mhol se nach nglacfaidhe leis an foillsiughadh.

Do chuidigh Seamus O'Beaighill, Comhairleoir, leis an Run, agus cuireadh i bhfeidhm a de'n guth.

359/31.

LANDING-PLACE AT PORTRONAN.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd April, 1931, 842/31, in which they applied for payment of £101 : 10 : 6, being outstanding balance in respect of construction of landing-place at Portronan.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

360/31. ALLEGED DAMAGE TO VAN, ETC. OWING TO CONDITION OF ROAD THROUGH CASTLEDOOBY TOWNLAND.

A letter was read from Messrs. Wallace Bros., Manoreunningham, in which they complained of the condition of the road through Castledooey townland and claimed £4 : 10 : 0 in respect of damages to their Van, harness, and goods on the 10th April.

The Council decided to deny liability.

361/31.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MISS M.J. CASSIDY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th April, 1931, G.27602/31. Sf. Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that in view of the small amount involved in connection with the Buncrana Urban District Council's contribution towards the pension of Miss Mary J. Cassidy, the Minister considered that a further effort to arrive at an agreed figure might be made locally. The Minister had written to the Buncrana Urban District Council to that effect.

The Council decided to adjourn consideration of the matter, pending hearing from the Buncrana Urban District Council.

362/31. APPLICATION TO HAVE SIGN-POSTS ERECTED NEAR ROSSNOWLAGH.

A letter was read from Miss Sara F. Jennings, The Warren, Rossnowlagh, in which she asked to have a few signposts erected directing strangers towards the Rossnowlagh Strand and Golf Links.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

363/31.

ROAD, MAP NO. 540a, INNISHOWEN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty (More), Conglash, Buncrana, in which he inquired if the County Surveyor intended having any repairs carried out to the above road, which, he stated, required immediate attention.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

364/31. PROSECUTIONS UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 17th April, 1931, in which he stated that the Food and Drugs prosecutions against Mrs. Boyle, and Messrs. Hamilton, Gallagher, and Haughey, came on for hearing at Killybegs Court on the 17th inst. The defendants were fined 1/-, with one guinea costs in each case, and in addition 15s/2d expenses were allowed in the case of Gallagher and 14s/8d in each of the others.

365/31. BATH GREEN, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th April, 1931, P.H. 94299/31, Dun na nGall. Pg. enclosing copy of an Order authorising the Board of Health to exercise, with regard to the Bath Green, Moville, the powers conferred by Section 56 of the Local Government Act, 1898, and fixing the area of charge in connection therewith as portion of the townland of Ballynally as described in the Schedule to the Order.

366/31. FIRE POLICY, NEW COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd. dated 14th April, 1931, enclosing Fire Policy, new Council Offices, together with five years' Agreement which they wish to have signed.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Sweeney it was unanimously resolved to execute, under Seal, the five years' Agreement.

367/31. POSITION OF SURFACE-MAN IN KILMACREHAN.

Letters were read from Mr. P. Coyle, Kilmacrehan, and Rev. D. Canning, P.P., Kilmacrehan, recommending Edward Dillon for the position of surfaceman.

A letter was also read from Mr. Edward Dillon, Kilmacrehan, in which he complained that although he was promised a position as a surfaceman by the Assistant Surveyor it was given to the son of a large farmer, whilst he is a labourer with seven of a family.

The County Surveyor explained the position and no action was taken.

368/31. COUNTY COUNCILS' GENERAL COUNCIL - AFFILIATION FEE.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council applying for affiliation fee of £20.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

369/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. John M. Doherty, Carndonagh, applying for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

370/31. DAMAGE TO ROAD AND FENCES AT TIERNALEAGUE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Henry McDaid, Woodside, Carndonagh, calling attention to the damage done by surface water to the road and fences at Tiernaleague, Carndonagh.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

371/31.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. James Doherty, Stralcol, Carrick, in which he applied for a position as a flagman.
The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

372/31.

RAILING IN FRONT OF ETTRICK HOUSE, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, in which he asked the Council to have the wall and railing which surrounded the area in front of Ettrick House, Bundoran, removed.
The County Surveyor stated that no provision had been made for the carrying out of the work suggested in the Road Works Scheme, and no action was taken in the matter.

373/31.

FENCES ON ROAD BETWEEN KEADY BRIDGE AND ROSS VILLAGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Canning, The Ross, Rossmakill, in which he complained of the fences for the new line of road between Keady Bridge and Ross village, which had been very badly constructed. Loose cattle had access to his crops, and unless the Council had them repaired he would take legal proceedings.
The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

374/31.

WORK DONE IN CONNECTION WITH MALINMORE BOATSLIP.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McNelis, Malinmore, Glencolumbkille, in which he stated that a sum of money was due to him for work done in connection with Malinmore Boatlip.
The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to make inquiries.

375/31.

OBSTRUCTIONS IN LANEWAYS IN MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siobhanna, Buncrana, in which he stated that the Gardai at Moville had cautioned the offending parties causing obstruction in the laneways, and that it was believed that there would be no further cause for complaint in this matter.

Councillor McCauley proposed and it was unanimously resolved that the Gardai be thanked for their services, and that Sergeant Logue be commended for his tact and efficiency in the matter.

376/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. W. B. Vahey, in which he applied, on behalf of Mr. William Moore, Dunfanaghy, for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.
The application was granted on the usual conditions.

377/31.

CLOGHAN STATION ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. C. G. Hamilton-Brown regretting that the Council could not see their way to repair the Cloghan Station Road. About 12 loads of gravel would make it passable and the residents would be grateful.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-
"The road to which Mr. Hamilton-Brown refers is not a scheduled County Road. This road was made when the railway from Stranorlar to Glenties was being constructed. The railway crossed the old road and a new road was made, which runs parallel to the railway for about 200 yards and then crosses the railway by an overhead bridge near Cloghan Station. It has never been repaired by the County, and the railway manager disclaims any responsibility for its upkeep. As the road is very useful for the people in the neighbourhood some steps should be taken regarding it."
The matter was referred to Mr. Caffrey.

378/31.

LANDING FACILITIES AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 1st April, 1931, D/73/7, in which they submitted a plan of proposed improvement works at Greencastle, and stated that on an assurance that the plan met with the approval of the Council arrangements would be made to have it carried out by the Commissioners of Public Works.

The following report was submitted by Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, in connection with the matter:-

"The trouble with the fishermen at Greencastle is that they cannot get into the existing Pier at Low water or for some hours after. The boats used are of fairly large size, motor-driven. These are only hauled up once each year, and hence a slip is to them of little importance in comparison with landing accommodation at low water and for some time after - about half tide or rather more the existing Pier becomes available.

Hence greatest benefit to the fishermen depends on what is done with the outer 60 to 80 feet. I would suggest that this be raised to one foot above high water level and that the 6 feet wide portion be run at that level; in other words that a landing-place or wharf be formed with finished level one foot above high water level.

The end of your boat-slip is, I take it, about 58 yards from the face of the boathouse, and this at least should be the sea end of wharf and if money permits every foot seawards that can be given would be an advantage.

The wharf would give more shelter during the interval from Low water to about $\frac{1}{2}$ tide level which is the critical time with the fishermen and a few pieces of rail set at intervals between the points marked a and b on the section in concrete would facilitate the hauling up of boats."

A further letter dated 25th April, 1931, D/73/7, was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries in which it was stated that the Commissioners of Public Works were prepared to modify their design in accordance with Mr. Steadman's suggestion and run out the Pier at the level of one foot above H.W.O.S.T. to as great a depth at the seaward end as the money available will permit. On receipt of an assurance that this proposal meets with the approval of the Council arrangements will be made for its construction on the terms and conditions already agreed to by the Council.

Councillor McCauley proposed and it was unanimously resolved that the Council approve of the revised proposal, and that the Commissioners of Public Works be requested to expedite the work.

379/31.

RAPHOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. David Wilson, Solicitor, Raphoe, in which he stated that the question of repairs to Raphoe Courthouse was having his attention.

The letter was considered satisfactory.

380/31.

INISHOWEN NO. 3 PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 3 Pensions Sub-Committee, suggesting that the Rev. J. McKenna, P.P., Cullinagh, be appointed on the Sub-Committee in place of Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., transferred to Buncrana.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Nyhan, Father McKenna was unanimously appointed on the Committee.

381/31.

BALLYSHANNON PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Ballyshannon Pensions Sub-Committee stating that owing to the death of Mr. Philip Deherty, Co. Co., Ballintray, there was a vacancy on his Committee.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor G. Ilagher, Mr. Joseph Walls, Ballintray, was appointed on the Committee.

382/31.

SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME. 1931.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture in which they asked to be furnished with particulars of the arrangements made in connection with the Sheep Dipping Scheme for the coming year.

383/31.

BALLYSHANNON PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. James McGarville, East Port, Ballyshannon, in connection with the erection of a Petrol Pump by Mr. John Sweeney.

The County Surveyor stated that the Pump was not on the Council's property, and no action was, therefore, taken in the matter.

384/31.

ALLEGED NON-PAYMENT FOR ROAD MATERIAL MEASURED.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas Kavanagh, Carrowhugh, Greencastle, in which he stated that he had not yet been paid for a quantity of road material measured in March.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

385/31.

CHAPEL PIER, ARBANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mrs. Bridget Gallagher, Ballintre, Arbanmore, claiming to be paid her husband's salary for looking after the Chapel Pier since his death.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Dougherty payment of the amount (8s/5d) due since the death of Mrs. Gallagher's husband was ordered.

386/31.

ALLEGED UNDER-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Clondonagh, in connection with claim of Henry Galbraith for payment for stones supplied.

The County Surveyor explained his position in the matter and the Council considered it satisfactory.

387/31.

FENCES AT LEENAGHBY, BUNCRANA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Doherty, Meenagory, Buncrana, in which he called attention to the condition of the fences between his land and the quarry which were broken down.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

388/31.

DAMAGE TO ENTRANCE OF A HOUSE AT FORQUAR, MILFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. James Strain, Forquar, Milford, in which he referred to his recent letter re damage to his house by flooding, and stated that unless something was done he would take legal proceedings.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

389/31.

SAMPLES UNDER FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Letterkenny, in which he asked for authority to incur the expense of forwarding samples taken under the Food and Drugs Acts by the Inspectors at Annagry, Dungle, Dunfanaghy, Clogher, Raphoe, Dunkineely, and Carrick, to the County Home, Stranorlar.

The Council unanimously decided to authorise the Chief Superintendent to incur the expenditure of forwarding the samples to the County Home by the cheapest route.

390/31. ROAD THROUGH SOUTH DOCKY, LETTERMACAWARD (ROAD NO. 1278).

Mr. Caffrey submitted the following report in connection with the application of Mr. M. McAuley for a supplementary grant for Road No. 1278:-

"The road to which Mr. McAuley refers is what is known as a townland road. This class of road is brought in for occasional repairs by County Councillors.

The road in question is about one mile in length, and a sum of £20 was brought forward by Councillor Bernard Gallagher to keep it in repair during the current year. It was put out for tender with the other roads and a contractor named James Molloy has taken it.

Should the Council decide to give a supplementary grant for further repairs to this road the money can be usefully expended."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

391/31. APPLICATIONS BY MR. CAFFEY FOR AMOUNTS TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN WORKS.

Mr. Caffrey applied for the following amounts to carry out the works mentioned:-

1. To repair 700 perches of the County Road No. 1561, Glenties...£15.
2. " 600 " " No. 1439, Glenties...£7.10.
3. " 400 " " No. 1039, Dungloe...£8.
4. To reconstruct bridge on Arranmore Island on Road No. 961...£30.
5. To build retaining and protection wall on Road No. 1357 from Greenhouse Brae to Marin Church...£14.
6. For repairs to Piers in the Southern Division...£20.
7. For repairs to Courthouses in the Southern Division...£15.

The applications were granted unanimously.

392/31. MATTERS AFFECTING PETTIGO AND DISTRICT.

The Council adjourned sine die a letter from Mr. F. J. McGrath, Garntrossy, Pettigo, asking:-

- (1) why the footpaths and third-class roads in the Pettigo District are so much neglected;
- (2) why only 4/- per ton for road material was allowed for Road, Map No. 1990, whilst 4/- per ton is on the list for pit gravel on Road No. 2067;
- (3) why the third-class road in Garntrossy which was sent into the Surveyor by Councillor Nyhan and himself for the last three years did not appear on the list for contract;
- (4) asking the Council to have a direction sign erected at the crossroads near Pettigo;
- (5) asking the Council to have stone quarries opened in the Pettigo District;
- (6) asking to have Laghey Electoral Division included in the Schedule to the Housing (Gaeltacht) Act, 1930;
- (7) reduction of Government salaries;
- (8) asking to have pig-carts changed from the Main Street in Pettigo on way to Great Northern Railway Station to the wide street on Fair days;
- (9) asking to have the Control of Dogs Order enforced in the Pettigo District.

393/31. CARETAKER OF DOWNINGS WATERWORKS.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McBride, Downings, in which he asked for an increase in his remuneration as caretaker at Downings Waterworks to £10 per annum with 10% commission on all dues collected.

The Secretary stated that Mr. McBride was not an official of the Council but of the Board of Health.

No action was taken in the matter.

394/31.

ERECTION OF A SHED ON ROAD NEAR NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

Mr. Steadman reported that Mr. Edward Duffy of Castleford, Newtowncunningham, had built a shed within the thirty feet limit on the side of the road near Newtowncunningham.

A letter was submitted from Mr. Duffy in the matter.

It was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Duffy to give an undertaking that he would remove the building at any time that he might be called upon to do so.

395/31.

BELFAST CORPORATION AND FREE STATE COINS.

Councillor Cole proposed and Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded the suspension of the Standing Orders for the purpose of considering the above matter.

On a show of hands Councillor Cole failed to obtain the necessary three-fourths of the members present and the motion was defeated.

396/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following matters until their Meeting on the 26th May, 1931:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Blaney:- "That this Council agrees to carry out the work on the Ballysillagh (Ray River) proposed drainage scheme."

Report from Mr. W. J. Deharty, Architect, re repairs to Lifford Courthouse.

Letter from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1931, stating that the expenditure on the Portsalen and Duntinny Drainage Scheme works out at £1490 : 19 : 5. The Council's liability is £432 : 7 : 8. They wish to draw on the Council's contribution and they suggest that a loan of £430 be borrowed out of the Local Loans Fund. The balance can be paid in cash when the final figures are known.

Report from Mr. Steadman regarding the purchase of materials required for the carrying out of County works.

Confirmed.



CHAIRMAN, 26TH MAY, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 26TH DAY OF MAY, 1931.

A T T E N D A N C E.

397/31.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Quigley (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreddie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), McBride, Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

398/31. DECLARATION OF ACCEPTANCE OF OFFICE OF CO. COUNCILLOR.

Mr. Joseph Walls, Ballintra, who had been co-opted a member of the Council in place of the late Councillor Philip Doherty signed a Declaration of Acceptance of Office and afterwards took part in the meeting.

A P O L O G I E S.

399/31.

A letter was received from Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle and a telegram from the Chairman (Mr. Michael Og McFadden) apologising for their inability to be present.

C O N D O L E N C E.

400/31.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the sympathy of the Council be extended to Mrs. Black on the death of her husband, the late Mr. William H. Black, former Chief Clerk in the Council Offices.

Councillors Gallen and Doogan, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, and the Secretary, on behalf of the Staff, associated themselves with the resolution, which was passed in silence, all the members standing.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

401/31.

The Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th April, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

R E P O R T O F T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

402/31.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th April, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

R E P O R T O F T H E L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

403/31.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 28th April, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

R E P O R T S O F M E E T I N G S O F T H E S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E.

404/31.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Nyhan the report of the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 28th April, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

When the report of the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 21st May, 1931, came up for adoption, Councillor Gallen submitted that as Minutes Nos. 163 and 164/31 were not of urgency, their consideration should be postponed until the next meeting of the Council.

Councillor Gallen's suggestion was approved, and with this exception the report was unanimously adopted.

405/31. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

The Lists of Proposals for Payments to Road Contractors in respect of work done during the half-year ended the 31st March, 1931, were considered seriatim, and payment of the amounts certified ordered.

406/31. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 18th May, 1931, T.1213/31, reporting a case of suspected Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. Michael Roarty, Beltony, Gortahork, and asking to have the premises visited and the animal examined.

407/31. FORMER UNION LIABILITIES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd April, 1931, Circ. 39/31, asking for Statistical particulars relating to Former Union liabilities.

408/31. EX-RATE COLLECTOR E. J. DOHERTY v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Secretary submitted a Civil Bill for hearing at the Circuit Court, Lifford, on the 27th June, 1931, at the suit of Edward J. Doherty, ex-Rate Collector, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, for £36 : 1 : 0 in respect of services rendered to the Council.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to protect the Council's interests.

409/31. IRISH PUBLIC BODIES MUTUAL INSURANCES LIMITED.

A letter was read from the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurances, Ltd., in which it was stated that the Annual Meeting of the Company would take place on Saturday, the 6th June, at 11.30 a.m. Councillor Mahony was appointed to represent the Council.

410/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT RAILING IN DONEGAL.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Gallagher, Solicitor, Donegal, in which he asked for permission to erect a railing in front of his premises in Tirconnill Street, Donegal.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Manus O'Boyle the required permission was granted, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

411/31. LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE - CERTIFICATES FROM ARCHITECT.

A certificate for £6 in favour of Mr. Edward McLaughlin, Buncrana, in respect of the installation of electric wiring in Letterkenny Courthouse was submitted from the Architect.

A certificate for £15 : 10 in favour of Mr. Patrick Stevenson, Letterkenny, in respect of repairs to the Witness Box and Press Accommodation in Letterkenny Courthouse was also submitted.

Payment of both amounts was ordered.

412/31. NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES.

A certificate was submitted from the Architect in favour of Mr. George Crooks, Derry, for £10 : 9 : 6 in respect of the installation of conduit tubes in the County Offices.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

413/31. SECTION 5 OF THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Councils' General Council, in which he enclosed for the information of the Council copy of Counsel's opinion on the respective powers of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health and of Local Authorities under Section 5 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926.

414/31. OBAIR NA CEILPE I bhFANAID.

Do leigheadh litir o Roimh Tailte agus Iascaigh ag radh go bhfuarthas litir an Runaidhe de'n 4adh la de Baaltaine in a raibh run de'n Chomhairle Chomndae i dtaobh oibreacha fe churam na Roimne i bhFanaid.

415/31. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th May, 1931, T.386/31, asking the Council to instruct their Veterinary Inspector to make a further examination of a cow the property of Mr. W. E. Edwards, Mullaney, Burt, with a view to determining whether the animal came within the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order of 1926.

416/31. LANDING FACILITIES AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 7th May, 1931, D/73/7, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter on the subject of the proposed landing facilities at Greencastle which would have attention.

417/31. AUTHORISED COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th May, 1931, G.35527/31, Dun na nGall, sanctioning the recognition of the Sub-Finance Committee and the Committee of Agriculture as Authorised Committees for the purpose of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

418/31. WAGES OF SURFACEMEN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th May, 1931, RM/7, stating that the decision of the Council relative to the proposed increase of 1/- per week to surfacemen had been noted. It was presumed that the proposal did not involve any discrimination as to between works under Grants and under local funds respectively.

419/31. BALANCE OF SALARY AS HARBOUR MASTER AT CHAPEL PIER, ARRANMORE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 8th May, 1931, G.35491/31, Dun na nGall, stating that the Minister saw no objection to the proposal of the Council to pay the sum of 8s/5d to Mrs. B. Gallagher, Ballintre, Arranmore.

420/31. SHEEP DIPPING SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture stating that it was not proposed to send any supplies of the usual Sheep Dipping Forms to the Council in view of the regulations already adopted.

421/31.

COST-OF-LIVING IN AN SAORSTAT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th May, 1931, asking for certain particulars in connection with the periodical inquiries into the cost-of-living in An Saorstat.

422/31.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.
CARNDONAGH AND BURTONPORT EXTENSIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, in which it was stated that that Department was not in a position to furnish copies of the Orders authorising the Burtonport and Carndonagh Extensions of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway.

The Secretary stated that a copy of the Order authorising the Burtonport Extension had since been obtained.

Councillor Gallen suggested that it would be advisable for the Secretary to get full information regarding this Railway for the next meeting of the Law Committee. He also suggested that, if necessary, the assistance of the Council's Solicitor be obtained.

The suggestions were unanimously agreed to.

423/31.

PUBLIC HEALTH (SPECIAL EXPENSES) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 29th April, 1931, Circ. S. 41/31, enclosing copy of the Public Health (Special Expenses) Act, 1931, which conferred upon Councils and Boards of Health extended powers for the financing of schemes for the provision or improvement of sewers or water supplies provided (a) that so much of the capital cost as is defrayed by the Board of Health is defrayed out of borrowed monies, and (b) that the expenses of the re-payment of such monies are raisable as special expenses under the Public Health Acts off an Area less than a County Health District.

The matter was referred to the Board of Health.

424/31.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 13th May, 1931, RGM/201/31, notifying the allocation of a grant of £17,027 in respect of the Main Road Upkeep Grant for the year 1931/32.

425/31.

MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 6th May, 1931, SGH/7, stating that the Minister could not consent to any departure from the allocation of the Main Road Improvement Grant as already notified.

426/31.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Gas and Weights and Measures Section, dated 6th May, 1931, 28204, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter furnishing the approval of the Council to the acceptance of the tender of De Grave, Short & Co. for the supply of certain Weights and Measures apparatus.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle stated that there were a considerable number of complaints in his area regarding the excessive charges for the verification of Weights and Measures.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor Loughrey seconded, and it was unanimously resolved to refer the matter to the County Councils' General Council, with a suggestion that all fees received should be paid to the Councils of the Counties concerned.

427/31. PANEL OF CANDIDATES ELIGIBLE FOR APPOINTMENT AS COUNTY SURVEYORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st May, 1931, RS/204, drawing attention to an advertisement in connection with the formation of a panel of candidates eligible for appointment as County Surveyors.

428/31. GENERAL CATTLE DISEASES FUND.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th April, 1931, Circ. G. 40/31, notifying the assessment on the Council of £337 : 6 : 4 under the General Cattle Diseases Fund.

429/31. MAIN ROAD IMPROVEMENT GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 28th April, 1931, approving of the scheme of Road Improvement for the Northern Division under the Main Road Improvement Grant as submitted.

430/31. BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER, 1926.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 23rd April, 1931, L.1635/31 asking to have reports furnished in respect of certain outstanding cases in the Milford, Ballyshannon, and Letterkenny Areas under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926. Despite previous applications no copies of reports, certificates, or notices under the Order have been sent to the Department as required. Furthermore, administrative work in connection with the Order is rendered considerably more difficult by reason of delay in furnishing the necessary reports, etc. In the circumstances the Department felt bound to draw the attention of the Council to the matter and to request that steps might be taken to secure the due observance of the Veterinary Inspection duties arising under the Bovine Tuberculosis Order.

431/31. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF AUTHORISED COMMITTEES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2nd May, 1931, G. Circ. 42/31, asking for certain particulars in connection with Travelling Expenses paid to the members of the Council and Authorised Committees.

432/31. SCHEME UNDER THE HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th May, 1931, H.35621/31, Dun na nGall, stating that the Minister would raise no objection to the transfer of the unexpended portion of the loan obtained by the Council for the purpose of their scheme of Local Assistance under the Housing (Building Facilities) Act, 1924, to the scheme of Local Assistance under the Housing Act, 1929.

433/31. STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated the 13th May, 1931, Circ. 56/1931, Ilgh. (S. & R.) enclosing, for completion, a form for statistical particulars.

434/31. SCHOOL ATTENDANCE ACT, 1926.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, stating that an application would be made at Milford District Court on the 9th June, 1931, for the committal to Industrial Schools of Michael, Mary, and Susan McGinley under the provisions of the School Attendance Act, 1926.

435/31.

KILLYBEGS DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st April, 1931, F.29344/31. Dun na nGall. Pd. acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter, with enclosures, concerning the Killybegs Drainage Scheme.

Mr. William J. Doherty, Architect, contradicted allegations made by Councillor Brady at the previous meeting of the Council regarding his fees in connection with the Killybegs Water Scheme. He stated that he had examined three possible schemes, and all the wells in the locality, and had made certain gaugings and took a survey. The time occupied by him extended to two days, and he made two visits. He made out a report on a scheme that would cost £6,000. His fees for the whole work were about £11.

Councillor Brady said he had no intention of injuring Mr. Doherty professionally. The rate last year included 5d. in the £ for Mr. Doherty's work, which worked out, not at £11, but at £29.

Councillor Nyhan stated that the Board of Health should give an explanation of the difference.

436/31.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "With regard to Rathmullan Pier I would like to know what has been arrived at regarding the damage done to the Pier by the S.D.

"Margaret Hide," as this matter has now been hanging for a long time. As the fishing season is now approaching, and some minor repairs are required, I would suggest that a sum of £50 be placed in my hands."

The Council unanimously decided to grant Mr. Steadman the required £50, and to inquire from the Council's Solicitor the present position in the case against the owners of the S.D. "Margaret Hide."

437/31. BUILDINGS ERECTED NEAR NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM WITHIN THE LEGAL LIMIT.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "There are two buildings erected within the legal limit at Newtowncunningham near Newtown Bridge, and in front of one two Petrol Pumps. As the position is at a bend in the road there is a risk of an accident while motors are taking in petrol from the Pumps. I would recommend that the parties arrange to improve the bend at this place to make it more safe for the public and to give an undertaking to remove these buildings when called upon by the Council to do so.

The names of the parties are:- Messrs. E. Crockett & Co., James Street, Derry, and Woods, Moyle Garage, Newtowncunningham."

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the parties concerned on the lines suggested by the County Surveyor.

438/31.

PORTNABLAGH PIER.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that the Contractor had signed the Bond for the carrying out of the repairs to Portnablagh Pier.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Mahony seconded that the bond be executed on the Contractor's lodging the deposit required in the advertisement for this work.

439/31. ERECTION OF A STORE AT CARNDONAGH FOR KEEPING TOOLS, ETC.

Mr. Steadman applied for £30 for the purpose of erecting a store at Carndonagh for keeping tools, and other articles connected with County work.

Councillor Mahony inquired if storage was not available in the Workhouse premises.

The County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter before the next meeting.

440/31. APPLICATIONS BY MR. STEADMAN FOR AMOUNTS FOR CERTAIN SPECIFIED PURPOSES.

Mr. Steadman applied for the following amounts:-

- (a) For obtaining Ordnance Sheets as required in connection with County Work..... £5. 0. 0.
- (b) Allocating to Inishowen District from Contingencies... £130. 0. 0.
- (c) Allocating to Derry No. 2 District from Contingencies... £150. 0. 0.

The applications were unanimously granted.

441/31. DEFECTIVE WALL AT LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

Mr. Steadman submitted the following report:-

"There is a wall at Letterkenny Courthouse which is the boundary between the Courthouse Yard and the former Civic Guard Barracks, which would require to be taken down and re-built.

I brought this matter up before but did not deal with it as the wall was not so much out of the plumb. Latterly, however, there has been further movement, and I wish now to deal with the matter."

Mr. Steadman also applied for £40 to deal with the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher the amount required was unanimously placed at the County Surveyor's disposal.

442/31. HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

A motion by Councillor Hamilton asking the Council to apply for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, prohibiting, subject to such exceptions or conditions as to occasional user or otherwise as may be specified in the Order, the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles exceeding 2½ tons and 4 tons in weight laden on certain roads in the County unsuitable for such traffic was referred to the Heavy Lorry Traffic Committee for consideration.

It was unanimously decided to appoint Councillor Mahony on this Committee in place of the late Councillor Philip Doherty, and to appoint Councillor Loughrey to represent the Milford Area.

It was also decided that this Committee would meet on Thursday, the 11th June, after the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee.

443/31. BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Councillor Blaney proposed, Councillor MacCreadie seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council approves of the proposals contained in the petition for the drainage of the Ballysallagh Burn, and that they determine to carry them out under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928."

It was also decided to appoint Mr. Charles McLaughlin, C.E., Letterkenny, to take charge of the scheme at a remuneration of 5%, and to have the works carried out by contract.

444/31. TENDER FORMS FOR ROAD MAINTENANCE.

Councillor Hamilton proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That either a slip be printed or a note printed in large type on Tender Forms saying that sureties other than land or householders will not be accepted on the Bonds."

445/31. DANGEROUS CORNERS AT BARNES AND LOUGH ESKE.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton inquiring when the work provided for and sanctioned by both the County Council and the Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the improvement of the dangerous corner at Barnes Bridge was going to begin; also inquiring what steps, if any, were being taken about the level crossing at Lough Eske.

The matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

446/31. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY COMPANY'S OMNIBUS
TRAFFIC IN NORTH-WEST AND WEST DONEGAL.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, South Donegal, submitted the following report:-

"The Lough Swilly Railway Company have recently put on a new bus service on the road from Crolly Bridge to Dungloe. A length of this road passes through a bog, and is, therefore, unable to support the weight of a vehicle approximately seven tons. The result has been that after a few days' running a part of the road was so cut up that no vehicular traffic of any kind could use the road. To make the road passable a hundred tons of stone had to be quarried, and the holes made by the buses filled up. I made application to the Roads Department for a grant of £1000 to strengthen the weaker parts of this road.

When the buses could no longer travel on the road which they destroyed they took another route, via Annagry and Kincasslagh to Dungloe. They have now been operating on this route for some weeks and have succeeded in rendering portions of this road also impassable for traffic. The road from Kincasslagh Station to Dungloe is a third-class County Road. It was in fair order and quite suitable for the traffic of the neighbourhood before the advent of the buses. This road also passes through bog and now presents the appearance of a recently-ploughed field.

There is no other route for the buses to ply on, and I have heard that they contemplate returning to the original route after the damage has been repaired. I have been in communication with the Roads Department on this matter, and as far as I can learn the Railway Company have got no permission to establish a bus route in the neighbourhood. If this is so the Company are acting illegally, and are, therefore, liable for the damage the roads have suffered.

As the County Council have no power to prevent this class of traffic on their roads an appeal should be made to the Government to suspend this bus service at once, and the Roads Department should be asked for sufficient money to enable these roads to be built up so as to become suitable for such traffic."

Mr. Caffrey stated that since he prepared the foregoing report he had again communicated with the Roads Department, and had that morning received a reply intimating that in July, 1930, the Minister for Industry and Commerce had approved of the route Gortahork-Burtonport, via Gweedore and Dungloe, as one upon which the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company could run 20 seater buses, and 32 seater buses on special occasions, such as fairs, etc.

The letter added that it was understood that the Company were about to operate some of their services by means of petrol-driven vehicles on the railway tracks.

After considerable discussion it was unanimously agreed, on the motion of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor Nyhan, to adjourn the matter for one month, and to ask the Council's Solicitor to obtain Counsel's opinion on the legal position.

The following motion by Councillor McBride:- "That the sum of at least £400 be put immediately in the County Surveyor's hands to maintain the road from Gortahork to Crolly Bridge which is at present being badly cut up by bus traffic, and will shortly be impassable, and will eventually cost the County ten times this amount to repair" - and motions by Councillor Deegan asking for a grant from the Government and complaining of the manner in which the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company had failed to carry out their Agreement with the Board of Trade were also adjourned.

The Council also decided to ask the Railway Company, without prejudice to any action which they might afterwards take, to transfer to this route light buses, not larger than 14 seaters; and to wire the Ministry to send down an Engineer to see the present condition of the roads.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, North Donegal, stated that the remarks of Mr. Caffrey regarding that portion of the road west of Crolly Bridge also applied to that part of the road from Crolly Bridge to Gortahork in his area.

447/31. BARONIAL REPRESENTATIVES ON DIRECTORATE OF LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

On the motion of Councillor Nyhan seconded by Councillor Gallen it was unanimously decided to appoint Councillor Kenny J. Brennan as Baronial Representative on the Directorate of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway in place of Mr. James F. O'Donnell, who had resigned from the Council.

Councillor Scott stated that in the past Baronial Representatives were not summoned to the Meetings of the Directorate.

The Secretary was instructed to write to the Company informing them that Councillors Patrick Quigley and Kenny J. Brennan were their nominees, and inquiring why they had been ignored in the past.

448/31. BREAKING OF STONES ON ROAD FROM MILFORD TO KILMACRENAN.

Councillor Baxter proposed, Councillor MacCreddie seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the County Surveyor for the Northern Division of the County be instructed to see that no stones for breaking and no broken stones be deposited on the road leading from Milford to Kilmacrenan between the Main Street at Milford and the Presbyterian Church."

449/31. MALIN HEAD PIER.

Councillor Patrick O'Doherty proposed, Councillor Cole seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the County Council place £15 in the hands of the County Surveyor for repairs to Malin Head Pier."

450/31. LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A report was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Architect, setting out at length the repairs and improvements required to Lifford Courthouse.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Hamilton seconded that the matter be referred back to the Sub-Committee for consideration of the necessary repairs and improvements, and the obtaining of an estimate of the cost of these works.

451/31. PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1931, in which it was stated that the expenditure on the Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme worked out at £1490 : 19 : 5. The Council's liability was £432 : 7 : 8. They wished to draw on the Council's contribution and they suggested that a loan of £430 be borrowed out of the Local Loans Fund. The balance could be paid in cash when the final figures are known.

Councillor Blaney stated that the persons responsible for the payment of this drainage scheme were not satisfied with the manner in which the work was being carried out.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to ask Mr. Charles McLaughlin, C.E., Letterkenny, to furnish a report on the work, and to adjourn consideration of the payment of the Council's contribution in the meantime.

452/31. MR. RICHARD MARNER, V.S. - TEMPORARILY ABSENT FROM DUTY.

A letter was read from Mr. Richard Marnar, V.S., in which he stated that he was going into hospital for an operation which would entail his absence from duty for two or three weeks. He had arranged with Mr. McGeady, V.S., for the performance of his duties in the meantime.

The Council unanimously approved of the arrangement.

453/31.

USE OF LOCAL RESOURCES IN COUNTY WORKS.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-
 "In carrying out work on behalf of the Council I take it that the desire of the Council is that I should act on the principle I have always practised heretofore, namely, that the work should be done in a satisfactory manner and in the most economical way - preference being given to local materials as far as possible consistent therewith.

Donegal being so large a County, freights are an important consideration, and if it were made imperative that in all cases nothing but materials available in the County had to be used it would result in some jobs costing five or six times what the same job could be satisfactorily done for."

Councillor Manus O'Boyle called attention to the resolution in the Council's books re use of local resources in public works which, he stated, should be complied with.

454/31.

BUDGET SPEECH OF THE MINISTER FOR FINANCE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th May, 1931, Circ. G. 45/31, Misc. drawing the attention of the Council to the announcement of the Minister for Finance in his Budget speech intimating that the Government had decided to provide additional funds for the relief of agricultural ratepayers in connection with the rate for the current year. The issue to the Rate Collectors of their books and warrants should be deferred.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Nyhan seconded that the Council protest against the Minister of Finance sneering at members of public bodies as "Windbags."

Councillor MacCreadie proposed and Councillor Quigley seconded that no action be taken.

On a show of hands Councillor Baxter's motion was carried by a large majority.

455/31.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL RELIEF.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th May, 1931, G.48/31, intimating that £36,748 had been allowed to County Donegal in respect of additional relief of rates on agricultural land, and setting out the procedure under which this relief was to be allowed to ratepayers.

The Secretary stated that the Additional Relief in this County would amount to 38.7375 pence in the £.

456/31.

EXTRA WORK IN APPLOTTING ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

On the motion of Councillor McPhelimy seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to allow the temporary clerks employed at applotting the additional agricultural grant 6s/6d per 100 Ratings, and 8/- per 100 Demand Notes, together with £20 for checking; the total amount to be placed in the Secretary's hands.

457/31.

BOARDROOM, WORKHOUSE, DONEGAL; AND COUNTY HOUSE CHAIRS.
USE GRANTED TO CUMANN NA NGAEDHEAL ORGANISER.

A letter was read from Mr. M. Stephenson, Organiser, Cumann na nGaedheal, Lifford, in which he asked for the use of the Boardroom, Workhouse, Donegal, on Monday, the 1st June at 8 o'clock for the purpose of holding a meeting.

A further letter was read from Mr. Stephenson in which he asked for the loan of two dozen chairs out of the County House.

Both applications were granted unanimously.

458/31. ROAD NOS. 1034, 979, L. 130.

An application from Mr. Caffrey for £88 to repair Road Nos. 1034, 979, L.130, was granted unanimously.

459/31. REPORT OF THE DE-RATING COMMISSION.

A letter was read from the County Councils' General Council in which they asked the Council to take the earliest opportunity of considering the report of the De-Rating Commission and the proposals of the Government for the relief of the agricultural industry.

On the suggestion of Councillor Gallen the Secretary was instructed to obtain a copy of the report for each member of the Council, and two copies of the Minutes of Evidence.

After some time Councillor Scott proposed that the Standing Orders be suspended to re-open the matter.

On a show of hands the motion was defeated.

460/31. APPLICATIONS FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL PUMPS.

Applications for permission to erect Petrol Pumps from Mr. William Travers, Commercial Hotel, Donegal, and Mr. Dan Gallagher, Laghey, were granted on the usual conditions.

461/31. CONDITION OF ROAD FROM HILLHEAD TO NO. 2 BARMOOR ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Barr, Trillick, Buncrana, complaining of the condition of the road from the Hillhead, Trillick, to No. 2 Barmoor Road passing his house at Trillick.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

462/31. FLOODING ON LANDS OF MRS. ELIZABETH MORRISON, RATHMULLAN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Rathmullan, calling attention to the road in the townland of Kintail, Glencross. The small bridge on this road was stopped up and as a result her fields and crops were flooded.

A letter was also read from Messrs. Wray & Co., Solicitors, Ramelton, advertizing to the Secretary's letter of the 29th April last to Mrs. Elizabeth Morrison, Rathmullan, and inquiring if any report had yet been submitted from the County Surveyor in the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

463/31. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROAD AT SHROVE.

A letter was read from Mr. James McLaughlin, Shrove, in which he complained that he had not been paid for a number of days for which he worked on the road at Shrove.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

464/31. ERECTION OF SHED ON ROAD NEAR NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Duffy, Castleforward, Newtowncunningham, in which he undertook to remove his shed at any time he was called upon to do so.

The undertaking was noted.

465/31. DANGEROUS CORNER AT CARNABEEN HOUSE, NEAR KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. B. J. McNelis, N.T., Carnabeen House, Killybegs, in which he called attention to the dangerous turn at Carnabeen. Since his last letter there had been two further accidents there, one of which was fatal.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

466/31. PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME AND ROAD WORKS SCHEME.

The Secretary suggested that in future the Provisional Road Works Scheme and the Road Works Scheme be typed in the Office, and copies prepared for the Councillors on the Duplicating Machine. The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

467/31. DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary submitted a list of persons who had not yet paid their Housing Annuities, which were due since the 1st March last. It was unanimously decided to give them ten days to pay. Councillor Gallen inquired the total amount of grants allocated to the County under the Housing Acts.

The Secretary was instructed to obtain this information for the next meeting.

468/31. TOLLS ON EMPTY FISH BARRELS.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Teelin, inquiring what rate he should charge under the Schedule of Tolls on empty fish barrels.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Harbour Master that these articles should be charged at the tonnage rate for heavy goods.

469/31. PURCHASE OF A ROW-BOAT FOR MORASS FERRY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th May, 1931, inquiring under what statutory authority the County Council proposed certain expenditure in connection with the purchase of a row-boat for Morass Ferry.

Councillor Baxter stated that in the past the Landlord had contributed to the cost of this service.

It was decided to write to the Irish Land Commission asking them to continue the facilities previously given.

470/31. COMPLAINT REGARDING MR. P. A. MCGEADY, V.S.

A letter was read from Mr. John McLaughlin, Ballyheerin, in which he complained that he reported a cow to Mr. McGeady as being tubercular in May, 1930. Mr. McGeady examined the cow but found nothing wrong. He again reported the cow in September, 1930, but he did not attend. He notified him again on the 23rd April, 1931, but he had not attended up to the date of writing.

A further letter was read from Mr. McLaughlin dated 16th May, 1931, in which he stated that Mr. McGeady had attended on the 15th when he made a further examination of the cow.

A report was also submitted from Mr. McGeady in the matter. The Council decided to take no action.

471/31. COMPLAINT RE NON-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON SHROVE ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Canning, Carrowhugh, Greencastle, in which he applied for balance of pay due to him for work done on Shrove Roads.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

472/31. ERECTION OF WATER TANK AT DOWNINGS.

A certificate was submitted from the Architect for £400 in favour of Hugh Gallagher, Carrigart, in respect of Downings Water Tank. Payment of the amount was ordered.

473/31. ALLEGED UNDER-PAYMENT FOR STONES SUPPLIED TO COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in which he stated that he had advised Mr. Henry Galbraith to accept Paying Order for £4 : 10 : 0 without prejudice, and that he had no alternative but to institute proceedings at the District Court in June for the Balance.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor.

Councillor Scott suggested that in future cases where the amounts were disputed the payments should be without prejudice.

474/31. VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Thomas A. McClintock, M.R.C.V.S., Letterkenny, in which he stated that he was prepared to reside in Dungloe provided he could secure a suitable residence for himself, wife, and family.

Councillor Brennan stated that there were suitable houses in Dungloe available.

On the motion of Councillor Brennan seconded by Councillor James Boyle it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. McClintock to the position of Veterinary Inspector for the Glenties Area as from the date on which he takes up residence in Dungloe; Mr. Patrick McGlinchey to continue acting in the meantime.

475/31. MEENAHALLA ROAD, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Mr. C. Ward, Meenanall, Glenties, in which he inquired the result of the application made for the repair of the road known as the Meenahalla Road, which had been referred to the County Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated that he had dealt with the matter.

476/31. GORTFAD BRIDGE, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Gortfad, Clonmany, in which they called attention to the condition of Gortfad Bridge.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

477/31. COPING-STONE AT EDENMORE GATE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh C. Cochrane, Under-Sheriff, Lifford, in which he stated that a coping-stone was removed by one of the Council's employees from one of the stone pillars at Edenmore Gate.

A report was also read from Mr. F. Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, in the matter.

The Secretary was instructed to send Mr. Cochrane a copy of the report.

478/31. IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association asking the Council to nominate a representative on the Tourist Association for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie seconded by Councillor Mahony, Councillor Francis Gallagher was appointed as the Council's representative.

479/31. CLAIM FOR WORK DONE AT ROAD MEETING IN CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mrs. Nora Reid, Carndonagh, in which she enclosed claim for four days' work at the Road Meeting in Carndonagh.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

480/31. DANGEROUS CORNER AT MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th May, 1931, in which it was stated that it was not usual to raise loans for minor works such as the removal of the dangerous corner at the Market House, Carndonagh. They inquired if the amount could be defrayed out of revenue, and an appropriate sum should be set aside each year in future for works of this nature.

Councillor Cole proposed and Councillor Douglas seconded that the Local Government Department be asked to re-consider the matter.

Councillor Nyhan proposed as an amendment that the matter was out of order and that it should not be considered.

The following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Gallen, McCrea, Nyhan, and Scott. Total 5.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Quigley, Cole, Doogan, Douglas, Kavanagh, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and McBride. Total 8.

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated and Councillor Cole's motion carried.

481/31. CHAPEL PIER, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Gallagher (Mick), Cloughcorr, Arranmore, in which he reported that there were three holes in the Pier which were dangerous.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

482/31. TOURIST GUIDE TO THE COUNTY.

A letter was read from Messrs. E. J. Burrow & Co., asking permission to produce the official guide to the County for a further two years.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to allow Messrs. Burrow & Co. to produce an Approved Guide, the Official Guide being already published by the Irish Tourist Association.

483/31. QUARRY AT PRABBIN, NEAR RAMELTON.

A letter was read from Messrs. Wray & Co., Solicitors, Ramelton, in connection with a quarry on the lands of John Doherty at Prabbin near Ramelton. Some years ago he was awarded a small sum as compensation for the disturbance caused by the quarrying of road material on his lands. The quarrying had since been continued and many thousands of tons of material had been raised, and although he had made repeated applications for royalties and compensation he had never received any reply.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "With regard to Messrs. Wray & Company's complaint, the stone quarried at Prabbin Quarry was by men with whom I had contracts for the supply of stone. Mr. Dawson did, however, get 240 tons of stone direct from this quarry, and, of course, John Doherty will be paid for this at the rate being paid for stone in other quarries, namely, 2d. per ton."

The Secretary was instructed to send a copy of the report to Messrs. Wray & Co.

484/31. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application from Messrs. R. B. Neville, Pettigo, for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was unanimously granted on the usual conditions.

485/31.

FOOTPATHS IN PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Mr. John Flood, Pettigo, in which he complained of the condition of the footpaths in Pettigo.
The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

486/31.

ROAD NO. 540a, INISHOWEN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty (More), Conglash, Buncrana, enclosing a petition for the repair of Road No. 540a, Inishowen Area.

The County Surveyor stated that this road was not a County Road.

487/31.

RESOLUTION FROM THE GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL.

The following resolution which was passed by the Galway County Council was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Manus O'Boyle:-

"That we, the members of the Galway County Council, unanimously join Comhairle Iarthair Midhe in protesting against the imprisonment of Liam Caomhánach by the usurping Government of Northern Ireland and its henchmen. We further protest against the savage sentences of six months inflicted on Padraig Sweeney and twelve months on Tomas MagRaith, the charges against these Republicans were that they were in possession of Republican literature and a further charge against Padraig Sweeney with uttering Republican sentiments at the Easter Commemoration in Newry."

488/31.

MR. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles L. Callaghan requesting the Council to give effect to the resolution fixing his annual increment from the date of his appointment.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor McBride seconded that the application be granted.

Councillor Douglas proposed and Councillor Cole seconded that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried and the application adjourned.

489/31.

BALL HILL COASTGUARD STATION.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 19th May, 1931, 20753/30, enclosing copy of an advertisement which appeared in the Press re Ball Hill Coastguard Station, and stating that if the Council was interested in acquiring the premises for housing purposes they would be happy to supply further particulars.

490/31.

RESOLUTION RE LICENSING OF FILMS FROM THE LIMERICK COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Quigley a resolution from the Limerick County Borough Council, having been amended to read as follows, was then adopted unanimously:-

"That believing a considerable portion of the Cinema pictures licensed for general public exhibition in An Saorstát are of such a character as to be definitely unsuitable and harmful from the moral and educational standpoint, and the Censorship being unable under existing laws to remedy this grave evil, WE call upon the representatives of all parties in Dail Eireann to take prompt measures by the passing of the necessary new or amending legislation to ensure that all Cinematograph pictures dealing with matters that are of a sensual or criminal nature shall not be publicly exhibited, and to establish a special or supplementary censorship for the licensing of these films."

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*Confirmed**M. J. J. J.**Chairman, 30th June, 1931.*

THE ANNUAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD
ON TUESDAY, THE 30TH DAY OF JUNE, 1931.

491/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doherty, Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McGree, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty, Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

492/31.

A P O L O G Y.

A letter was read from Councillor Baxter apologising for his inability to be present.

493/31.

ELECTION OF CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony, having been moved to the Chair temporarily pending the election of Chairman, proposed that Councillor Michael Og McFadden be re-elected to the position.

Councillor Francis Gallagher seconded, and there being no amendment, the Acting Chairman declared Councillor McFadden unanimously re-elected.

Councillor McFadden returned thanks.

494/31.

ELECTION OF VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Doherty seconded that Councillor Patrick Quigley be re-elected Vice-Chairman. There being no amendment, Councillor Quigley was declared unanimously re-elected.

495/31.

ELECTION OF DEPUTY VICE-CHAIRMAN.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Bernard Gallagher seconded that Councillor Nyhan be re-elected Deputy Vice-Chairman. There being no amendment, Councillor Nyhan was unanimously re-elected, and he returned thanks.

496/31.

CONFIRMATION OF MINUTES.

The Minutes of the Council's last Meeting held on the 26th May, 1931, were unanimously confirmed.

497/31.

REGULATION OF NUMBER OF MEMBERS ON EACH STANDING COMMITTEE OF THE COUNCIL.

The Council decided to continue the same number of members on each of the Standing Committees for the current, on the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott.

498/31.

RE-ELECTION OF COMMITTEES CONSISTING OF ALL THE MEMBERS OF THE COUNCIL.

The following Committees, consisting of all the members of the Council, were unanimously re-elected:-

- Finance Committee.
- Roads Committee.
- Diseases of Animals Committee.
- Co. Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee.

499/31.

DONEGAL OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Council, acting as the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee, appointed Councillor Thomas McShane, Dunkineely, to fill the seat on the Donegal Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee formerly occupied by Mr. Campbell.

500/31.

DERRY NO. 1 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The Council, acting as the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee, appointed Rev. M. Smith, P.P., Iskaheen, to fill the seat on the Derry No. 1 Pensions Sub-Committee formerly occupied by Father Kelly.

501/31.

ELECTION OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The Tenders Committees for each ~~former~~ County Electoral Area were unanimously re-elected.

502/31.

ELECTION OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 9th June, 1931, G.1475/31, stating that the Council should, at their Annual Meeting, appoint a Committee of Agriculture in accordance with the provisions of the Agriculture Act, 1931.

The Council decided to appoint twenty members, consisting of four from each County Electoral Area.

The members for each Area conferred together, and the following appointments were made:-

BUNCRANA COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Patrick O'Doherty, Esq., Co.C., Umgall, Malin.
Patrick Kavanagh, Esq., Co.C., Sladran, Buncrana.
James P. McIvor, Esq., Co.C., Carrowkeel, Quigley's Point.
Captain John Scott, Co.C., Crislaghmore, Burnfoot.

DONEGAL COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Captain John S. Hamilton, Co.C., Brownhall, Ballintra.
Thomas McShane, Esq., Co.C., Dunkineely.
Joseph Walls, Esq., Co.C., Ballintra.
Brian M. Brady, Esq., Co.C., Killybegs.

LETTERKENNY COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

James Clarke, Esq., Co.C., D.L., Port Hall, Ballindrait.
Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
Andrew Lowry, Esq., Argerly, Ballindrait.
Eugene Mahony, Esq., Co.C., Letterkenny.

GLENTIES COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

James F. O'Donnell, Esq., Burtonport.
Patrick McGeehan, Esq., Drumnaha, Fintown.
Bernard Gallagher, Esq., Co.C., Kilclooney, Narin, Glenties.
Michael Doogan, Esq., Co.C., Maenderrygamph, Gweedore.

MILFORD COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA.

Patrick Loughrey, Esq., Co.C., Kerrykeel.
Patrick Doherty, Esq., Co.C., Dunmore, Carrigart.
Neal Blaney, Esq., Co.C., T.D., Rosnakill.
William Borland, Esq., Cloughfin, Rosnakill.

503/31.

ELECTION OF SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE.

The following were appointed as members of the Scholarships Committee:-

Very Rev. D. Canon McGrath, P.P., Bundoran.
 Rev. P. Kerr, B.A., B.D., President, St. Eunan's College, Letterkenny.
 Very Rev. N. Farron, D.D., President, St. Columb's College, Derry.
 Very Rev. J. Maguire, P.P., V.F., Clonmany.
 Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar.
 Very Rev. H. Canon Gallagher, P.P., Tamney.
 Rev. Michael McGeown, P.P., Carndonagh.
 Rev. Michael Sheerin, P.P., Merville.
 Rev. Daniel Reid, C.C., Carndonagh.
 Rev. M. O'Mullin, P.P., Fahan.
 Rev. J. R. Sides, Newtowncunningham.
 F. T. Byron, Esq., M.A., Headmaster, Prior School, Lifford.
 T. A. Armstrong, Esq., M.A., Headmaster, Royal School, Raphoe.
 John McGlinchey, Esq., N.T., Manorcunningham.
 Charles Sweeney, Esq., N.T., Merville.
 Rev. Philip Boyle, C.C., Kincasslagh.
 James Clarke, Esq., Co.C., D.L., Port Hall, Ballindrait.
 Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Manus A. MacCreadie, Esq., Co.C., Milford.
 Thomas McShane, Esq., Co.C., Dunkineely.
 Captain William H. Wagentreiber, Co.C., Lifford.
 Denis Nyhan, Esq., Co.C., West Port, Ballyshannon.

504/31.

ELECTION OF COUNTY LIBRARY COMMITTEE.

The Secretary submitted a list of the members of the Library Committee, with their attendances since July, 1928, and the Council decided to re-elect the following as members of the Library Committee:-

Miss I. B. Brennan, Ballyduff Terrace, Lifford.
 W. G. Gallagher, Esq., Grianan, Castlefin.
 Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Venerable Archdeacon W. H. Holmes, M.A., LL.D., Lifford.
 Dr. S. P. Kerrigan, Lifford.
 Rev. W. Logan, Ballyshannon.
 Andrew Lowry, Esq., Argery, Ballindrait.
 Very Rev. J. Canon McCafferty, P.P., Stranorlar.
 Henry McDevitt, Esq., Cloughfinn, Castlefin.
 Rev. M. McMenamin, C.C., Murlog.
 Sean Ben McMenamin, Esq., McDevitt Institute, Glenties.
 Rev. P. B. McMullin, C.C., Ballyshannon.
 F. T. Byron, Esq., M.A., Prior School, Lifford.
 Captain William H. Wagentreiber, Co.C., Lifford.
 Mrs. D. Wilson, Dromeny, Raphoe.

505/31.

ELECTION OF PIERS COMMITTEE.

The Piers Committee, consisting of the following, was re-appointed:-

Major J. S. Myles, Co.C., T.D., Ballyshannon.
 Francis Gallagher, Esq., Co.C., LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal.
 Michael Og McFadden, Esq., Co.C., T.D., Kilear.
 Samuel A. Baxter, Esq., Co.C., Milford.

506/31.

ELECTION OF LAW COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Sweeney, the following were appointed as members of the Law Committee:-

Manus A. MacCreadie, Esq., Co.C., Milford.
 Captain John S. Hamilton, Co.C., Brownhall, Ballintra.
 Captain John Scott, Co.C., Crislaghmore, Burnfoot.
 Eugene Mahony, Esq., Co.C., Letterkenny.
 Bernard Gallagher, Esq., Co.C., Kilclooney, Narin, Glenties.
 Denis Nyhan, Esq., Co.C., West Port, Ballyshannon.
 Manus O'Boyle, Esq., Co.C., Mountcharles.
 Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.

507/31.

ELECTION OF HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC COMMITTEE.

The following were appointed as members of the above Committee:-

Captain John Scott, Co.C., Crislaghmore, Burnfoot.
 Denis Nyhan, Esq., Co.C., West Port, Ballyshannon.
 Captain John S. Hamilton, Co.C., Brownhall, Ballintra.
 Eugene Mahony, Esq., Co.C., Letterkenny.
 Patrick J. Cole, Esq., Co.C., Bridge Street, Carndonagh.
 James Boyle, Esq., Co.C., Falcarragh.
 Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Brian M. Brady, Esq., Co.C., Killybegs.
 Patrick Loughrey, Esq., Co.C., Kerrykeel.
 Captain William H. Wagentreiber, Co.C., Lifford.

508/31.

ELECTION OF ROADS SUB-COMMITTEE.

The following were appointed as members of the Special Roads Sub-Committee:-

Captain John S. Hamilton, Co.C., Brownhall, Ballintra.
 Captain John Scott, Co.C., Crislaghmore, Burnfoot.
 Patrick Quigley, Esq., Co.C., Carrickabraghey, Clonmany.
 Denis Nyhan, Esq., Co.C., West Port, Ballyshannon.
 Manus O'Boyle, Esq., Co.C., Mountcharles.
 Neal Sweeney, Esq., Co.C., Ardara.
 James Boyle, Esq., Co.C., Falcarragh.
 Edward Gallen, Esq., Co.C., Broomfield, Castlefin.
 Eugene Mahony, Esq., Co.C., Letterkenny.
 Samuel A. Baxter, Esq., Co.C., Milford.
 Manus A. MacCreadie, Esq., Co.C., Milford.
 Patrick J. Cole, Esq., Co.C., Bridge Street, Carndonagh.
 Thomas McShane, Esq., Co.C., Dunkineely.

509/31.

REPORT OF FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Nyhan the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 26th May, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

510/31.

REPORT OF SHEEP DIPPING COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Callaghan seconded by Councillor Gallen the report of the Sheep Dipping Committee Meeting held on the 26th May, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

511/31. REPORT OF NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor James Boyle the report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held on the 29th May, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

On the suggestion of Councillor Manus O'Boyle the Secretary was instructed to call the attention of the Board of Works to the condition of the Chancel in Donegal Abbey.

512/31. REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 11th June, 1931, be adopted.

Councillor Cole proposed as an amendment and Councillor Douglas seconded that Minute No. 191/31 re bonus to Rate Collectors be adjourned sine die.

After considerable discussion the following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Brady, Cole, Doherty, O'Boyle (Manus), Douglas, O'Doherty, Sweeney, and Walls. Total 8.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Boyle (James), Brennan, Callaghan, Doogan, Gallagher (F.), Gallen, Hamilton, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauloy, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 22.

The amendment was declared lost.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed as a further amendment and Councillor Sweeney seconded that the Collectors be allowed two-thirds of the bonus recommended by the Sub-Finance Committee.

The following voted for Councillor's Gallagher's amendment:- Councillors Brady, Gallagher (Bernard), and Sweeney. Total 3.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Boyle (James), Brennan, Callaghan, Doogan, Gallagher (F.), Gallen, Hamilton, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauloy, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walls. Total 23.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and the motion was then put to the meeting and carried by the same majority.

The Secretary stated that the Collectors wished to have an interpretation of the wording of the Minute of the Sub-Finance Committee. They inquired whether the actual amount for the three years on which the bonus would be based included additional penny poundage fees for good collection.

The Secretary was instructed to reply to the Collectors in the affirmative.

513/31. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 11TH JUNE, 1931.

The Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 11th June, 1931, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Quigley with the exception of Minute No. 32/31, which was referred back to the Committee on the suggestion of Councillor Gallen.

514/31. REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING HELD ON 16TH JUNE, 1931.

The Report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 16th June, 1931, was adopted on the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony.

515/31. REPORT OF HEAVY VEHICLE COMMITTEE MEETING HELD 11TH JUNE, 1931.

Councillor Scott proposed that the report of the Meeting of the Heavy Vehicle Committee held on the 11th June, 1931, be adopted.

Councillor Cole proposed as an amendment and Councillor Douglas seconded that the matter be adjourned sine die.

Councillors Loughroy and MacCreadie suggested certain amendments in the Schedule relating to roads in the Milford District.

After considerable discussion it was decided to suspend the Standing Orders, and to transfer Road No. 18, that from Carrigart via Rossapenna to Downings, from Part II of the Schedule to Part I; to exclude Road No. 19 from Part II, and to include instead in Part I the following roads:-

From Milford via Loughnafinn, Ranny Hill, Kerrykeel, Bridgetown, The Ross, Rosnakill; and also the road from Kerrykeel to Portsalon, via Ballynashannagh.

As a concession to persons who had recently purchased Heavy Vehicles in the County, it was agreed to instruct the Council's Solicitor to apply to have provision made in the Order sought enabling Heavy Vehicles licensed in the County on the 30th June, 1931, to continue using their present routes during their natural lifetime.

Councillor Cole then withdrew his amendment, and with these alterations the report of the meeting of the Committee was adopted unanimously.

It was also decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to employ Counsel to assist him in the matter, and to have another meeting of the Heavy Vehicle Committee when witnesses would be selected to give evidence.

516/31. CO-ORDINATION OF THE COUNTY ENGINEERING SERVICES.

The report of the Sub-Finance Committee at their meeting on the 21st May, 1931, (163/31 S.F.C.) regarding the co-ordination of the County Engineering Services came up for adoption.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th June, 1931, RS/7; stating that it was noted that the question of the co-ordination of the Engineering Services had been deferred until the next Council Meeting for consideration. It was not contemplated that the extra remuneration of the County Surveyors, in the event of the Council deciding to put the scheme into operation, would amount to more than £100 per annum to each of them.

Councillor MacCreadie proposed and Councillor Gallen seconded that in view of the Department's letter the matter be referred back to the Sub-Finance Committee.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Surveyors be allowed £75 each per annum for carrying out the minor duties under the co-ordination scheme.

On a show of hands it was decided to refer the matter back to the Sub-Committee.

517/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES BOYLE.

The report of the Sub-Finance Committee at their meeting on the 21st May, 1931, (164/31 S.F.C.) regarding the awarding of a superannuation allowance to Mr. James Boyle, late Solicitor to the Stranorlar Rural District Council, came up for adoption.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department dated 10th June, 1931, G.44960/31, Dun na nGall, transmitting Query Forms for completion relative to the superannuation of Mr. James Boyle.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the report of the Sub-Finance Committee was adopted.

518/31.

LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 26th June, 1931, asking for permission to lay an overground telegraphic line along the Milltown Road from junction Main Street to Convoys Mills, Convoys.

The application was granted on the condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal (except in so far as State-aided Schemes and Schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas were concerned) to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

519/31.

DEPOSIT BY CONTRACTORS IN PRINTING CONTRACTS.

The Secretary stated that according to a resolution of the Council all Contractors were required to make a deposit of 1% on the amount of their tender. This amount would be difficult to determine in the case of Printing Contractors, and he suggested that a flat rate of one guinea be required instead.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony the Secretary's suggestion was unanimously adopted.

520/31.

CONDITION OF ROAD FROM HILLHEAD TO NO. 2 BARMOOR ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Barr, Trillick, Buncrana, in which he stated that although at the meeting on the 26th May the letter regarding the condition of the Hillhead Road, Trillick, was referred to the County Surveyor, nothing had since been done, and the road was in a deplorable condition. In the event of the Council again ignoring his application he would pay no more rates, and he would bring the matter to the notice of the Local Government Department.

On the motion of Councillor Kavanagh seconded by Councillor Scott, the letter was marked "Read."

521/31.

EXAMINATION IN IRISH OF PERSONS APPOINTED UNDER THE LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GABLTACHT) ORDER OF 1928.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Caretaker of the Boatlips at Magheranillaun and Whiteport, of Cloughblee, Ardara, in which he stated that he had been asked by the Local Appointments Commissioners to attend for an Irish Examination at the No. 2 Garda Bhothchana Barracks, Letterkenny. He stated that the expense of going from his home at the extreme end of Loughros Point to Letterkenny would be £3, and his salary was only £4 per annum. He desired to have the matter brought before the Council.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Department, and to request them to have a centre at Ardara to meet the convenience of persons in the Southern part of the County.

522/31.

QUARRY AT CRONALAGHY, THE CROSS, KILLYGORDON.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick J. O'Callaghan, Cronalaghy, The Cross, Killygordon, in which he stated that a Quarry had been opened on his lands, and it was dangerous for his cattle, sheep, and horses. He wished the Council to fence it for him, and if this was not done he would close it up altogether.

The Assistant Surveyor stated that this work was not being carried out by him.

No action was taken in the matter.

523/31.

FLOODING OF THE BURNFOOT-INCH ROAD.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding the flooding of the Burnfoot-Inch Road, and stating that he had been in communication with Lord Brassey's Agent but he had not been able to get him to take the necessary steps to remedy the flooding or accept liability in the matter.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

524/31.

VERIFICATION OF WEIGHTS AND MEASURES AT MILFORD.

A letter was read from the Ex-Officio Inspector of Weights and Measures, Garda Siothchana Station, Milford, in which he stated that Milford Courthouse was now being used by a Commercial Instructor, and was, in consequence, not available for the verification of weights and measures. He could obtain a room in Mahon's Garage for 15/-, and he asked for approval to incur the expense.

The necessary approval was unanimously given.

525/31.

ERECTION OF CORRUGATED IRON ADDITION TO HOUSE IN CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from Miss Cassidy, Massinass Industrial School, Creeslough, in which she asked for permission to erect a temporary corrugated iron addition to a house situated in Creeslough, and to be allowed to put it out towards the Main Road for 3½ or 4 feet.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

526/31.

REFUND OF PORTION OF FINE IN FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION.

A letter was read from Garda Hartigan, Food and Drugs Inspector, Creeslough, in which he stated that in two cases heard at Letterkenny District Court on the 5th and 19th March last he claimed 17s/9d expenses, which included Analyst's Fee of 10s/6d. The District Justice made the order for expenses, but the District Court Clerk was not aware of this and he forwarded the amount to the Secretary of the County Council. The Garda now claimed a refund of 14s/6d, which was the amount of expenses due to him for both cases.

The Council decided to make the refund claimed.

527/31.

CARNDONAGH WATERWORKS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th June, 1931, P.H.50836/31/Pg. Dun na nGall. enclosing for the information of the Council copy of a letter addressed to the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance on the subject of Carndonagh Waterworks.

528/31.

MR. RICHARD MARNER, V.S.- TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM DUTY.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 15th June, 1931, L.228/31, stating that the Department had no objection to the temporary employment of Mr. P. A. McGeady, as substitute Local Authority Veterinary Inspector in the Buncrana District during the absence of Mr. R. Marner.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th June, 1931, P.H.47795/31, Dun na nGall. (S.A.) stating that the Minister had approved of the temporary employment of Mr. P. A. McGeady as substitute Veterinary Inspector for Mr. R. Marner during the latter's absence through illness.

A letter was also read from Mr. R. Marner reporting that he had now recovered from his recent illness and that he had resumed work since the 6th June.

29/31. DANGEROUS CORNER AT MARKET HOUSE, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th June, 1931, S. Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that the cost of work of removal of a dangerous corner at the Market House, Carndonagh, was small, the amount should be met out of revenue so as to avoid the expense of preparing a Mortgage Deed. An appropriate sum should be set aside each year for works of this nature.

Councillor Cole proposed and it was unanimously decided that the County Surveyor be instructed to include this item in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the ensuing year.

30/31. RETURN OF REVENUE AND HARBOUR EXPENSES.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated 12th June, 1931, T.55669, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter enclosing return of revenue and harbour expenses for the various Harbours in the County for the year ended 31st March, 1931.

31/31. NOTICE OF RATES HAVING BEEN MADE, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 2th June, 1931, Stat. Circ. 57/31, asking to be furnished with copies of Notice of Rates having been made for the year ending 1st March, 1932.

32/31. VETERINARY SURGEONS' BILL, 1930.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Offaly County Council, stating that the Council's resolution in connection with the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, 1930, was considered by his Council at their Adjourned Quarterly Meeting on the 5th inst., and marked "noted."

A letter was also read from the Secretary, Waterford County Council, dated 3rd June, 1931, stating that the Council's resolution in connection with the Veterinary Surgeons' Bill, 1930, was adopted by his Council at their meeting on the 26th ultimo.

33/31. PUBLIC WORKS ROADS AND TRANSPORT CONGRESS, LONDON.

An invitation to the Public Works Roads and Transport Congress and Exhibition, 1931, to be held in London from the 16th to the 1st November, 1931, was submitted.

34/31. LOCAL ELECTIONS AND MEETINGS (POSTPONEMENT) BILL, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th May, 1931, 49/31, stating that proposals had been submitted to the Oireachtas to postpone elections to Local Authorities. If these provisions became law the provisions of the Local Elections Act, 1927, in regard to annual and quarterly meetings in a year in which a triennial election is not held, will apply to the meeting to be held between the 23rd June and the 1st July, 1931.

A letter was also read from the Local Government Department dated 18th June, 1931, Circ. F.62/31, advertising to the Local Elections and Meetings (Postponement) Bill, 1931, which became law on that day. The Act postponed to a date to be appointed and not later than the 1st July, 1934, the triennial elections of members of County Councils, etc. and the term of office of members of these bodies correspondingly extended.

535/31. CONTAMINATION OF WATERS FROM SHEEP DIPPING OPERATIONS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 16th June, 1931, G.1673/30, adverting to the Circular Letter of the 6th June, 1930, drawing attention to the need for ensuring that water supplies or fishing waters are not contaminated from the use of any site selected for local sheep dipping operations, and inquiring whether any complaints reached the Local Authority respecting this matter during last year's dipping season, and, if so, what action was taken with regard thereto.

536/31. DUES COLLECTED AT GORTNASATE PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 15th June, 1931, enclosing Paying Order for £28 : 16 : 7, amount due to the Council in respect of dues, etc. collected at Gortnasate during the year ended 31st March, 1931.

537/31. THANKS FOR VOTE OF CONDOLENCE - THE LATE MR. WM. H. BLACK.

A letter was read from Mrs. William H. Black thanking the Council for their kind message of sympathy in her recent bereavement.

538/31. ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st June, 1931, Circ. G. 52/31, inquiring by what amount the rate on Agricultural Land for 1931/32 was being reduced as a result of the County's share of the additional relief of £750,000 recently provided.

539/31. SECOND-HAND STEAM ROLLERS.

A letter was read from the City Engineer, Dublin Corporation, calling attention to an advertisement offering for sale three second-hand steam rollers.

540/31. TABLES A, B, AND C. ROAD ADMINISTRATION STATISTICS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th June, 1931, inquiring if the Secretary was yet in a position to furnish Tables A, B, and C, Road Administration Statistics, duly completed.

541/31. WORKS PROPOSED TO BE CARRIED OUT AT GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, dated 18th May, 1931, D/73/7, acknowledging the receipt of tracing of the works proposed to be carried out at Greencastle.

542/31. POUNDAGE FEES ON BOARD OF HEALTH COTTAGES - MRS. E. DORRIAN.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion signed by Councillor Mahony and five other members was withdrawn:--
"That Minute No. 55/30 of the County Council Meeting held on the 21st January, 1930, be, and is hereby rescinded, in so far as it applies to Rate Collector Mrs. Ellen Dorrian, and that she be allowed poundage fees on rates on County Board of Health cottages."

543/31.

PROPOSED LOCAL GOVERNMENT BILL.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Doogan was adjourned until the new Local Government Bill is printed:-

"That the Minister for Local Government be requested to furnish the County Council with a copy of the new Local Government Bill so as to give the Council an opportunity of approving or disapproving of the Bill; that any attempt to take away the people's rights as contained in the Local Government Act, 1898, should be opposed, and that local representation be still maintained as it has been considered by all parties that local representation has been the best boon the Irish people had got; that we protest against the County affairs being run by a Commissioner or paid Manager while local representation has always carried out the work and business of the County gratis."

The Secretary was instructed to obtain copies of the Bill when printed.

The Council also decided to refer the matter to the General Council of County Councils.

544/31. LETTERS FROM COUNCILLOR DOHERTY RE CERTAIN CONTRACTS, AND RE ROAD FROM CARRIGART SCHOOLHOUSE TO DUNMORE.

A letter was read from Councillor Patrick Doherty inquiring what steps had been taken by the County Surveyor to find a Contractor for Contract No. 49, amount £5, and he suggested that two men who were prepared to do the work be asked to undertake it. Through some oversight the tender from J. Coyle got lost, and this man was now engaged in driving a motor lorry.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

A letter was read from Councillor Doherty re payments to Edward Sheridan, Glenaragh, Glen, Contractor for Road No. 82, and to J. McLaughlin, Contractor for No. 83.

No action was taken in the matter.

A letter was also read from Councillor Doherty calling attention to the extreme narrowness of the County Road between Carrigart Schoolhouse and Michael Logue's, Dunmore; and he stated that he had already called the attention of Mr. M. Dawson, Surveyor, to this point some months ago.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

545/31. LETTER FROM COUNCILLOR DOUGLAS RE PAYMENTS TO MICHAEL MC. LAUGHLIN, ROAD CONTRACTOR.

A letter was read from Councillor Douglas in connection with payments to Michael McLaughlin, Road Contractor. A letter was also read from the County Surveyor in the matter.

The Council decided to take no action.

546/31. BORROWING OF £6,000 BY BOARD OF HEALTH FOR IMPROVEMENTS TO COUNTY INSTITUTIONS.

In accordance with Notice of Motion duly given under Section 4 (3) of the Local Government Act, 1927, Councillor Gallen, Chairman of the County Board of Health proposed, and Councillor Francis Gallagher seconded:- "That this Council hereby approves of the borrowing by the County Donegal Board of Health and Public Assistance of a sum of £6,000 for the purpose of carrying out improvements to County Institutions."

Councillors Nyhan and Sweeney opposed the resolution.

On a show of hands the motion was carried by a large majority.

547/31.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The Secretary applied for continuance of Overdraft accommodation of £25,000 to the 30th September, 1931.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James Boyle it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to this amount.

548/31. SALARY OF MR. C. L. CALLAGHAN AND OTHER COUNCIL OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles L. Callaghan requesting the Council to give effect to the resolution fixing his annual increment from the date of his appointment.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor James Boyle it was unanimously decided to ask the Department to sanction a graded scale of salary for Mr. Callaghan from £250 to £285, by three annual increments of £10 and one of £5 as from the date of his appointment.

The Secretary stated that the maximum salary of several members of the Staff was £284 : 18 : 0 per annum, and he suggested that it be fixed at £285.

The Council unanimously adopted the Secretary's suggestion.

549/31. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS FOR THE THIRTEEN HALF-YEARS ENDED THE 31ST MARCH, 1930.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th May, 1931, A.9364/31, enclosing copy of the Auditor's Report on the audit of the accounts of the Donegal County Council for the thirteen half-years ended 31st March, 1930, together with attested Abstracts of the Accounts.

Councillor James Boyle proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the congratulations of the Council be extended to the Secretary on the satisfactory Auditor's Report.

Councillor Nyhan associated himself with the tribute.

The Secretary thanked the Council for their felicitations.

Consideration of certain matters arising out of the Auditor's Report was adjourned until the next meeting.

550/31. FEE FOR THE AUDIT OF THE COUNCIL'S ACCOUNTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th June, 1931, A.C.9364/31, stating that the Minister had fixed the sum of £700 as the fee payable by the Council for the audit of their accounts for the 7 years ended the 31st March, 1930, and asking for a Paying Order for this amount.

Payment of the amount was ordered; Councillor Nyhan dissenting.

551/31. CASHEL AND CARRICKAFODDEN PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "The aim of the parties concerned in this scheme is to improve upon the present drainage of about 40 acres of arable land. This would necessitate the cleaning, widening, and deepening of about 1780 lineal yards of drains and the probable cost would be £160, assuming that the material excavated would be removed by the parties benefitting after it had been cast up on the sides of the drains. The scheme in my opinion would not be economic."

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That this Council approves of the proposals contained in the petition for the Cashel and Carrickafodden proposed drainage scheme, and determines to carry them out under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928."

The resolution was passed unanimously.

552/31.

VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Chief Executive Officer of the Vocational Education Committee stating that Very Rev. D. Canon McGrath, P.P., Bundoran, was disqualified for non-attendance as a member of the Vocational Education Committee until the end of May, 1932.

A letter was read from Mr. John Quigley, Secretary, Donegal County Committee I.N.T.O., stating that at a meeting of the Donegal County Committee of the I.N.T.O. held on the 13th June, the Committee recommended that Mr. Charles Sweeney, Moville, and he be appointed on the County Donegal Vocational Education Committee.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Quigley seconded that Mr. Sweeney be appointed to fill the vacancy caused by the disqualification of Very Rev. Canon McGrath.

Councillor Nyhan proposed and Councillor Francis Gallagher seconded that Rev. J. F. Timoney, C.C., Ballyshannon, be appointed.

Eight members of the Council voted for each and the Chairman gave his casting vote in favour of Mr. Sweeney.

553/31.

NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, LIFFORD.

A final certificate from the Architect for £4 : 14 : 3 in respect of plumbing work at the County House was submitted, and payment of the amount was ordered.

554/31.

CONDITION OF ROADS IN TRENTAMUCKLAGH POLLING DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Alex. Lyons, Rylands, Newtowncunningham, in which he stated that a meeting of the ratepayers of that district was recently held with the object of bringing under the Council's notice the bad condition of the roads in the Trentamucklagh Polling District.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

555/31.

CONDITION OF ROADS, FOOTPATHS, AND VENNELS IN MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. McDaid, Moville, in which he stated that at a meeting of the Moville Public Health Committee held on the 10th June it was decided to call the Council's attention to the neglected state of the road at the back of Bath Terrace leading to the Green, and Montgomery Terrace and Quay Street. Nothing had been done to those streets for fifteen years. The footpath on the Main Street was broken down and was a danger to pedestrians. The vennels were in a bad condition and required paving.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for inclusion in the Provisional Road Works Scheme for the coming year.

556/31.

CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Assistant Secretaries, Inishowen Agricultural Society, Carndonagh, asking for the use of Carndonagh Courthouse for their Home Industries Exhibition on the 22nd and 23rd July.

The application was unanimously granted.

557/31.

CLAIM FOR WORK DONE ON CONTRACT NO. 22, INISHOWEN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. M. D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, stating that he had been instructed by Mr. Henry Gill of Ballymacartor, Greencastle, to apply for payment of £15 : 16 : 9, being balance due in respect of work on Contract No. 22.

Councillor McCauley introduced the Contractor who was present, and who gave full particulars of his claim.

The Council referred the matter to the County Surveyor with instructions to investigate and submit a report to next meeting.

558/31.

EX-COLLECTOR E.J. DOHERTY v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th June, 1931, F.44313/31, Dun na nGall (c) adverting to the claim of Ex-Rate Collector E. J. Doherty for Franchise Fees. The Minister regarded the case as one of public interest in order to establish the principle that the right to receive Franchise Fees arises only when all the duties of an Office have been duly performed.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Nyhan it was agreed to instruct the Council's Solicitor to engage Counsel to defend the case.

Councillors Cole and Douglas protested against the Council taking any action.

559/31. TREATMENT OF POLITICAL PRISONERS IN MOUNTJOY JAIL.

A letter was read from the Director of Publicity, Cumann na mBan, 27, Dawson Street, Dublin, enclosing copy of an Affidavit signed by Patrick Norton who was recently released from Mountjoy Jail after serving a sentence of seven days for selling Easter Lilies.

A letter was also read from the Secretary, Women Prisoners' Defence League, 32, Lower Abbey Street, enclosing documents re hunger strike in Mountjoy Jail.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Francis Gallagher seconded that the letters be marked "read."

Councillor Nyhan proposed as an amendment and Councillor Douglas seconded that a protest be made against the action of the Government.

On a vote the amendment was defeated and the motion carried.

560/31.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 13th June, 1931, L.2227-31, stating that as the Department considered that as the Glenties District comprised a large area the Inspector should take up residence there without undue delay if he had not already done so.

A further letter dated the 26th June, 1931, L.2227-31, was read from the Department inquiring if Mr. McClintock had yet taken up residence in the Glenties District.

A letter was read from Mr. T. A. McClintock, V.S., stating that he had taken up residence in Dungloe as from the 9th June, 1931.

The matter was noted.

561/31. CLAIMS FOR SPRINGS BROKEN IN BREADVAN OWING TO CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN DUNGLOE AND CROLLY BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Walsh, Dungloe, in which he enclosed account for £1 : 15 : 0 being cost of two springs in breadvan broken on the road between Dungloe and Crollly Bridge.

The Council decided to deny liability.

562/31. CLAIM FOR SPRINGS OF CAR BROKEN OWING TO CONDITION OF ROAD FROM DUNGLOE TO LOUGHANURE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick O'Donnell, Solicitor, Dungloe, dated 16th June, 1931, applying for payment of £4 : 5 : 1, being amount of out-of-pocket expenses of James McBride of Meenderrynasloe for the upkeep of his car in springs broken on the Main Road from Dungloe to Loughanure through the malfeasance of the Council.

The Council decided to deny liability.

563/31. PIPE ACROSS THE ROAD AT BREDAGH GLEN, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McGuinness, Bredagh Glen, Moville, calling the attention of the County Surveyor to a pipe across the road at his farm which was choked up and was causing flooding.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

564/31. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. William McGonigle, Balleighan, Greencastle, in which he stated that his son worked 14 days on the road and he only received payment of 10/-.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter had been adjusted.

565/31. CLAIM FOR RENT OF QUARRY AT BOCAN, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Cregalogue, Bocan, Culdaff, in which he stated that the rent of his quarry was overdue, and that he had to wire it to stop the traffic. He must go to extremes to get recompense. His spring water had also been interfered with.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being adjusted.

566/31. APPLICATION FOR MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. COX, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th June, 1931, G.44312/31, Dun na nGall. Pf. stating that Mrs. Cox had communicated with the Department requesting a Marriage Gratuity in respect of her former position as Assistant Librarian. The Department called the Council's attention to Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925, from which it would be noted that the Council might allow a gratuity in such circumstances.

A letter was also read from Mrs. Cox, Waterloo Place, Donegal, applying for a Marriage Gratuity under Section 44 (4) of the Local Government Act, 1925.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that this was the first occasion on which an application for a gratuity had been received from Mrs. Cox.

Councillor Wagentreiber stated that he would lodge the necessary Notice of Motion for next meeting.

567/31. FLOODING OF PREMISES AT FORQUAR, MILFORD, OWING TO RAISING OF ROAD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, writing on behalf of Mr. James Strain, Forquar, Milford, regarding the injury done to his premises by the raising of the County Road adjoining.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

568/31. BRIDGE AT MEENDERRYHIRK, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, Road Contractor, Brookagh, Dungloe, reporting that the Bridge at Meenderryhirk was broken down and was in a dangerous condition.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

569/31. POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application from Mr. Denis Quinn of Greenans, Glenties, for a renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was unanimously granted.

An application from Mr. R. J. Campbell, Merchant, Ramelton, for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was granted unanimously.

570/31. BUILDINGS ERECTED ON ROAD AT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM.

A letter was read from Messrs. E. Crockett & Co., Great James Street, Derry, in which they stated that their store at the junction of Letterkenny Road, Newtowncunningham, was standing in their own grounds for some years and was more than the legal distance from the road. They had nothing to do with the newly-erected garage and pumps at the corner.

The County Surveyor stated that in his report at the last meeting regarding this matter he gave the name of one of the parties as Woods, Moyle Garage, Newtowncunningham. This should have been Walter Dunne, Garage, Newtowncunningham.

571/31. ALLOWANCE TO SURVEYORS FOR GRANT WORK, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th June, 1931, RGS/201, in which it was stated that the Minister for Finance had approved of the following allowances for the year ending 31st March, 1932, in respect of road work carried out under Grants from Public Funds:-

County Surveyors.....£90 each.
Whole-time Assistant Surveyors.....£40 each.
Part-time Assistant Surveyors.....£25 each.

572/31. ROAD FROM JOHN FRIEL'S CARROWMENA TO GLEN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. C. McGonagle, Carrowmena, Moville, advertizing to the County Surveyor's report at the meeting on 31st March, 1931, Minute No. 292/31, and stating that he was not aware that the road referred to was put up for contract for the last seven years and inquiring the full particulars.

The matter was adjourned until the next meeting, and the County Surveyor stated he would look into the matter in the meantime.

573/31. CLAIM FOR PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE AT STRANORLAR COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McMenamin, Glebe, Stranorlar, in which he applied for payment in respect of his work as Caretaker of the Stranorlar District Courthouse at Summary Courts and Road Meetings, and for provision of fuel and light, at the rate of £4 per annum as from the 1st February, 1930.

It was decided to refer Mr. McMenamin to the person who employed him to do this work.

574/31. COMPLAINT RE BEING REFUSED WORK ON ROAD AT KEELDRUM.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGinley, Ardsbeg, Gortahork, in which he stated that although he was an ex-National Army man he was refused work at Keeldrum under the County Council.

The County Surveyor stated that McGinley would be employed in a few days.

575/31. GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, in which he stated that the next meeting of the General Council would take place on Wednesday, 5th August. Notice of any matters which the Council desire discussed should be forwarded not later than the 25th prox.

576/31.

BRIDGEND-BUNCRANA ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John B. Ferguson, Magherabeg, Fahan, asking to have the County Surveyor instructed to carry out the Council's directions regarding the placing of sand or fine screenings on the side of the Bridgend-Buncrana Road so as to have it made safe for horses and cattle traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

577/31.

INISHOWEN NO. 2 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, recommending that Father Tracy, P.P., Buncrana, be appointed a member of the Committee.

The Council acting as the County Donegal Old Age Pensions Committee appointed Rev. P. Tracy, P.P., Buncrana, as a member of the Inishowen No. 2 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

578/31.

SMALL STRIP OF GROUND IN RAPHOE.

A letter was read from Mr. David Wilson, Solicitor, Raphoe, inquiring if the Council would sell a small strip of ground of a few perches lying between the Station Road and the wall at the back of the gardens in Guesthouse Street, Raphoe, and, if so, on what terms.

The Secretary was instructed to inquire from Mr. Wilson for whom he was acting in this matter, and to ask him to furnish a sketch of the exact piece of ground he required.

579/31.

RAPHOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. David Wilson, Solicitor, Raphoe, in which he stated that he had an estimate of the cost of the repairs necessary to Raphoe Courthouse prepared, and if they were carried out he considered he should have an increase of rent from £10 to £15.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to increase the rent to £12 :10 when the repairs had been carried out.

580/31.

DOWNINGS WATERWORKS.

A letter was read from the Caretaker, Downings Waterworks, in which he applied for a new rubber hose for the new water tank at Downings.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Engineer for the waterworks.

581/31.

MATTERS AFFECTING PETTIGO AND DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. McGrath, Carntressey, Pettigo, in which he asked the Council to give their best consideration to the various matters which had been before them from the Pettigo District; and asking that the Council pass a resolution for the reduction of fees of Presiding Officers and Poll Clerks at Elections by 50%.

582/31.

HARBOUR MASTER, LEABRANNAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward O'Donnell, Harbour Master, Leabannagh, in which he stated that he was migrating to Scotland for four months, and that he was leaving his son, Condy O'Donnell, to carry out his duties.

The Council approved of the arrangement subject to the sanction of the Ministry.

583/31. COSTS IN CASE, JAMES BOYLE v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Messrs. Wilson & Simms, Solicitors, Strabane, enclosing Certificate of Taxation for £62 : 19 : 9, being taxed costs in Mandamus proceedings re James Boyle, Solicitor, Stranorlar.

Payment was ordered.

584/31. RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Rathmullan, intimating that the Board of Works' Engineer had taken soundings at the Pier in connection with improvement grant.

585/31. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 7 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications on the prescribed forms were submitted from the undermentioned persons for the part-time and non-pensionable position of Rate Collector for No. 7 District in accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement:-

| No. | Name. | Address. |
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| 1. | John Curristin. | Ballykillone, Laghey, Co. Donegal. |
| 2. | Thomas John Gorman. | Trummon, Laghey, Co. Donegal. |
| 3. | Thomas Meehan. | Port, Inver, Co. Donegal. |
| 4. | Joseph W. Lynas. | 302, Bankhead Road, Rutherglen, Glasgow. |

A letter from the Rev. P. D. McCaul, Adm., Parochial House, Frosses, recommending Mr. Meehan for the position, accompanied the latter's application.

On the names of the applicants being called Mr. Joseph W. Lynas failed to answer, and Mr. Joseph Gorman, the former Collector for the District who was present, and who is the father of Mr. Thomas J. Gorman, stated that the latter was under twenty-one years of age.

Mr. John Curristin, who is the existing Collector for District, 5 was proposed by Councillor Francis Gallagher and seconded by Councillor Mahony.

Mr. Thomas Meehan was proposed by Councillor McShane and seconded by Councillor Brady.

The vote resulted as follows:-

For Mr. Curristin:- Councillors James Boyle, Brennan, Gallagher, Doogan, Gallagher (Francis), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McGree, Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walls. Total 14.
For Mr. Meehan:- Councillors Quigley, Brady, Cole, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Manus), and O'Doherty (Malin). Total 9.

The Chairman declared Mr. Curristin elected, and the latter thanked the Council for his appointment.

The Council accepted, subject to satisfactory Bank or other references being produced, as his proposed Personal Sureties under the Public Bodies Order, Messrs. Eugene Doherty, Main Street, Donegal, and James McGahern, The Diamond, Donegal, in the sum of £200 in addition to £1562 Security to be provided through the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., Dame Street, Dublin. (185/31 S.F.C.)

586/31. CLAIM FOR EXTRA WORK AT CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE OWING TO ROAD MEETINGS.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Courtkeeper, Carndonagh, in which he claimed £4 : 10 : 0 for extra work cleaning up Carndonagh Courthouse after the half-yearly Road Meetings at the rate of 15/- per Meeting since his appointment.

On the motion of Councillor Douglas seconded by Councillor Patrick O'Doherty, the letter was marked "read."

587/31.

FLOODING AT STRAID, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Morrison, Straid, Clonmany, complaining of the condition of a road which causes flooding to his land.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"Regarding the complaint made by Mr. James Morrison it appears to me, having inspected the place, that he is responsible for the flooding complained of when heavy rain occurs. There is a depression or hollow in the road at this place, and there is also a pipe across the road to take the water that comes to this hollow from the adjoining higher lands on the opposite side of road but the tail drain from this pipe is blocked.

I should mention that there is an open shough or drain forming the mearing between the lands of James Morrison and Edward Devlin at this place. This shough very badly requires cleaning and it also leads to a river. If the outlet end of the road pipe were again connected with the mearing drain referred to, and this mearing drain cleaned there would be no flooding either of the road or any portion of Morrison's land."

The Secretary was instructed to furnish Mr. Morrison with a copy of the report, and to call on him to carry out the improvements suggested in it.

588/31.

OBAIR NA CEIPLE I bhFANAID.

Do leigheadh litir ó Roimn Tailte agus Iascaigh fe dhata 28adh Bealtaine, 1931, i dtaobh aithbheochaint na sniomhdoifeachta agus ag radh go bhfuil 40 figheadoiri lan oilte, agus 64 figheadoiri na fuil lan oilte go foill ag obair i nDun na nGall fe scoim na Roime. Do bheadh athas ar an Aire caoi a thabhairt do bhaill an Chomhairle cuaird a thabhairt ar an Mhonarcain i gChill. Chartaigh aon trath a bheadh oireamnach doibh.

589/31.

APPLICATIONS BY MR. CAFFEY FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

The following applications by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, were granted unanimously:-

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| Repairs to 2 pipes Road No. 1410, Strabane Area..... | £4 | :10 | :0. |
| Repairs to 2 pipes Road No. 1582, Stranorlar Area..... | £3 | :5 | :0. |
| Re-building a pipe Road No. 1460, Stranorlar Area..... | £4 | :0 | :0. |
| Re-building a culvert Road No. 1247, T.59, Main Road..... | £10 | :0 | :0. |

590/31.

RESOLUTION FROM SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council decided to take no action on the following resolution forwarded by the South Tipperary County Council:-

"That we, the members of the South Tipperary County Council, call on the Government to remit the charge of £3 per cow, and interest, for a period of at least five years in the districts where the Dairy Disposal Board have purchased Creameries under the 1928 Dairy Act. For obvious reasons we believe that our demand is a just and reasonable one. First, the economic conditions of the country at the moment, with the farming community faced with many trying difficulties; secondly, the present depression in the dairy industry, with butter prices tumbling below pre-war level. At the moment taking the average of three gallons of milk per cow per day, we arrive at the cash value of 1/- per cow per day."

591/31.

REPAIRS TO PORTNABLAGH PIER.

The County Surveyor handed in a deposit in connection with the Contract for repairs to Portnablagh Pier.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to execute the Contract under seal, and to refund the deposit.

592/31. APPLICATIONS BY MR. STEADMAN FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

The following applications by Mr. Steadman were granted unanimously:-

1. Repairs to Bridge and stream on No. 117, April 1931, Milford District.....£10 : 0 : 0.
2. Re-building a pipe on Road No. 64, April 1930, Milford District.....£22 : 0 : 0.
3. Repairing road damaged by cloudburst, No. 183, April 1931, Milford District.....£10 : 0 : 0.
4. Repair of a pipe on road No. 26, April 1930, Derry No. 2 District.....£22 : 0 : 0.
5. Building of a pipe on road No. 26, April 1930, Derry No. 2 District.....£4 : 0 : 0.
6. Repair of a pipe on Road No. 26, April 1931, Strabane No. 2 District.....£22 : 15 : 0.
7. Supply and lay a 6" pipe on Road No. 17, April 1929, Strabane No. 2 District....£22 : 0 : 0.
8. Repair of Corkey Br. on Road No. 129, April 1931, Letterkenny District.....£10 : 0 : 0.
9. Repair of breach in side of road No. 20, April 1931, Letterkenny District.....£6 : 10 : 0.
10. Repairs to Iron Bridge at Carndonagh, Road No. 25, April 1931, Inishowen District.....£120 : 0 : 0.

593/31. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS) ORDER OF 1931.

A telegram was read from the Department of Agriculture notifying the making of an Order prohibiting to movement of cattle, sheep, goats, etc. from Northern Ireland into the Free State. The Order was not applicable in the case of animals moved through Northern Ireland by railway from a place in the Free State to another place in the Free State provided the animals were not untrucked during movement through Northern Ireland.

594/31. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT OF £4 DUE ON CONTRACT No. 20, DONEGAL DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. John Cunningham, Road Contractor, Ballymagowan, Dunkineely, applying for payment of £4 due to him on Contract No. 20 for half-year ended 30th September, 1930.

It was decided to apply for sanction to the payment which had been certified by the County Surveyor.

595/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES DUNLEVY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, Donegal, Solicitor to the former Donegal Rural District Council, applying for a Superannuation Allowance in respect of loss of office.

The matter was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee; the Council's Solicitor's advice to be obtained in the meantime regarding the Council's liability.

596/31. REMOVAL OF GRAVEL FROM THE FORESHORE, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Síochána, Donegal, reporting that Neil McAnaw, Salthill, Mountcharles, had been removing gravel from the foreshore contrary to an order made by the Council on the 18th December, 1930.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

597/31. ARRANGEMENTS FOR CHECKING OF RATE COLLECTORS' BOOKS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 22nd June, 1931, G.61/31. Ilgh. in which it was stated that the Minister had been concerned regarding a number of recent cases of misconduct on the part of Rate Collectors, etc. The circumstances pointed to ineffective checking, and they required a report on the existing arrangements for this purpose, together with the Secretary's personal observations as to the effectiveness or otherwise of those arrangements. Special attention was directed to the Ministry's circular of the 24th August, 1928, and to the terms of Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order.

The Secretary submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

As requested in Circular Letter, G.61/31. Ilgh. of the Department of Local Government and Public Health dated 22nd June, 1931, I beg to report on the arrangements for checking and supervising Rate Collectors in this County.

In accordance with Article 106 of the Public Bodies Order, 1925, a whole-time official is employed for this work, and for checking and supervising the collection of rents of cottages for the Board of Health.

He meets the Officials at selected centres at least once in every fortnight, and on dates arranged for their mutual convenience. He is allowed vouched travelling expenses, and a subsistence allowance of 7s/6d per night for each night absent from his headquarters. He utilises the existing rail and bus services as far as possible, but he is also authorised to employ special vehicles to visit special cases of refractory ratepayers, holdings in which the rates are claimed to be irrecoverable, and Collectors' homes when they fail to keep their appointment for checking. In the latter event the cost of the vehicle is charged to the Collector.

During his absence on leave or other causes his duties are performed by a member of the Council's Administrative Staff who is selected for the duty by the Secretary.

Returns are furnished promptly by the Inspector, and delinquencies, large or small, on the part of the Collectors are at once reported.

The Inspector has furnished to the Council a Fidelity Guarantee Bond of £1,000 for the due and proper performance of his duties.

In my opinion the checking arrangements in this County are quite satisfactory.

(Signed) Sean D. MacLochlainn, SECRETARY."

The matter was referred to the Department.

598/31. RESOLUTION FROM THE IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Dublin Corporation:-

"That this Council being of the opinion that the Appeal of the President of the Irish Tourist Association is worthy of every support, confidently asks the citizens of Dublin to help in every way possible the Tourist Campaign to "See Ireland First", particularly this year, by making arrangements to spend their holidays in Ireland."

The Council unanimously adopted the resolution.

599/31. APPLICATION TO ERECT POLES TO CARRY ELECTRIC WIRES.

An application was received from Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, Solicitor, Ballybocoy, for permission to erect poles to carry electric wires.

The required permission was unanimously given, subject to an Agreement being entered into between Mr. McMullin and the Council; the cost of which to be borne by Mr. McMullin; the poles being insured in the joint names of the County Council and Mr. McMullin against damages to third parties, the costs to be borne by Mr. McMullin.

600/31.

RESOLUTION RE HOUSING PROBLEM IN IRELAND.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Civics Institute of Ireland, enclosing copy of the following draft resolution for adoption by the Council:-

"Being convinced of the urgency of adequate and well-conceived measures being taken to deal with the slum problem in Dublin and other centres of population in the Irish Free State - the signatories call on the Government to press forward the promotion of such legislation as is necessary for this purpose. They consider that the adoption of a Townplanning Bill, on the lines of that already passed by the Senate, is a matter of immediate importance, and that powers should be acquired without delay to provide for the acquisition and demolition of slum properties, without undue cost, and the erection of proper modern dwellings at rentals suitable to the means of the tenants."

The resolution was adopted on the motion of Councillor McPhelimy.

601/31. APPOINTMENT OF MR. MILLIGAN TO THE EDITORSHIP OF THE "DERRY SENTINEL."

Councillor Gallen proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the heartiest congratulations of the Council be extended to Mr. Milligan on his promotion to the Editorial Chair of the Derry Sentinel.

Councillor Gallen also paid a tribute to the present Editor, Mr. Orr, and hoped that he would live long to enjoy his well-earned retirement.

Mr. Milligan returned his sincerest thanks.

602/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned consideration of the following matters until their next meeting:-

Letter from Councillor Hamilton inquiring when the work provided for and sanctioned by both the County Council and the Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the improvement of the dangerous corner at Bannes Bridge was going to begin; also inquiring what steps, if any, were being taken about the level crossing at Lough Eske.

Preparation of Minor drainage scheme for the Ballysallagh Burn, and determination of Council's contribution.

Letter from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1931, stating that the expenditure on the Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme worked out at £1490 :19 :5. The Council's liability is £432 :7 :8. They wished to draw on the Council's contribution and they suggest that a loan of £430 be borrowed out of the Local Loans Fund. The balance can be paid in cash when the final figures are known.

Report from Mr. Charles V. McLaughlin, A.I.A.A., on the Portsalon and Duntinny Minor Drainage Scheme.

Application for loan under the Housing Acts from Mr. Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan.

Letter from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, stating that the General Council has been requested by the Irish Live Stock Owners' and Traders' Association to take up the question of compelling owners of stock to expose their cattle for sale only on Fair Greens where such are available. In towns where the streets are narrow and become easily congested on Fair Days cattle are necessarily subject to a considerable amount of abuse and hardship which greatly affects their sale in British markets.

Letter from the Secretary, Dublin County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution, together with copy of report in connection therewith:-

"That the report of the Joint Committee of Representatives of Dublin County Council and County Dublin Committee of Agriculture on the findings of the Commission on De-Rating be, and hereby is, adopted."

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W. M. MacFadden

CONFIRMED.

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CHAIRMAN,

28TH JULY, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 28TH DAY OF JULY, 1931.

603/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacGreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

604/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S .

The Minutes of the Meeting held on the 30th June, 1931, were unanimously confirmed.

605/31.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G .

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the Meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 30th June, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

606/31.

R E P O R T O F S H E E P D I P P I N G C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G .

On the motion of Councillor McIvor seconded by Councillor Loughrey the report of the meeting of the Sheep Dipping Committee held on the 30th June, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

607/31.

R E P O R T O F L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G .

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the meeting of the Law Committee held on the 9th July, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

608/31.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E , A N D Q U E S T I O N O F T H E
C O - O R D I N A T I O N O F T H E C O U N T Y E N G I N E E R I N G S E R V I C E S .

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Scott seconded the adoption of the report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 9th July, 1931.

Councillor Nyhan proposed and Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded that Minute No. 199/31 regarding the co-ordination of the County Engineering Services be adjourned sine die.

The following voted for Councillor Nyhan's amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Doherty, Doogan, Douglas, Kavanagh, Loughrey, McIvor, McPhelimy, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Sweeney, and Walls. Total 18.

The following voted against it:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Boyle (James), Clarke, Cole, Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacGreadie, McShane, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 15.

The Chairman declared Councillor Mahony's motion defeated, and the amendment was then put to the Meeting as the substantive motion, and carried by the same voting.

The Secretary was instructed to call the special attention of the Local Government Department to the case of Mr. Francis Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor, and to request that he be placed on the same scale of salary as Messrs. Patrick Dawson, Kelly, Cunningham, and Kearney, namely, £245 per annum with bonus of £42.

The remainder of the Committee's report was adopted unanimously.

609/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The Council unanimously adopted the report of the Meeting held on the 9th July, 1931, of the Special Committee appointed to consider the repairs and improvements required to Lifford Courthouse.

A letter was read from Mr. William J. Doherty, Architect, setting out in detail the costs of the improvements which the Committee considered essential, and which would amount in all to 2543.

Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Hamilton seconded that tenders be invited for the carrying out of these works.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed and Councillor Doogan seconded that no action be taken.

The following voted for Councillor O'Boyle's amendment:- Councillors Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Kavanagh, McCauley, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Sweeney. Total 15.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors McFadden, Boyle (James), Callaghan, Clarke, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McShane, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 15.

On the voting being equal, the Chairman gave his casting vote against the amendment.

The motion was then put to the meeting with the following result:-

For:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Boyle (James), Callaghan, Clarke, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallagher (Francis), Gallen, Hamilton, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 17.

Against:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Kavanagh, McCauley, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Sweeney. Total 15.

It was decided that Mr. Doherty be asked to invite tenders for the carrying out of the works.

610/31.

QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the Quarterly list of payments and ordered payments as recommended by the Finance Committee.

Councillor Nyhan protested against the payment of the fee for the audit of the Council's Accounts.

The question of the discontinuance of the Guarantee in respect of the Strabane and Letterkenny Railway was referred to the Law Committee.

Councillor Scott called attention to the amount of fees paid to the Analyst, and said that he would lodge a Notice of Motion for next meeting in connection with the matter.

611/31.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES BOYLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th July, 1931, G.54494/31, Dun na nGall, Fa. regarding the proposed superannuation of Mr. James Boyle as Solicitor to the former Stranorlar Rural District Council, and asking to be supplied with evidence as to the date of Mr. Boyle's appointment as Standing Solicitor to the Rural District Council, and particulars showing how profit fees have been ascertained.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the required particulars.

612/31. SCHEME OF ASSISTANCE UNDER THE HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th July, 1931, H.46971/31 (Po), Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that the Minister saw no objection to the draft scheme of local assistance adopted by the County Council on the 28th April last.

613/31. BREACH IN SIDE OF ROAD IN THE TOWNLAND OF CULLION.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Scott, Scribbley, Letterkenny, complaining of a breach in the side of the road at his farm in the townland of Cullion.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

614/31. SCOUR ON THE MAIN ROAD AT GLENTIES HOSPITAL.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Board of Health dated 27th July, 1931, in which it was stated that the Board required permission to have the scour on the Main Road at Glenties Hospital opened occasionally. The County Surveyor considered that the opening of this scour injured the road, but the Caretaker reported that it was necessary as the water became dirty occasionally.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

615/31. CONDITION OF ROAD LEADING FROM BALLYLAR TO BALLINACARRICK.

A letter was read from Mr. James H. Begley, Shannagh, Ballylar, calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Ballylar to Ballinacarrick, with branch to Cooladerry, which was torn away by the recent floods.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

616/31. BALANCE OF 27/- ALLEGED TO BE DUE IN RESPECT OF ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Inishowen Head, claiming a balance of 27/- due to his son, James McLaughlin, for work done on the road at Inishowen Head. This matter was, some time ago, referred to the County Surveyor, but no action had since been taken.

The matter was again referred to the County Surveyor.

617/31. ALLOCATION OF WORK UNDER GRANTS IN KEELDRUM DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Councillor Doogan calling attention to the allocation of work under Grants in the Keeldrum District, and also regarding the work on the Trunk Road between Derrybeg and Brinlack.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

618/31. ROAD FROM HILLHEAD TO NO. 2 BARMOOR ROAD.

A further letter was read from Mr. Hugh Barr, Trillick, Buncrana, in which he stated that he was surprised at the Council's action regarding the road from Hillhead to No. 2 Barmoor Road, and that the gentleman who proposed that his previous letter be marked "read", although a representative of that district, knew absolutely nothing about the condition of the road in question, and that Captain Scott who seconded the proposal never was on the road nor perhaps in the District, but he is certainly an "unknown quantity." He asked the Council to reconsider the matter.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

619/31. CLAIM FOR CARRYING OF SAND TO CONSTRUCT SHEEP PEN.

A letter was read from Mr. James Breslin, Mullanmore, Glenties, in which he claimed £1 : 1 : 3 for carrying sand on his back from the public road to the sheep pen on the mountain.

The matter was referred to the Assistant Surveyor for the District.

620/31. SCHEDULE OF TOLLS APPLICABLE TO THE PIERS BUILT UNDER THE MARINE WORKS ACT.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works in which they enclosed twenty copies of a revised Schedule of Tolls and Rates applicable to the Piers at Gortnasate, Cladnageragh, Downies Bay, Portnoo, and Falcorrib, which they desired to have posted in the locality.

621/31. RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Rathmullan, in which he stated that the Skipper of the Schooner, B.I., was retailing a cargo of coal out in small quantities, and that it would be a long time before he was cleared. He refused to pay the charge of 1d. per ton on his registered tonnage for each day that he occupied the berth in excess of 14 days. The Harbour Master also stated that the berth would be required for passenger traffic on the 3rd August, which is Regatta Day, and the Skipper refused to leave before then.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McIvor it was decided to instruct the Harbour Master to order the Skipper of the Schooner to vacate the berth and pay the dues, failing which his ropes to be cut; and the Harbour Master to obtain the protection of the Civic Guards, if necessary.

622/31. DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary reported that the following Housing Annuitants had failed to pay the amounts mentioned:-

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|--|----|----|----|
| Patrick Doherty (Taylor), Glenmakee, | £3 | 9 | 4. |
| Collin P.O., Carndonagh..... | £4 | 9 | 0. |
| Bernard Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture P.O..... | £8 | 18 | 0. |
| Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashamagh P.O., | £2 | 19 | 9. |
| Letterkenny..... | | | |
| Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton..... | | | |

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to take proceedings.

623/31. APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR FOR THE GLENCOLUMBKILLE DISTRICT.

The Secretary reported the death of Mr. John Sweeney, Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector, Straleel, Carrick.

The Council referred the making of a new appointment to Mr. Hugh O'Neill, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., of the Department of Agriculture.

Subsequently, Mr. O'Neill recommended the appointment of Mr. Patrick H. Byrne, Maenacross, Glencolumbkille.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor McIvor, Mr. Byrne was unanimously appointed.

624/31. ALLEGATION REGARDING ROAD WORK, AND INQUIRY FROM THE BOARD OF HEALTH RE HOME ASSISTANCE.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Rodgers, Carrickadawson, Raphoe, in which he stated that the road work was going on past his door, and that he was employed and was put off by the Ganger. He got started at another part of the road, and the same Ganger got him put off there also.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health in which he stated that Mr. Charles Rodgers, Carrickadawson, Raphoe, had made an application for Home Assistance. The Assistance Officer reported that this man was employed on the roads but was discharged after 4½ days without any reason. The Board required the Council's views on the matter.

The County Surveyor, who was present, stated that Charles Rodgers had been tried under more than one Foreman and had not proved satisfactory.

Councillor Gallon stated that a number of complaints had been made to him regarding the allocation of employment in connection with this particular work. The complaints had been investigated by the Assistant Surveyor and had been found genuine.

He proposed that Driver Catterson and Ganger Gamble be suspended for one week; the County Surveyor to be given the discretion to remove or continue the suspension at the end of that period; these two men not to be re-employed on the same work in future.

The motion was passed unanimously.

625/31. LETTERKENNY OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

Councillor Mahony proposed that Mr. William O'Boyle be appointed a member of the Letterkenny Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of Mr. Robert Holmes, who had become disqualified through non-attendance.

The motion was passed unanimously.

626/31. NOXIOUS WEEDS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 25th June, 1931, L.2428/31, requesting that the County Surveyor be asked to take such steps as might be necessary with a view to ensuring that the roads and lands under the control of the Council will, as far as practicable, be kept cleared of noxious weeds throughout the present season.

627/31. RENEWAL OF MOTOR VEHICLE LICENCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 25th June, 1931, M.T./7, inquiring if it was true that considerable laxity was shown by owners in renewing vehicle licences, and asking to be informed of the position generally.

A report was also submitted from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síochána, in the matter.

628/31. PURCHASE OF A ROW-BOAT FOR MORASS FERRY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st July, 1931, RM/7, in which it was stated that the Minister was not aware of any statutory authority under which the Council's proposal to purchase a row-boat for Morass Ferry could be sanctioned.

On the motion of Councillor Blaney it was decided to refer the matter back to the Department, and to inquire from them if there was any statutory authority for this expenditure.

629/31. COUNCIL'S POSITION UNDER THE PUBLIC ROADS (IRELAND) ACT, 1911.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 3rd July, 1931, R.M./202/22, inquiring the action taken by the Council on the recommendation of the Law Committee in regard to the Council's position under the Public Roads (Ireland) Act, 1911.

630/31. COST-OF-LIVING BONUSES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd July, 1931, Circ. G. 55/31, regarding the revision of cost-of-living bonuses.

631/31. REFUND OF COST OF DRIVING LICENCES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 7th July, 1931, RS/7, in which it was stated that the Minister could not see his way to sanction the refund of cost of driving licences to Surveyors who use their own motor vehicles in the discharge of their duties.

632/31. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE (MOVEMENT OF ANIMALS) ORDER OF 1931.

A telegram was read from the Department of Agriculture notifying the cessation of Order prohibiting the importation of animals from Northern Ireland into the Free State.

633/31. NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th July, 1931, 12359/31, asking for a report of the meeting of the National Monuments Advisory Committee held on the 29th May, 1931.

634/31. MR. MARNER, V.S. - TEMPORARY ABSENCE FROM DUTY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th July, 1931, P.H.49626/31, stating that the Minister had noted the period of absence from duty of Mr. Marner, V.S.

635/31. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th July, 1931, G.54493/31, sanctioning Overdraft accommodation not exceeding £25,000 on the accounts of the Donegal County Council up to the 30th September, 1931.

636/31. PAYMENT OF £4 DUE ON FOOT OF CONTRACT NO. 20, DONEGAL AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th July, 1931, R.M./7, stating that if the County Surveyor had only now certified a sum of £4 on foot of Contract No. 20, the amount could be paid in the ordinary course.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, sanctioning extension of time for payment of £4 on foot of Contract No. 20.

637/31. HARBOUR MASTER, LEABRANNAGH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th July, 1931, G.54492/31, stating that the arrangement regarding the Harbour Mastership at Leabannagh had been noted.

638/31.

SURFACE DRESSING.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th July, 1931, RGM/7, asking to be furnished with certificates from the County Surveyors in respect of surface dressing carried out during the year ended 31st March, 1931.

639/31. NAMES APPROVED BY THE DEPARTMENT FOR USE IN CONNECTION WITH MARGARINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th July, 1931, L.31/31, transmitting copies of the thirty-ninth list of names approved by the Department for use in connection with margarine.

640/31. DANGEROUS CORNERS AT BARNES BRIDGE AND LOUGH ESKE CROSSING.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton inquiring when the work provided for and sanctioned by both the County Council and the Chief Road Engineer of the Department of Local Government and Public Health for the improvement of the dangerous corner at Barnes Bridge was going to begin; also inquiring what steps, if any, were being taken about the level crossing at Lough Eske.

Councillor Hamilton proposed and Councillor Myles seconded that the attention of the Department's Engineering Inspector be called to this matter when next in the County, and that he be shown the necessity of having a small grant provided for the work. The motion was passed unanimously.

641/31. DECLARATION OF A ROAD TO BE A PUBLIC ROAD.

Councillor Kavanagh proposed:- "That Road No. 540a leading through the townland of Conglash in the Electoral Division of Illies in the former Rural District of Inishowen be declared a County Road."

The motion was passed unanimously.

642/31. STANDING ORDER NO. 126 - COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That Standing Order No. 126 be cancelled and the following substituted therefor:- The Committee of Agriculture shall consist of twenty persons who are either wholly members of the Council, or partly of persons who are, and of persons who are not, members of the Council, and who shall be qualified as described in Paragraph 4 of the First Schedule of the Agriculture Act, 1931, and of whom at least one shall be a person resident in each County Electoral Area. The Committee shall discharge the duties assigned to it in the Agriculture Act, 1931."

643/31. COUNTY COUNCIL HANDBOOK.

Councillor Scott proposed, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the County Council Handbook be brought up to date, re-printed, and circulated to the members of the County Council."

644/31. DANGER SIGNS AT CAVANGARDEN CROSSROADS, AND AT DRUMHOLM CREAMERY.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton inquiring when the Danger Signs were to be erected at Cavangarden Crossroads, and at Drumholm Creamery.

The County Surveyor stated the matter was having attention.

645/31.

PROVISION OF COATS AND HATS FOR SURFACEMEN.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton inquiring when the surfacemen were going to be provided with the coats and hats, which the Council decided to grant them some time ago.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Baxter the Secretary was instructed to obtain coats and hats as required on receipt of details from the County Surveyors.

646/31. AWARDING OF GRATUITIES TO OFFICIALS VOLUNTARILY RETIRING BEFORE THEY ARE ENTITLED TO PENSION.

The following rescinding Notice of Motion, which was signed by Councillor Wagentreiber and five other members, was proposed by the former and seconded by Councillor Scott:- "That Minute No. 1074/30 of the County Council Meeting held on the 25th November, 1930, discontinuing the practice of awarding Gratuities to Officials voluntarily retiring before they are entitled to pension, be, and is hereby, rescinded." The motion was passed, Councillor Nyhan dissenting.

647/31.

ILLEGAL POACHING BY TRAWLERS.

Councillor Hamilton proposed, Councillor McPhelimy seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Council call on the Minister for Fisheries to take adequate steps to prevent Trawlers poaching within the three-mile limit."

Councillor Brady complained that the "Muirchu" on its visits to the Southern part of the County concerned itself more with the local fishermen engaged in salmon fishing than with the foreign trawlers.

The Council decided to send copies of the resolution to President Cosgrave, the Minister for Fisheries, the General Council of County Councils, and the T.D.'s of the Maritime Counties.

648/31.

CONSIDERATION OF MATTERS ARISING OUT OF AUDITOR'S REPORT.

The Council instructed the Secretary to cease carrying forward in the Council's Accounts certain Rate items referred to in the Auditor's Report, which he considered uncollectable.

They also decided to transfer certain dormant balances in the Road Grants Account to the Roads Account.

649/31.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN UNDER THE HOUSING ACTS.

An application for a loan of £60 under the Housing Acts from Mr. Charles J. Coyle, Lurganboyce, Rathmullan, was submitted.

The application was unanimously granted on the motion of Councillor Blaney seconded by Councillor Loughrey.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Council's Solicitor to prepare Mortgage.

650/31.

APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER FOR MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Charles V. MacLaughlin, A.I.A.A., Letterkenny, as Engineer for the Cashel and Carrickafadden, and all other Minor Drainage Schemes; remuneration 5%, and travelling expenses where the total cost of the scheme is less than £200.

651/31.

BALLYSTALLAGH BURN MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 21st July, 1931, 12956/31, regarding the Ballysallagh Drainage Scheme, and stating that loans were made by them under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, which were re-payable within a maximum period of thirty-five years, but the particular period of re-payment in each case would be settled by the Local Government Department, to whom application for the loan should be made in the first instance. The rate of interest chargeable was 5½%.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor MacCreadie the Council prepared a Minor Drainage Scheme for the Ballysallagh Burn, and they decided to apply to the Local Government Department for a loan re-payable within a period of fifteen years.

The Secretary stated that the Scheme was economic, and it was decided to make no contribution.

652/31.

TEMPLEMOYLE MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I inspected the proposed Drainage Scheme near Malin which I find consists in cleaning and widening a portion of the stream known as Ballyboe River between Drumcarbit Bridge - or as some call it Ballyboe Bridge - and Cracknagh Bridge, a length of about 1½ miles. My estimate for doing this work would be £180. I should point out, however, that all the names of the parties having land adjoining this river between the points mentioned are not included amongst the signatures to the petition affecting this length.

Moreover, for the parties interested in the cleaning of the length shown on the map accompanying the petition to receive full benefit of the proposed work, it would be advisable that the cleaning should be continued for at least another half-mile down stream from Drumcarbit Bridge towards Malin Bridge. Then again, I find there is a desire that there should be included in this scheme the cleaning of the river upstream for a further distance of about 2½ miles from Cracknagh Bridge to Keady Carn and Treanatubber. This would be a more comprehensive scheme and benefit a much greater number of parties whom I understand are not only seeking relief, but thought that they were included in the present proposition. For doing all, my estimate would be £480."

The following further report was also submitted:- "I would like to point out that during my inspection of this proposed work for the purposes of making my report and estimate, I ascertained that a good many of the names of the parties who will benefit, should the work be carried out, are not on the petition. Should this not be rectified it might lead to some inconvenience later on."

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Patrick O'Doherty seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That this Council hereby approves of the proposals contained in the Templemoyle Drainage Petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, and determines to carry them out under this Act."

653/31.

LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE IN ARDARA.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs asking for permission to place an overground telegraphic line along the Main Street in Ardara.

The permission was granted on the condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal, (except in so far as State-aided schemes and schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned) to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

654/31.

PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1931, in which it was stated that the expenditure on the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme worked out at £1490 : 19 : 5. The Council's liability was £432 : 7 : 8. They wished to draw on the Council's contribution and they suggested that a loan of £430 be borrowed out of the Local Loans Fund. The balance could be paid in cash when the final figures were known.

The following report on this matter was submitted from Mr. Charles V. McLaughlin, A.I.A.A.:-

"In accordance with the instructions of your Council dated 26th May, 1931, I beg to report on the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme as follows:-

I inspected this work on the 16th inst. accompanied by Mr. James Carr and Mr. Hugh Coyle, who have had their lands drained by this scheme.

On the main river parts of the embankment have fallen in several places, blocks or tree roots have not been removed from bed of stream, and the stone pitching along the sides has bulged at the foundation.

There are some places where the river bed and adjoining lands are practically on the same level.

The river banks at Rosskirk Bridge are badly torn and the sand lodge above this bridge is leaking in several places.

The drain on McMonagle's land is not deep enough and there are a few blocks which have not been removed.

The banks of the drain on Mr. J. Friel's land are badly cracked, and in my opinion with a flood will be washed away.

On the Duntinny Burn there are places where the banks have fallen for 30, 40, and 50 yards between the lands of Messrs. J. Carr, T. Ward, H. Coyle, G. Bradley, Barton, Lamb, and Mrs. McVay. This particular part is very bad. From this to the source there is a large quantity of weeds and sods in the river."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Blaney it was decided to refer the matter to the Office of Public Works.

655/31.

IRISH LIVE STOCK OWNERS' AND TRADERS' ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Councils' General Council, in which it was stated that the General Council had been requested by the Irish Live Stock Owners' and Traders' Association to take up the question of compelling owners of stock to expose their cattle for sale only on Fair Greens where such are available. In towns where the streets were narrow and become easily congested on Fair Days cattle are necessarily subject to a considerable amount of abuse and hardship which greatly affects their sale in British markets.

Councillor Gallen took exception to the fact that the Chairman of the Irish Live Stock Owners' and Traders' Association was engaged in arranging for the importation of Canadian cattle.

The Council approved generally of the Association's action in this matter.

656/31.

DE-RATING.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Dublin County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution, together with copy of report in connection therewith:-

"That the report of the Joint Committee of Representatives of Dublin County Council and County Dublin Committee of Agriculture on the findings of the Commission on De-Rating be, and hereby is, adopted."

Councillor Scott favoured the putting forward of proposals affecting the County at the next meeting of the County Council's General Council, and he proposed that Councillor Gallen be appointed to attend this meeting, as Councillor Clarke would be unable to attend. The proposal was passed unanimously.

657/31. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR FOR NO. 26 COLLECTION DISTRICT.

Applications, on the prescribed Forms, were submitted from the undermentioned persons for the part-time and non-pensionable position of Rate Collector for No. 26 Collection District in accordance with the terms of the Council's advertisement:-

| No. | Name. | Address. |
|-----|------------------------|------------------------------|
| 1. | Constantine Blee. | St. Johnston. |
| 2. | Mrs. Ellen Dorrian. | Port Road, Letterkenny. |
| 3. | Mrs. Ellen Holmes. | Drumoghill, Manorcunningham. |
| 4. | Charles William Moore. | Ruskey, Convoy. |
| 5. | William Moyne. | Drumhaggart, Muff. |
| 6. | James Alex. McConnell. | Manorcunningham. |
| 7. | Charles McLaughlin. | Main Street, Buncrana. |

An inquiry in the matter dated the 27th July, 1931, and received on the 28th idem, from Mrs. E. M. Cochrane, Castledooey, Manorcunningham, was also submitted.

On the names of the applicants being called, Councillor Quigley stated that Mr. Charles McLaughlin had decided to withdraw in favour of Mrs. Holmes, and Councillor Doogan intimated that Mrs. Dorrian had decided to adopt a similar course for the same reason.

Mrs. Ellen Holmes, who is the wife of the former Collector, was proposed by Councillor Scott and seconded by Councillor Baxter.

Mr. Charles Wm. Moore was proposed by Councillor Callaghan and seconded by Councillor Wagentreiber.

Mr. James Alex. McConnell was proposed by Councillor Clarke and seconded by Councillor Brady.

The vote resulted as follows:-

For Mrs. Holmes:- Councillors McFadden, Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brennan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Francis), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacGreadie, McIvor, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Scott. Total 24.

For Mr. Moore:- Councillors Brady, Callaghan, Gallagher (Bernard), McPhelimy, Nyhan, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls. Total 8.

For Mr. McConnell:- Councillor Clarke. Total 1.

The Chairman declared Mrs. Holmes elected.

The Council accepted as her proposed Personal Sureties under the Public Bodies Order, subject to satisfactory Bank or other references being produced, Messrs. Alexander Watson, Galdonagh, Manorcunningham, and James Gallagher, Ardagh, St. Johnston, in the sum of £477, in addition to £4087 security to be provided through the Hibernian Fire & General Insurance Co., Ltd., 48 & 49, Dame Street, Dublin. (221/31 S.F.C.)

658/31. ROAD FROM JOHN FRIEL'S, CARROWMENA, TO GLEN ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles McGenigle, Carrowmena, re repairs to road from John Friel's, Carrowmena, to Glen Road.

The County Surveyor stated that this road had not been put for contract recently, but that he hoped to include it in the next Provisional Road Works Scheme.

659/31. ASSESSMENT ON COUNTY DONEGAL UNDER THE LOCAL AUTHORITIES (OFFICERS AND EMPLOYEES) ACT, 1926.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st July, 1931, B.31987/31. Ilgh. enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister in pursuance of Section 12 of the Local Authorities (Officers and Employees) Act, 1926, assessing on County Donegal £119 : 5 : 10, and requesting payment of this amount.

On the motion of Councillor Doogan, seconded by Councillor Quigley payment was ordered.

660/31. CLAIM FOR WORK DONE ON CONTRACT NO. 22, INISHOWEN AREA.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in which he stated that he had been instructed by Mr. Henry Gillen of Ballymacarter, Greencastle, to apply for payment of £15 : 16 : 9 being balance due in respect of work on Contract No. 22.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-
"The Contractor had to give 150 tons of 2" broken stones, and 20 tons screenings = 170 tons yearly for £56 yearly.

During the first year, 1928/29, he gave 161½ tons and was short 8½ tons, but he was paid £56 : 0 : 0.

For the second year, 1929/30, he had to give 170 tons plus 8½ tons = 178½ tons in all. The Contractor gave only 121½ tons, and he was paid £56 : 0 : 0.

For the third year, 1930/31, he had to give 170 tons plus 27 tons = 197 tons. The Contractor gave 71½ tons of 2" hand-broken stones, and 2 tons of screenings, and by Breaker, 60 Tons, making in all 133½ tons, leaving him 63½ tons short.

He was paid £40 : 5 : 0. This £40 : 5 : 0 was paid to him in two sums, £27 : 6 : 8 for half-year ending 30th September, 1930, and £12 : 18 : 4 for half-year ending 31st March, 1931. Of the latter sum (£12 : 18 : 4) there was paid to the Council for hire of breaker for one day, £3 : 0 : 0, and for hire of roller for 2½ days, £4 : 16 : 3. The actual sum paid to Gillen was £5 : 2 : 1.

For the 63 tons that he was short, I struck off £15 : 15 : 0." The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

661/31. FOOT AND MOUTH DISEASE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 3rd July, 1931, L.2778/31, in which it was stated that the recent outbreak of foot and mouth disease in Northern Ireland demonstrated the need for the adoption of all measures practicable to safeguard the livestock industry. The thorough cleansing and disinfection of markets, etc. after use was especially important. The Local Authority was empowered to make certain regulations in this respect and a copy of the relevant provisions of the Animals (Transit and General) Order of 1913 was enclosed.

662/31. CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Carndonagh, in which he stated that the Assistant Surveyor was using the Courthouse for the storage of road brushes, etc., which was very dangerous. He also stated that the entrance doors of the Courthouse required to be painted.

The County Surveyor stated that the brushes had been removed.

663/31. FLOODING AT DERRYHASSEN, DOWNINGS.

A telegram and letter from the residents of Derryhassen, was read, in which they called attention to the flooding caused by the swollen river, and asked to have it repaired.

A letter was also read from Councillor Blaney in the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being attended to.

664/31. ERECTION OF FENCE AROUND QUARRY AT CROAGHAN, TAMNEY.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Friel, Croaghan, Tamney, in which he applied for payment of £3 which was granted to him for erecting a fence around a quarry.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

665/31.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION ON THE ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McBride, Carrick, Carrigart, in which he applied for a position on the roads.
The County Surveyor stated that there was no opening to employ McBride, and that he did not make an application to the Assistant Surveyor for the district.

666/31.

MAIN ROAD UPKEEP GRANT, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd July, 1931, in which they notified a grant for 1931/32 of £17,027 towards the upkeep of Main Roads, and set out the conditions under which the grant would be given.

667/31.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. J. GORMAN, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

A letter was read from Mr. Joseph Gorman, Trummon, Laghey, in which he applied for a superannuation allowance in respect of his former position as Rate Collector.

Mr. James Dunlevy, Solicitor, Donegal, appeared before the Council on behalf of Mr. Gorman.

Councillor Francis Gallagher proposed and Councillor Walls seconded that Mr. Gorman be regarded as a pensionable Officer, and that the matter be referred to the Sub-Finance Committee to determine his Superannuation Allowance.

The motion was passed unanimously.

668/31.

STONE QUARRIED AT DRUM, PORTSALON.

A letter was read from Mr. Betram Barton, Solicitor, Portsallon, in which he stated that Mr. Daniel Sweeney of Drum, Portsallon, had not yet been paid for stone raised on his lands for road metal. Under an Agreement of the 18th February, 1930, the Council undertook to pay him at the rate of 3d. per ton, and since then 170 tons had been removed.

The County Surveyor stated that the Contractor who quarried the stone was responsible for the payment, and that he was taking the matter up with him.

669/31.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM DECREE - PATRICK MURRAY.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor in which he stated that the Appeal against the Malicious Injury Claim Decree of Patrick Murray was dismissed with costs.

670/31.

QUARRYING AT THE FORESHORE, PORTNABLAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. J. Connolly, Beach Bungalow, Portnablagh, in which he called attention to the removal of rock from the foreshore at Portnablagh for road metal. This removal appeared to be a quite unnecessary act of vandalism and was changing the whole character of the foreshore. The rocks made a natural breakwater for the sandbank, and they also served as a shelter for visitors undressing, there being no bathing-boxes.

The County Surveyor stated that he had stopped the quarrying at this place.

671/31.

APPLICATION FOR LICENCE UNDER POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT.

An application from Mr. Charles Maguire, Cahlings, Kilcar, for a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act was granted on the usual conditions.

672/31.

TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th July, 1931, Circ. 59/31, Ilgh. enclosing copy of the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and adverting to certain provisions therein.

673/31.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from Councillor Brennan in which he stated that Mr. T. A. McGlintock had taken up residence in Dungloe as Veterinary Inspector for the Glenties Area about the 17th June.

674/31.

APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY IN RESPECT OF THE SERVICES OF THE LATE NURSE MARY ANNE McMENAMIN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Margaret McMenamin, Glenfinn St., Ballybofey, in which she applied for the sum of £222, which was awarded to her late daughter, Mary Anne McMenamin, by the Stranorlar Rural District Council in respect of loss of Office as Nurse under that body.

The Secretary was instructed to refer the matter to the Local Government Department for their views.

675/31. ROAD FROM CAVANGARDEN TO CASHELARD NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. O'Doherty, N.T., Behey N.S., Cavangarden, in which she called attention to the bad condition of the road from Cavangarden to Cashelard National School.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

676/31. SALARY OF MR. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN AND OTHER OFFICIALS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th July, 1931, G.54491/31, in which it was stated that with a view to facilitating the work of accounting involved, the Minister raised no objection to the maximum salary of certain officials being fixed at £285 instead of £284 : 18 : 0 as formerly. Regarding the Council's proposal concerning Mr. Charles L. Callaghan, the Minister required a special report as to the nature of the duties being carried out by this Officer, the manner of their performance, and his conduct generally.

The Secretary submitted the following report regarding Mr. Callaghan:-

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

Mr. Callaghan's duties consist of writing Direct Labour Paying Orders each week, stamping workers' Insurance Cards, and checking the Pay Sheets.

These duties are accurately and carefully performed.

His conduct on the whole is satisfactory."

The matter was referred to the Local Government Department.

677/31. APPLICATION FOR ORDER TO GAIN ENTRANCE INTO A QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. George Doherty, Meenlougher, Killygordon, Road Contractor, in which he asked the Council to obtain an Order to gain entrance into a Quarry, the property of Mrs. Cooper.

On the motion of Councillor McPhelimy, it was unanimously decided to instruct the Council's Solicitor to assist Mr. Doherty in obtaining the Order sought.

678/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Cassidy, Carrick, in which he applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

679/31. BOATSLIP AT ST. JOHN'S POINT.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 16th July, 1931, D/67/3, in which it was stated that the Minister's attention had been drawn to the necessity for repairs to the boatslip at St. John's Point, which was constructed by the late Congested Districts Board. A considerable outlay was made by the Board in the construction of this slip, and the Minister considered that its maintenance was fairly a matter for the Local Authority. He would be glad to learn that the County Council would arrange to have the repairs carried out.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

680/31. COMPLAINT RE MONEY DEDUCTED FOR THE HIRE OF MACHINERY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Faulkner, Redcastle, in which he stated that there was a mistake in the money deducted from him for the hire of machinery, and unless this was rectified he would have to take legal proceedings.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"I have looked into this matter and find that the deductions made in respect of plant are in agreement with the time returned by the Driver of the Roller. It was Faulkner's duty to have taken the matter up at the time with the Roller Driver before he left his contract. The Driver of the Roller told me that this Contractor was one of the worst for causing delays to roller, that he gave bad attendance and that it was sometimes 10 and 11 o'clock before he turned up with the men to attend the roller."

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

681/31. APPLICATIONS FROM FLAGMEN FOR INCREASES IN WAGES.

Letters were read from Messrs. James Craig and John O'Donnell applying for increases in wages.

The County Surveyor stated that Craig had been employed previously for four years, but that he went off ill, and that he was re-employed later on at the commencing wage.

The Council decided to give Craig credit for his previous service and to pay him according to the scale, and to pay O'Donnell according to the scale.

682/31. USE OF ROLLER BY COUNTY DONEGAL RAILWAYS JOINT COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the County Donegal Railways Joint Committee in which they stated that it was unfair to charge them for the use of a roller to repair a road constructed 60 years ago. They considered that this abnormal or extra expenditure to meet modern needs should properly be borne by the County Council.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

683/31. REMOVAL OF FOOTPATH IN BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, in which he enclosed copy of a letter received from the Rev. W. J. Smartt, Bundoran, complaining of the removal of the footpath from Springfield to the Rectory Gate on Church Road.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

684/31. CLAIM FOR £7 ALLEGED TO BE DUE ON FOOT OF CONTRACT NO. 29.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in which he applied for payment of £7, being balance due to Michael McLaughlin, Magheramore, Carndonagh, on foot of Contract No. 29 for year ended 31st March last. Unless the amount was paid within two weeks he had been instructed to institute legal proceedings.

The County Surveyor explained the circumstances.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to go into the matter with Councillor Douglas and the Secretary when it was hoped a satisfactory settlement would be made.

685/31. SHEEP SCAB, CARNDONAGH DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Buncrana, in which he enclosed copy of a report in certain cases of sheep scab, Carndonagh District. He considered it a case for prosecution.

It was decided to authorise the Superintendent to institute proceedings.

686/31. BALLYLAST - GORTNAVILLY NEW ROAD.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor setting out the procedure necessary to acquire land in connection with the Ballylast-Gortnavilly new road.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to authorise the Solicitor to carry out the procedure laid down.

687/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT A PETROL PUMP.

A letter was read from Mr. John Mailey, The Diamond, Raphoe, in which he applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

688/31. APPLICATIONS BY MR. CAFFREY FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, applied for the following amounts:-
To repair wooden bridge at Maenderryhirk, County Road No. 1105.....£8 :10 :0.

To build pipe, Derrynamansher, County Road No. 794a.....£5 : 0 :0.

To repair bridge, Ballinagrath, County Road No. 1501.....£7 :10 :0.

To repair Killooney Bridge, Main Road No. 1432a, L.81.....£15: 0 :0.

The applications were granted.

689/31. BRIDGE ON THE DONEGAL-TYRONE BORDER.

Councillor Gallen referred to the condition of a bridge on the Donegal-Tyrone Border which required to be repaired.

It was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to go into the matter with the County Surveyor for Tyrone.

690/31. CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN WOODLAND N.S. AND KNOCKABRIN QUARRY.

A letter was read from Mr. William Boyce, Ballyboencurragh, Ballymaleel, Letterkenny, in which he complained of the condition of the road from Castleway to Kilmairen between Woodland National School and the Quarry at Knockabrin.

The County Surveyor stated that this was only an occasionally repaired road, and not at present on Contract, but that he hoped to include it in the next Provisional Road Works Scheme.

691/31. ALLEGED DAMAGE TO 'BUS THE PROPERTY OF THE GREAT NORTHERN RAILWAY COMPANY (I.)

A letter was read from Messrs. A. R. Brassington & Co., Ltd., Insurance Brokers, 14, Fleet Street, Dublin, C.4., in which they claimed damages, on behalf of the Great Northern Railway Company, in respect of an accident to a 'bus the property of that Company on the 6th July.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:-

"With regard to the accident complained of, it occurred on the St. Johnston-Raphoe Road at Moness. A Great Northern 'Bus when passing one of our stonebreakers struck the end of the front axle against the end of the back axle of Breaker.

That there was no excuse for this: I have to state that three other large 'buses and a very large lorry passed the stonebreaker the same morning while in the same position.

There was little more than an inch of contact between the 'bus and the stonebreaker axles, and it seems to me a pure error of judgment on the part of the 'bus driver. The stonebreaker was stationary.

I might mention that this same Driver had a similar accident a short time previously on the same road - brought about precisely in the same manner by want of the usual care one would expect from the driver of a public vehicle.

During the past two months while this Grant has been in progress, hundreds of 'buses and heavy lorries, besides ordinary motor-cars, have passed this stonebreaker and never any complaint."

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability.

692/31. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY SYSTEM.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, 14, St. Stephen's Green, N., Dublin, dated 17th July, 1931, T.55394, inquiring in what way the Council find the services being provided by the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Co. on the Burtonport line inadequate.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Department that the Council did not consider that the coupling of a passenger carriage at the end of a goods train constituted a passenger service.

693/31. FLOODING AT STRAID, CLONMANY.

A letter was read from Mr. James Morrison, Straid, Clonmany, regarding the flooding of his lands, and stating that he was not responsible for the flooding as stated by Mr. Steadman in his report.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

694/31. CLAIM FOR WORK DONE AT STRANORLAR COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McMenamin, The Glebe, Stranorlar, in which he stated that he was employed by Mr. Sweeney of Donegal to take care of Stranorlar Courthouse in so far as the Civil Courts and other matters outside Summary Courts and Road Meetings were concerned, and that he was paid by Mr. Sweeney accordingly. He considered that the Council should pay him for the Summary Courts and Road Meetings as they paid his predecessor for the same work.

The Council decided to pay Mr. McMenamin a sum of 2s/6d for each Road Meeting.

695/31.

ROADS IN THE DRUMARONE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Dr. E. F. O'Sullivan, "The Brae", Mountcharles, again drawing the Council's attention to the deplorable state of the roads in the Drumarone District. He stated that some of them were in an impassable condition from the continuous rains and from want of road metal. The water-tables were never cleaned, and where there were hedges they were meeting across the road.

The County Surveyor stated that he would call the attention of the Assistant Surveyor to the matter.

696/31.

ROAD BETWEEN THREE ROADS AT GLENTIDALLY AND THREE ROADS WEST OF RAY BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. T. Carr, Ray, in which he stated that he had been instructed by a number of farmers and ratepayers in his district to call the Council's attention to the condition of 560 perches of road from Milford to Rathmullan between three roads at Glentidally and three roads west of Ray Bridge, Map No. 658. The road was almost impassable and was overgrown with weeds and shrubs, although the Assistant Surveyor received an offer from a Contractor to keep it in repair.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

697/31.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF WAGES OWING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

A letter was read from Mr. F. J. O'Donnell, Driver, Roller No. 20, Lackenagh, Burtonport, in which he stated that in six weeks his wages were £9 : 2 : 3 short, as the tarring of the road was held up owing to the weather conditions, and as this loss was through no fault of his own he asked the County Council to consider his grievance.

Councillor Brennan proposed, Councillor Bernard Gallagher seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that O'Donnell be paid an additional sum of £1 : 10 : 0 per week for each of the six weeks he was idle, subject to the sanction of the Local Government Department.

698/31.

APPLICATIONS BY MR. STEADMAN FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, applied for the following:-
 Repair of a culvert on Road No. 97, April 1931, Milford.....£10.
 Re-build a pipe and repair breaches in road no. 236, April 1931, Milford.....£10.
 Repair of road and pipe on road no. 212, April 1931, Milford....£10.
 Repair of two pipes on road no. 27, April 1931, Dunfanaghy.....£8.
 Re-build a pipe on road no. 17, April 1929, Dunfanaghy.....£4.
 Repair of two pipes on road No. 9, April 1931, Letterkenny.....£4.
 Re-build a pipe on road no. 12, April 1929, Letterkenny.....£8.
 Re-build three pipes on road no. 95, April 1931, Letterkenny...£12.
 Re-build two pipes on road no. 10, April 1931, Letterkenny.....£10.
 The applications were granted unanimously.

699/31. COMPLAINT RE COW SLAUGHTERED UNDER BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS ORDER.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Lynch, St. Johnston, in which he complained that he had not yet been compensated for a cow slaughtered in April last under the provisions of the Bovine Tuberculosis Order, 1926.

The matter was referred to the Veterinary Inspector.

700/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the following matters:-

Notice of Motion by Councillor Brady:- "That this Council hereby approves of the proposals contained in the Killybegs Drainage Petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, and determines to carry them out under this Act."

Letter from Mr. Dan McBride, Caretaker of Downings Waterworks, applying for new hose, and report from Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.E.A.I. in the matter.

Letter from the Secretary, Sligo County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"That we, the Sligo County Council, at Annual Meeting assembled, desire to mark our disapproval and enter our strongest protest against the proposed legislation having for its object the further cutting down of popularly elected representatives of the people. We call on all T.D.'s to oppose strenuously such legislation."

Letter from the Secretary, South Tipperary County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
"That in view of the fact that six leading Senior Counsel have publicly proclaimed that it is an illegal procedure to send the Land Annuities to England, we hereby call upon the Government to retain them for De-Rating purposes."

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Confirmed.

Walter Duggan

Chairman,

25th August, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 25TH DAY OF AUGUST, 1931.

701/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Quigley (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, McCauley, McGroa, MacCreadie, McPhelimy, McShane, Nyhan, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

702/31.

A P O L O G I E S.

A letter was read from the Chairman (Councillor Michael O'g McFadden) apologising for his inability to be present.
Councillor Scott apologised for the absence of Councillor McIvor.

703/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor James Boyle seconded that the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 28th July, 1931, be confirmed.

The Secretary stated that he had received a letter from Dr. Burke, Solicitor, Strabane, in which he stated that Minute No. 624/31 was incorrect.

The Secretary read the Minute and the Council decided that it was a correct record of the proceedings.

Councillor Nyhan questioned the accuracy of Minute No. 646/31 regarding the awarding of gratuities to officials voluntarily retiring before they are entitled to pension.

The Secretary stated that the wording of the Minute followed the wording of the proposal as lodged, and that no amendment thereto had been proposed at the meeting. Certain Councillors interpreted the resolution in a certain way, but this did not affect the resolution.

The Council considered that the Minutes were a correct report, and they were, thereupon, unanimously confirmed.

704/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James Boyle the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 28th July, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

705/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James Boyle the report of the Sub-Finance Committee Meeting held on the 13th August, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

706/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the Law Committee Meeting held on the 13th August, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

707/31.

TARIFF ON IMPORTED OATS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 20th August, 1931, G.2234-31, calling attention to the Council's resolution of November, 1930, and inviting parties who were in favour of a tariff on imported oats to communicate with the Secretary of the Tariff Commission.

708/31.

REPAIRS TO SHEEP DIPPING BATHS.

The Secretary stated that some applications had been received for repairs to Sheep Dipping Baths.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor McCauley it was decided to place £25 in the hands of each of the County Surveyors for carrying out repairs that were necessary to any of the Sheep Dipping Baths.

709/31.

APPLICATION FOR SPECIAL LEAVE - MR. F. T. RUSSELL.

An application was received from Mr. F. T. Russell, Accountant, for two weeks' special leave to do an Irish course.
The application was granted unanimously.

710/31. NOTICE FROM IRISH LAND COMMISSION RE SALE OF LANDS.

The Council noted a Notice from the Irish Land Commission notifying the sale at Carrick on the 2nd September of lands formerly in the occupation of Anne Gillespie (widow).

711/31. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st August, 1931, P.H.23575/31. Dun na nGall (Ac). asking to be furnished with the claims for Travelling Expenses submitted by the County Medical Officer of Health and the Assistant County Medical Officers from the dates of their appointments to the 31st March last.

The Secretary stated that he had furnished the Department with the claims of the County Medical Officer of Health.

712/31.

ANALYST'S REPORT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st August, 1931, P.H.64872/1931, Dun na nGall. , acknowledging the receipt of the Analyst's report for the quarter ended 30th June, and requesting to be informed as to what action was taken regarding the adulterated milk samples.

The Secretary stated that the matter was having attention.

713/31.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department in which it was stated that the Department noted that Mr. McClintock had taken up residence in Dungloe as Veterinary Inspector for the Glenties Area about the 17th June last.

714/31.

COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION RE ILLEGAL POACHING.

Letters were read from Mr. T. J. O'Connell, T.D., and the Secretary of the Limerick County Council acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution regarding illegal poaching by trawlers.

715/31.

DERRY NO. 1 OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk of the Derry No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in which he asked to have Rev. John Porter, The Rectory, Muff, appointed on his Committee in place of the late Mr. W. T. Huey.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony the Rev. John Porter was unanimously appointed on the Derry No. 1 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee.

716/31. APPEAL IN FOOD AND DRUGS PROSECUTION - H.P. KANE, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Buncrana, in which he enclosed file in Food and Drugs prosecution - H. P. Kane, Moville, an appeal in which is to be heard at Lifford Circuit Court in October.

The Council decided to instruct their Solicitor to appear on their behalf.

717/31. PURCHASE OF NEW UNDERWOOD TYPEWRITER FOR COUNCIL OFFICES.

A letter was read from the Representative of the Underwood Typewriter Co. in which he stated that the cost of the repairs to one of the typewriters in the Office would amount to slightly over £5. A new machine would only cost £20, and if the Council decided to purchase one the Company would be prepared to make them an allowance for the old one and to repair the other typewriter in the Office free of charge.

The Secretary was instructed to purchase a new machine and to get an allowance for the old one.

718/31. ERECTION OF FENCE ON ROAD FROM CARRIGART VIA GLEN TO KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Dorrian, Glen P.O. protesting against the erection of a fence on the road from Carrigart via Glen to Kilmacrenan. The fence would narrow the existing roadway by six feet and render it impossible for two fast moving vehicles to pass with any show of modern speed.

Mr. Dorrian also enclosed a memorial signed by the local clergy and others in the matter.

After some discussion the matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

719/31.

BOARD OF HEALTH LOANS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th August, 1931, calling attention to the provisions of Section 4 of the Local Government Act, 1927, which required the prior assent of the County Council to the exercise of borrowing powers by the Board of Health.

720/31. CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO TRAP OWING TO CONDITION OF ROAD FROM DRUNG TO CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Paddy McCauley, Cattle-dealer, Drung, claiming £3 for damage done to his trap owing to the bad condition of the road from Drung to Carndonagh.

The Council decided to deny liability.

The question of the condition of the road was referred to the County Surveyor.

721/31. FLOODING OF PREMISES AT MALIN ROAD, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McDaid, Malin Road, Moville, in which he complained of the flooding of his premises, and stated that the Assistant Surveyor was on the ground but closed his eyes to the matter.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

722/31. SHEEP DIPPING BATH AT STRACASTLE, GLENTIES.

A letter was read from a number of residents in Stracastle, Glenties, in which they stated that Mr. John Puroy, Sub-Inspector, refused to use the tank erected by the Council, and required the sheep-owners to bring their sheep for dipping to a privately-owned bath.

A letter was also read from Mr. John Puroy, Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector, regarding the Sheep Dipping Bath at Stracastle and Mulhern's private bath. The longest journey for any sheep-owner to go to Mulhern's bath is two miles. He stated that Mr. O'Neill instructed him to shift the Stracastle bath to Silverhill if necessary.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Veterinary Inspector for the area and to Councillor Bernard Gallagher.

723/31. COMPLAINT RE MONEY DEDUCTED FOR HIRE OF MACHINERY.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles Faulkner, Rodecastle, alleging that he had been charged too much for the use of the Council's plant.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to go into it with the Roller Driver and Contractor.

724/31. ESTATE DUTY GRANT FOR YEAR ENDED 31ST MARCH, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 5th August, 1931, in which it was stated that arrangements had been made for the distribution of the balance of the Estate Duty Grant for the year ended the 31st March, 1931, and that the share of the Council in the Grant amounted to £931 : 4 : 7.

725/31. AREA OF CHARGE FOR IMPROVEMENT AND MAINTENANCE OF BALLYSHANNON SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

Copy of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health determining the area of charge for the improvement and maintenance of the sewerage system at Ballyshannon was submitted.

726/31. AREA OF CHARGE FOR THE BALLYLIFFIN PROPOSED WATER SUPPLY.

Copy of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health determining the area of charge for the Ballyliffin water supply was submitted.

727/31. RECOUPMENT IN RESPECT OF ERECTION OF ROAD SIGNS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 5th August, 1931, R/IR/39/7, regarding the recoupment of expenses in connection with the erection of Road Signs and asking to be furnished with a schedule showing the type and location of each sign erected.

728/31. SUSPECTED CASE OF BOVINE TUBERCULOSIS AT LACKAGH, CLOGHER.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 11th August, 1931, T.2006-31, enclosing copy of a telegram received in that Department regarding a suspected case of Bovine Tuberculosis on the premises of Mr. Francis Long, Lackagh, Clogher.

729/31. SUPPLEMENTARY AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th August, 1931, enclosing a Payable Order for £9,186 :15 : 0 being an instalment of the additional supplementary Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

730/31. PURCHASE OF A ROW-BOAT FOR MORASS FERRY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 10th August, 1931, R/RM/7, in which it was stated that there was no statutory authority for the proposed expenditure on the purchase of a row-boat for Morass Ferry.

Councillor Loughrey proposed and Councillor Baxter seconded that as there is no statutory authority to sanction the purchase of a row-boat for Morass Ferry the Roads Department be asked to provide a sum of at least £2,000 out of the next Grant for improving the road from Kindrum to Ballyheerin. The motion was passed unanimously.

Councillor Blaney proposed and Councillor Baxter seconded that the Irish Land Commission, as successors to the landlord, be requested to provide a new ferry boat.

The motion was passed unanimously.

731/31. STATISTICAL PARTICULARS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th August, 1931, Stat.20/1931. Ilgh. asking for certain statistical particulars.

732/31. SALARY OF MR. FRANCIS CALLAGHAN, ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th August, 1931, R/RS/7, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 29th ultimo regarding the co-ordination of the County Engineering Services, and enclosing a Query Form for completion by Mr. Francis Callaghan, Assistant Surveyor.

733/31. APPOINTMENT OF SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTOR.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 14th August, 1931, L.3383-31, stating that the Minister for Agriculture would offer no objection to the appointment of Mr. Patrick H. Byrne, Meenacross, Glencolumbkille, as Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector in place of the late Mr. John Sweeney. The Department assumed that no additional expense would be involved by the change.

734/31. APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 7 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 30th July, 1931, G.58988/1931, Dun na nGall. Fa. sanctioning the part-time appointment of Mr. John Curristin as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 7 Collection District on the terms set out in the Query Forms.

735/31.

APPOINTMENT OF RATE COLLECTOR, NO. 26 DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th August, 1931, G.62111/1931, Dun na nGall. Fa. sanctioning the part-time appointment of Mrs. Ellen Holmes as Poor Rate Collector for the No. 26 Collection District on the terms set out in the replies to queries furnished.

Mrs. Holmes, as a condition of her appointment, should be required to open an Office in the district for the convenience of the ratepayers.

736/31.

COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 10th August, 1931, G.1475/31, requesting to be furnished on Form A.252 (a) with a list of the members of the new Committee of Agriculture.

737/31.

KILLYBEGS PROPOSED DRAINAGE SCHEME.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Brady was, at his request, adjourned sine die:-
"That this Council hereby approves of the proposals contained in the Killybegs Drainage Petition under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, and determines to carry them out under this Act."

738/31.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE PUBLIC ROADS.

The required month's public notice having been given, Councillor Kavanagh proposed, Councillor Blaney seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That 170 perches of a new road made by the Irish Land Commission between the end of the County Road at Clonblosk and the end of the road at Druminderry be declared a County Road."

Councillor Cole proposed that in future before any road made by the Irish Land Commission is declared a public road a report be obtained on it from the County Surveyor.

The motion was passed unanimously.

739/31.

LONDONDERRY CORPORATION AMBULANCES AND FIRE ENGINES.

Councillor Scott proposed, Councillor Mahony seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Revenue Commissioners be requested to continue the arrangement made by them with the Londonderry Corporation in 1924, whereby motor fire engines and motor ambulances were allowed free passage across the frontier for service in the Saorstát."

It was also decided to request the assistance of the deputies for the County in the matter.

740/31.

SECTION 6 OF ROADS SPECIFICATION.

A letter was read from Councillor Hamilton inquiring whether in handling any roads, except the Direct Labour Trunk Roads, has Section 6 of Roads Specification been complied with, and suggesting that the Surveyors be directed to defer part of payments until this is done.

Councillor Hamilton suggested that the County Surveyors be instructed to insist on the terms of the specification being fully carried out.

The suggestion was adopted unanimously.

741/31.

CARROWHUGH MOUNTAIN ROAD.

Councillor McCauley proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Surveyor be instructed to have the water-tables, etc. cleaned immediately on Carrowhugh Mountain Road before the winter floods, and that a protruding rock in the centre of the road be removed."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor who stated that he had considerable difficulty in obtaining a Contractor.

742/31.

FERRY PORT, GREENCASTLE.

Councillor McCauley proposed and Councillor Scott seconded:-
"That the Council approve of the expenditure of £50 at the Ferry Port, Greencastle, with a small balance left over from Queen's Port, for the erection of a jetty, as the Board of Works Engineer is available, and the necessary machinery is on the ground."

Councillor Nyhan proposed as an amendment that the words "do not" be inserted after "Council".

Councillor Sweeney seconded.

Councillor Douglas suggested that the matter be referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

On a show of hands Councillor Nyhan's amendment was defeated, and the motion was carried.

The Secretary was instructed to get in touch with the Board of Works as soon as possible.

743/31.

CLEANING AND LIGHTING OF DOWNINGS PIER.

A letter was read from Councillor Doherty (Carrigart) in which he stated that John McBride who had been employed by the Council for cleaning and lighting Downings Pier had been residing in Scotland for some time past. His brother, Dan McBride, had been carrying out his duties. The latter was anxious to have his own name inserted for the payment instead of that of John McBride.

The Council decided to continue the existing arrangement until the end of September.

The Secretary was instructed to advertise the position with a view to a new appointment being made at the next meeting.

744/31. CLAIM FOR MONEY ALLEGED TO BE DUE ON FOOT OF CONTRACT NO. 22.

A letter was read from Councillor Douglas regarding the balance due to Mr. Michael McLaughlin, Road Contractor, Magheranore, Carndonagh.

The Secretary stated that the County Surveyor had gone into the matter with Councillor Douglas, and it now appeared to be settled.

745/31.

EXTENSION OF TIME FOR COMPLETION OF WORKS.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Doogan, and which had been lodged under a misapprehension, was withdrawn:-

"That Road Contractors, or Contractors for any County works, who could not get on with their work owing to the wet season, be given one month's extension, as the Local Government Department will not sanction payments after the 1st January next."

746/31. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY SYSTEM.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 12th August, 1931, T.55394, regarding the existing passenger train facilities on the Burtonport line, and stating that the Department had been assured by the Company that the trains now provided are similar to those which have always been run.

Councillor Doogan proposed:- "That the Lough Swilly Railway Co. be notified that they have not complied with the terms of their Agreements made in the month of May last when the matter was before the County Council and adjourned for one month pending results. It is now over four months since they paid off part of their staff and all permanent way labourers, and no reinstatements were since made except two gangs of eight men each between Letterkenny and Burtonport, with a few patrol men on every six miles looking over the line and one passenger train each way daily. Parts of the line have not been visited by any gang since the attempted closing."

Councillor Mahony, in seconding the resolution, stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce had been misinformed. Previously three trains had run daily each way. Now only two trains were being run. Further, it was feared that the bus service between Churchill and Letterkenny was about to be discontinued, which would seriously inconvenience people living within a radius of 15 miles of Letterkenny.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle stated that the existing service was unsatisfactory in so far as only one train each day ran each way between Burtonport and Derry. Two trains at least were necessary.

After some discussion it was agreed to make representations to the Company and the Department, and to adjourn the matter for a month.

747/31. APPLICATIONS FOR GRANTS FOR ROADS IN GWEEDORE DISTRICT.

In the absence of Councillor Doogan, Councillor James Boyle proposed and Councillor Mahony seconded:- "That the Roads Department be asked to give a grant towards the improvement of the Main Roads between Gweedore and Dungloe and between Gweedore and Dunlough as these roads are leading tourist roads to the various places of interest in the district."

748/31. MR. HUGH O'NEILL, DEPARTMENTAL VETERINARY INSPECTOR.

In the absence of Councillor McIvor, Councillor Scott proposed and Councillor Baxter seconded:- "That this Council requests the retention in County Donegal for another two years of the services of Mr. Hugh O'Neill, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M. In Donegal there is a sheep population of 188,000, and Mr. O'Neill, during his two years here, has done a great deal of work, but there is still a lot of work to do before the scheme is completed."

749/31. EMPLOYMENT OF LORRIES ON ROAD WORK.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That the Council instruct the County Surveyors not to employ lorries in future which do not pay tax in the Free State."

Councillor Hamilton proposed as an amendment that preference be given to Free State lorries.

On a show of hands the amendment was carried and the motion defeated.

750/31.

ROAD FROM NARIN TO ROSBEG.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed, Councillor Sweeney seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-
 "That as the road from Narin to Rosbeg passes through one of the most beautiful scenic districts in the County, we ask the Local Government Department to give an immediate grant of £500 for improving this road."

751/31.

COUNTY DONEGAL MAIN ROAD SCHEDULE.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed that the Local Government Department be asked to have the Narin-Rosbeg Road scheduled a Main Road.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed that the Department be asked for their decision regarding the scheduling as a Main Road of the road from Annagry to Dungloe via Kincasslagh.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the Department in the matter.

752/31.

ROAD FROM LEAMAGOWRA TO LURGYBRACK.

A letter was read from Councillor Sweeney asking to have the road from Leamagowra to Lurgybrack repaired.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

753/31.

RESIGNATION OF MR. FRANCIS GALLAGHER AS A MEMBER OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Gallagher, Co.C., LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, tendering his resignation as a member of the Donegal County Council.

A letter was also read from the Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden) stating that the Council could ill-afford to lose such a valuable member as Mr. Gallagher, and suggesting that he be asked to re-consider his decision.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to request Mr. Gallagher to re-consider his decision, failing which the vacancy would be filled in accordance with the usual procedure.

754/31.

BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME, 1931.

The Secretary stated that the required public notice in connection with the confirmation of the above Minor Drainage Scheme had been given, but that a number of the parties interested in the scheme had not returned their assent or dissent to the scheme.

A deputation was present, who stated that the acreage as shown in the scheme was not correct.

Consideration of the matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

755/31.

PREPARATION OF TEMPLEMOYLE AND CASHEL AND CARRICKAFODDEN MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

The preparation of the above minor drainage schemes was adjourned pending sanction to the appointment of Mr. Charles V. MacLaughlin, A.I.A.A., as Engineer.

756/31.

NEW HOSE FOR DOWNINGS WATERWORKS.

A letter was read from Mr. Dan McBride, Carotaker of Downings Waterworks, in which he applied for new hose.

A report was also submitted from Mr. W. J. Doherty, M.R.I.A.I., in the matter.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed that a rubber hose be obtained and not a flax hose.

The Council decided to refer the matter to Mr. Doherty and Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle.

757/31.

RESOLUTION FROM SLIGO COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Sligo County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That we, the Sligo County Council, at Annual Meeting assembled, desire to mark our disapproval and enter our strongest protest against the proposed legislation having for its object the further cutting down of popularly-elected representatives of the people. We call on all T.D.'s to oppose strenuously such legislation."

The resolution was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Nyhan.

758/31.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF WAGES OWING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 11th August, 1931, R/RM/7, stating that the question of the payment of £1 : 10 : 0 per week to Mr. F. J. O'Donnell, Driver, Roller No. 20, for each of the six weeks he was idle owing to inclement weather is one for the Council to decide on their own responsibility bearing in mind that any payment made will be subject to review by the Auditor.

On the motion of Councillor Brennan it was unanimously decided to request the Department to give an unqualified sanction to this payment.

759/31.

APPLICATIONS BY MR. STEADMAN FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

The following applications by Mr. Steadman were granted unanimously:-

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| Repair of Gortfad Bridge on No. 281, April 1931, Inishowen..... | £36. |
| For fencing a quarry by W.J. Friol, Croaghan, Milford District.. | 3. |
| Repair of Road No. 81, April, 1931, Stranorlar (Strabane) Area... | £20. |
| Repair of Road No. 12, April 1931, do. | £20. |
| Repair of Road No. 14, April 1931, do. | £15. |
| Repair of Road No. 13, April 1931, do. | £15. |
| Repair of Road No. 25, April 1931, Inishowen (Derry No. 2) Area. | £25. |
| Repair of Road, Lettorkenny District..... | £10. |

760/31.

APPLICATIONS BY MR. CAFFEY FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

The following applications by Mr. Caffrey were granted unanimously:-

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| To build pipe on County Road No. 1651, Glenties District..... | £2. |
| To repair County Road No. 1925, Donegal District..... | £5. |
| To repair pipe on County Road No. 1806, Donegal District..... | £1. |
| To repair County Roads Nos. 1708 and 1669, Drumarone Area injured by rains..... | £20. |
| To repair bridge on road, Map No. 2082, Ballyshannon..... | £12. |
| To repair bridge on road, Map No. 1934, Ballyshannon..... | £2. |

761/31. ALLEGATIONS REGARDING ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.
MINUTE NO. 624/31.

A letter was read from Messrs. Dominick Catterson and Robert Gamble in which they stated that they were going to attend the next meeting of the County Council to protest against the charges made against them at the last meeting.

Dr. Burke, Solicitor, Strabane, who appeared on behalf of Messrs. Catterson and Gamble, addressed the Council at length, and asked for full particulars of the charges which had been made against these particular men.

Councillor Gallen gave particulars of a number of cases in which single men had been employed in preference to married men with families. In some cases the single men had been dismissed, but they were again re-employed. If the men were prepared to apologise for what they had done he was not anxious to press the matter.

After considerable discussion, Dr. Burke expressed, on behalf of Catterson and Gamble, their unqualified regret at any irregularities.

After the luncheon interval Dr. Burke inquired if the men were to be paid for the week they were suspended, although they worked for this period.

The Chairman (Councillor Quigley) proposed and Councillor Baxter seconded that the men be paid.

Councillor Nyhan pointed out that the original resolution (No. 624/31) would first require to be rescinded.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the Standing Orders be suspended in order that the Chairman's resolution be considered.

The following voted for the suspension of the Standing Orders:-
Councillors Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, McCauley, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber. Total 21.

The following voted against the suspension:-
Councillors Brady, McPhelimy, Nyhan, and O'Boyle (Manus). Total 4.
Councillor Mahony's motion was then declared carried.

Councillor Nyhan then proposed as an amendment to the Chairman's motion that the men be not paid.

Councillor McPhelimy seconded.

The following voted for Councillor Nyhan's amendment:-
Councillors Brady, Doogan, McPhelimy, Nyhan, and O'Boyle (Manus). Total 5.

The following voted against:-
Councillors Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, McCauley, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber. Total 20.

The amendment was declared defeated and the Chairman's motion was then put to the meeting.

The following voted for the motion:-
Councillors Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher (Bernard), Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, McCauley, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber. Total 21.

The following voted against the motion:-
Councillors Brady, McPhelimy, Nyhan, and O'Boyle (Manus). Total 4.
The Chairman's motion that the men be paid was then declared carried.

762/31. WORK ON THE RAPHOE - ST. JOHNSTON ROAD.

- Mr. Steadman submitted the following report, which deals with the allegations regarding the allocation of road work referred to in the previous Minute (No. 761/31):-

"As the matter regarding the work in connection with the Raphoe-St. Johnston Grant was raised at the last Council Meeting, I desire to make clear my position concerning this work.

When starting any Grant, I leave, in the first instance, to my Assistant and the Foreman the selection of men subject to the conditions governing Grant work, and both understand that if, on my inspections, any are found unsuitable they will be replaced.

Shortly after the starting of this work I found that in two cases there were two men employed from the same house, and I at once had this rectified.

Of course, as usual in all such work, there are complaints, but so far as I am concerned the only thing that weighs with me is a man's suitability for the job as my only concern is to get the best return for expenditure.

At last Meeting the resolution passed indicated that the Foreman, Gamble, and the Roller Driver, Catterson, should not again be employed together on the same work. As no reason was given it might be taken as a reflection upon my judgment in handling work. If so, I should like to know, as it is the first time in my career anything of this kind has been made.

My only reason for putting this particular Roller with the Foreman in question was that I found from past experience that this Driver made a good effort to further the work this Foreman was engaged on.

Councillors are apt to hear many complaints and grievances that do not reach me, and that such might be sifted my suggestion would be that same be communicated to me for investigation. By this course one would have the advantage of hearing both sides which is the only way to avoid the risk of acting unfairly."

763/31. HEAVY VEHICLE TRAFFIC.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 14th August, 1931, R/RV/7, in which he stated that the Minister had carefully considered the application of the Donegal County Council for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, restricting the laden weight of mechanically-propelled vehicles to 2½ tons, 4 tons, and 5 tons on three groups of roads comprising all the roads in the County Donegal. Before proceeding to the expense of a public inquiry the Minister would suggest to the County Council that they should carefully re-consider the entire matter, for their resolution is tantamount to a repeal of the existing law concerning mechanically-propelled vehicles entering County Donegal. The proposal that the restrictions were not to apply to vehicles licensed in the County on the 30th June last in so far as their present routes were concerned was not one to which practical effect could be given. For the current financial year a sum of over £36,000 had been provisionally allocated to the Council from the Road Fund for the improvement and maintenance of roads in the County. The imposition of the restrictions now sought were such that the Minister would not be warranted in continuing to the Council assistance from the Road Fund and this fact had to be borne in mind in the consideration of all proposals of a comprehensive nature for the restriction of motor traffic.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Heavy Vehicle Traffic Committee.

764/31.

ERECTION OF SLIP AT MULLAGHDUFF.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, dated 8th August, 1931, D/51/10, regarding the erection of a slip at Mullaghduff, and stating that a grant was available from State Funds of £150 or one-half the cost of carrying out the work, whichever was the less, on condition that the Donegal County Council would contribute the balance of the cost, and would take over and maintain the slip when completed.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that the Council contribute the balance of the cost and take over and maintain the slip when completed.

It was also decided to request the Department to forward the plans of the work for approval before commencing it.

765/31.

CARNDONAGH WATERWORKS.

Councillor Cole proposed that the Standing Orders be suspended in order to call attention to certain unnecessary works which were being carried out at Carndonagh in connection with the water supply.

It having been stated that the works were already suspended, the matter was not proceeded with.

766/31.

RESOLUTION FROM SOUTH TIPPERARY COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary, South Tipperary County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That in view of the fact that six leading Senior Counsel have publicly proclaimed that it is an illegal procedure to send the Land Annuities to England, we hereby call upon the Government to retain them for De-Rating purposes."

Councillor Nyhan proposed and Councillor Brady seconded the adoption of the resolution.

On a show of hands the proposal was defeated by 8 votes to 7.

Councillor Nyhan demanded a poll which the Chairman refused to give. He then proposed that the matter be adjourned until the next meeting, and the proposal was adopted.

767/31.

APPLICATION FOR LOAN BY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

An application was submitted from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, for a loan of £180, re-payable in five years, for the purpose of installing a copper calorifier and fittings, and the provision of three Hoover Electric Vacuum cleaners, and requesting the County Council to apply to the Local Government Department for their sanction.

As the application had not been received in time to be placed on the Agenda for that meeting, the Council decided to adjourn consideration of it until their next meeting.

768/31.

PUBLIC ANALYST.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the following Notice of Motion which stood on the Agenda in the name of Councillor Scott, and, in the meantime, it was decided to refer it for consideration to the Sub-Finance Committee:-

"That the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. O'Deagha) be requested to take over as from the 30th September next the duties of Analyst to the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and that the appointment of Miss Ryan, M.Sc., Dublin, as County Analyst be terminated as from same date."

769/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the items on the Agenda numbered as follows:-

41, 42, 43, 44, 45, 47, 48, 50, 51, 54, 55, 56, 57, 58, 60, 61,
63, 64, 65, 66, 67, 68, 69, 70, 71, 72, 73, 74, 75, 76, 78, 79,
80, 81, 82, 83, 84, and 86.

Confirmed.
M. M. Staddon

Chairman,
29th September, 1931.

AN ADJOURNED MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF SEPTEMBER,
1931.

770/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:-
Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James),
Brady, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Douglas,
Gallagher (Bernard), Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Myles,
McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane,
O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney,
Wagentreiber, and Walls.

Mr. Vincent P. McMullin, the Council's Solicitor, was also in
attendance.

771/31.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from
Councillors Loughrey and Nyhan.

772/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James
Boyle the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on
the 25th August, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

773/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James
Boyle the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 25th
August, 1931, was adopted unanimously.

774/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E S C H O L A R S H I P S C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

Councillor Gallen proposed the adoption of the report of the
Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 2nd September, 1931.

Councillor Wagentreiber seconded.

Councillor James Boyle proposed that a fourth year's extension
of his Scholarship be awarded to James J. Gallagher.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed that a fourth year's
extension of his Scholarship be awarded to John P. O'Donnell.

Councillor McIvor proposed that where any money was available
it should be utilised in giving Scholarships to those qualified
in addition to the six awarded under the regulations.

After some discussion it was agreed to refer back to the
Scholarships Committee the question of extensions in these particular
cases and the question of extensions generally.

The remainder of the report was adopted unanimously.

775/31.

C I N E M A T O G R A P H A C T , 1909.

A notice was received from Mr. Billy Walsh, Popular Bazaar
Cinema and Variety Co., notifying the holding of Cinema shows in
Dunkineely, Killybegs, and Carrick.

776/31.

M E M B E R S H I P O F L A W C O M M I T T E E.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Scott seconded that
Councillor James Boyle be appointed a member of the Law Committee.
The motion was passed unanimously.

777/31. ERECTION OF FENCE ON ROAD FROM CARRIGART VIA GLEN TO KILMACRENAN.

Adverting to the complaint received at the last meeting from a number of residents protesting against the erection of a fence on the road from Carrigart via Glen to Kilmacrenan (Minute No. 718/31), Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"As requested I inspected the fence complained of at Dunmore. The making of this fence was an item brought in by Councillor Patrick Doherty. Mr. Dawson when laying out this work very naturally made provision for an 18 feet width of roadway at this place, seeing that for several miles along this particular road the width was narrower.

At the same time the existing old line of fence at this place would permit of a further gain of 5 to 6 feet being made to the road at any time in addition to the 18 feet laid out by Mr. Dawson.

Having regard to the fact that the County has the right to use this 5 feet extra width and would lose it if this work were completed and thereby prevent future widening of the road unless at the cost of acquiring same land the better course would be to have the fence made along the existing line of fence and so preserve the ground for adding to the width of road at any future time; the Contractor, of course, to be allowed for what work he has done."

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to adopt the suggestions contained in Mr. Steadman's report.

778/31. ILLEGAL POACHING BY FOREIGN TRAWLERS.

Letters were read from Messrs. Rutledge, T.D., Fahy, T.D., Lemass, T.D., De Valera, T.D., and McKeown, T.D., acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution re poaching by foreign trawlers.

Letters were also read from the Secretaries of the Dublin and Wexford County Councils stating that the resolution had been adopted by their Councils.

Councillor Gallen referred to the procedure adopted in Iceland in connection with illegal poaching, where the cost of the Patrol Boat was provided out of fines recovered from trawlers, and he suggested that a similar procedure be adopted in the Saorstát.

779/31. ROADS ACT, 1920.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 8th September, 1931, M.T.209/7, notifying the payment of £310 : 6 : 6, on account, under Section 3 (4) (a) of the Roads Act, 1920.

780/31. TOURIST DEVELOPMENT.

A letter was read from Mr. Liam O'Dwyer, 7646, Epworth Boulevard, Detroit, in which he advocated, at considerable length, intensive tourist development.

781/31. TEMPORARY ABSENCE OF MR. PATRICK MCGLINCHY, V.S.

A letter was read from Mr. P. McGlinchey, V.S. in which he stated that he would be absent on holidays from the 5th August for two weeks, and that he had arranged with Mr. P. A. McGeady to carry out his duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 12th August, 1931, L.3393-31, enclosing copy of a communication received in that Department from Mr. McGlinchey, V.S., and stating that, provided the Local Authority concur, the Department will offer no objection to the employment of Mr. P. A. McGeady as substitute Veterinary Inspector under the Diseases of Animals Acts during the absence of Mr. McGlinchey on two weeks' leave as from the 5th August.

782/31.

CARNDONAGH WATER SUPPLY.

Copy of an Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health determining the Area of Charge for the Carndonagh Water supply was submitted.

783/31.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT (RATES ON AGRICULTURAL LAND) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th September, 1931, G.48/31, enclosing copy of the Local Government (Rates on Agricultural Land) Act, 1931.

784/31.

LONDONDERRY CORPORATION AMBULANCES AND FIRE ENGINES.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh A. Law, T.D., acknowledging the receipt of the Council's resolution re the fire engines and ambulances the property of the Derry Corporation, and stating that the Council's request seemed reasonable and desirable.

A letter was also read from the Office of the Revenue Commissioners dated 2nd September, 1931, No. C. & E. 688/6818/29, stating that the necessary instructions had been issued for the continuance of the arrangements made in 1924 for the entrance for service into the Sacrist of motor fire engines and ambulances owned by the Derry Corporation.

On the motion of Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to express appreciation of the action of the Revenue Commissioners in the matter.

785/31.

APPLICATION FOR GRATUITY IN RESPECT OF THE SERVICES OF THE LATE NURSE McMENAMIN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th August, 1931, P.61702/31. (Sc.) Dun na nGall., regarding the application of Mrs. Margaret McMenamín for a gratuity in respect of the services of the late Nurse Mary Anne McMenamín, and requesting that the Minister be furnished with full particulars in the matter.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th September, 1931, P.67340/31. Sc. in which it was stated that the Minister was not aware of any enactment which would empower the Local Authority to grant a gratuity in the case of the late Nurse McMenamín.

786/31.

COST OF PREPARATION OF THE NINTH REGISTER OF ELECTORS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th September, 1931, F.60133/31, Dun na nGall. C. in which it was stated that the gross expenses in connection with the preparation of the ninth Register of Electors amounted to £2114 : 1 : 6, less fees received, £10 : 4 : 0; net expenses, £2,103 : 17 : 6; and requesting to be furnished on the prescribed form with a claim for recoupment.

787/31.

AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

Notification was received of the transfer of £7,879 in respect of an instalment of the Agricultural Grant for the year 1931/32.

788/31.

NOTIFICATION OF THE SALE OF LANDS.

Notification was received of the sale at the Courthouse, Letterkenny, on the 9th September, 1931, of lands in Altadush, now or formerly in the occupation of Mundy Conaghan.

Notification was also received of the sale at Ballyshannon on the 17th September, 1931, of lands in Ardloughill, now or formerly in the occupation of John Quinn.

789/31.

DONEGAL ABBEY.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 11th August, 1931, 12822/31, regarding Donegal Abbey, and stating that they were considering the desirability of issuing an order prohibiting further burials within the Chancel and close to all fragments of walling.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle suggested that the Office of Public Works be asked to remove about two feet of the surface where they would probably find all the fragments of the head of the east window.

790/31.

LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) ORDER OF 1928.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter sent to Rate Collector Peter Greene informing him that the Minister was satisfied that he possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable him adequately to perform the duties of his Office through the medium of Irish.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing, for the information of the Council, copy of a letter sent to Miss M. V. Fullerton, Assistant Librarian, informing her that the Minister was satisfied that she possessed a knowledge of the Irish language sufficient to enable her adequately to perform the duties of her Office through the medium of Irish.

791/31.

CIVICS INSTITUTE OF IRELAND AND THE HOUSING OF THE POOR.

A letter was read from the Civics Institute of Ireland enclosing copy of memorandum in connection with the housing of the poor in Saorstát Éireann for submission to the Government and Municipal Authorities.

792/31.

APPLICATION FOR ARBITRATION UNDER THE WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION ACT, 1906.

An application was submitted for Arbitration under the Workmen's Compensation Act, 1906, on behalf of John Gillespie, Meenaveen, Carrick.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor stating that he had received instructions direct from the Insurance Company for the defence of the case.

793/31.

MR. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th September, 1931, G.61703/31, Dun na nGall, stating that the Minister sanctioned a graded scale of salary for Mr. Charles L. Callaghan of £250 by annual increments of £10 to a maximum of £285.

796/31.

NARIN-ROSBEG ROAD AND ROADS IN THE GWEEDORE DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 4th September, 1931, R/RG/7, relative to the application of the Council for grants for the Narin-Rosbeg Road and for roads in the Gweedore District, and stating that in view of more urgent demands on the Road Fund, the Minister could not see his way to recommend special grants for the roads in question.

797/31.

BYE-LAWS FOR PIERS AND HARBOURS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th September, 1931, in which it was stated that the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, was the Department that now deals with the making of bye-laws for Piers and Harbours, and the application should, accordingly, be transmitted to that Department.

798/31.

UNPAID HARBOUR DUES AT DOWNINGS.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 18th September, 1931, T.55889, referring to the Secretary's letter relative to the recovery of unpaid harbour dues at Downings and asking to be furnished with details of the case in question and of any others of a similar nature which might have arisen in recent years at any of the Piers, etc., controlled by the Council.

799/31.

PUBLIC WORKS CONGRESS AND EXHIBITION.

An Invitation to the Council from the Public Works Congress Committee to a Congress and Exhibition to be held in November was submitted.

800/31.

AUTHORISED COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by the Chairman it was unanimously decided to request the Minister for Local Government and Public Health to have the Law and Heavy Vehicle Committees made "Authorised Committees" under Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925, as from the 1st April last.

801/31.

CONFERENCE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY COMPANY.

The following were appointed as the Council's representatives to meet the representatives of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company in conference on the 8th October:-
Councillors Gallon, Mahony, Daniel E. O'Boyle, and Scott, with the Solicitor, Secretary, and County Surveyors.

802/31.

PUBLIC ANALYST.

The following Notice of Motion standing in his name was adjourned at the request of Councillor Scott until the November Meeting:-

"That the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. O'Deagha) be requested to take over as from the 30th September the duties of Analyst to the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and that the appointment of Miss Ryan, M.Sc., Dublin, as County Analyst, be terminated as from same date."

803/31.

RAMELTON PIER.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Council take over Ramelton Pier and that the Council's Solicitor be instructed to carry out the necessary formalities."

Mr. C. J. Furlong of Messrs. William Kelly & Co. appeared on behalf of the users of the Pier, and advocated the adoption of the resolution.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Wall seconded that the best thanks of the Council be extended to Sir Harry Stewart for the gift of the Pier.

804/31.

CARNDONAGH WATERWORKS.

A letter was read from Councillor Douglas in which he asked to be furnished with a copy of the result of the inquiry guaranteed to be held by the members of the County Board of Health fixing responsibility for construction of pumping apparatus conveying water from an old condemned well in the old Kitchen Yard of Workhouse into the Hospital without the knowledge or consent of the Medical Officer (Dr. O'Callaghan) when water at a cost of £7,050 was at the gate.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Engineer, Derry, explaining that the work referred to was urgently required and was only of a temporary nature.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor MacGreadie Mr. Doherty's explanation was accepted.

805/31.

AILEACH (FORMERLY DERRY NO. 2) AREA.

A letter was read from Councillor Douglas inquiring why the motion adopted by the Council changing the names of the Derry No. 2 and Strabane No. 2 Areas to Burnfoot and Lifford Areas respectively had been ignored and not given effect to by officials of the County.

Councillor Douglas stated that the area formerly known as Derry No. 2 was now included in Inishowen.

The Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden) suggested that in future this area be known as Aileach area.

The Chairman's suggestion was adopted unanimously; Councillor Douglas dissenting.

806/31.

AGENDA FOR THE COUNCIL MEETINGS AND STANDING ORDERS.

Councillor Hamilton proposed:- "That no items, unless of great importance, received late for the Agenda be considered at any meeting."

Councillor Mahony proposed as an addition that only matters concerning the administrative work of the County be considered at the meetings.

After some discussion it was agreed to consider the matter at the next meeting on a motion for the amendment of the Standing Orders in this way.

Councillor Hamilton also proposed:- "That no items on the Agenda to which any Councillor makes objection be gone into after 4.30 p.m. but shall be automatically adjourned until the next meeting."

It was also decided to consider this matter at the next meeting.

807/31.

HEDGE-CUTTING.

Councillor Hamilton proposed and Councillor Clarke seconded:- "That the County Surveyors be requested to instruct the Assistant Surveyors to see that Contractors serve hedge-cutting notices at once after October 1st, and to see that in all cases of failure to comply with such notice, in so far as cutting hedges at all corners and bends and the sides of hedges next the roads before October 17th, immediate action is to be taken against defaulters; and that Assistant Surveyors be held personally responsible for seeing this part of their duties fulfilled; failing which a percentage be deducted from their salaries. That we call upon the Government to enact the promised legislation removing the date limit for action as to hedge-cutting, and to send copies of this resolution to the Roads Department and the T.D.'s of the County."

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, explained the procedure, and read the latest circular from the Department in the matter.

The motion was unanimously adopted.

808/31.

WEIGHBRIDGE AT SALTHILL PIER.

A letter was read from Councillor Manus O'Boyle pointing out that the weighbridge at Salthill Pier and the house containing it require to be repaired.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted an estimate of £20 for repairing the weighbridge and the house containing it.

On the motion of Councillor Boyle seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyor to have the necessary repairs carried out.

The question of drawing up a scale of fees for the use of the weighbridge, if one was not already in use, was referred to the Sub-Finance Committee.

809/31.

FAILURE OF CROPS IN CONGESTED AREAS OF DONEGAL.

Councillor Sweeney proposed, Councillor Doherty (Carrigart) seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That owing to the almost complete failure of the crops in the congested areas of Donegal, I want to draw the attention of the Board to the seriousness of the situation, and through it the attention of the Government, who up to this have done practically nothing for our industries or fisheries."

810/31.

PROTECTION OF RAILWAYS.

A letter was read from Councillor Sweeney calling the attention of the Council to the necessity of supporting the railways.

Councillor Sweeney, who was present, urged that the Government should take the necessary steps to protect the railways against unfair bus and lorry traffic.

Councillor Doherty (Carrigart) supported Councillor Sweeney, and their suggestions were adopted unanimously.

811/31.

TRANSPORT BILL.

Councillor Scott referred to the fact that Councillor Mahony was attending on the 30th September a meeting of the Executive Committee of the General Council of County Councils, which had been called to consider the new Transport Bill, and he suggested that Councillor Mahony be instructed to raise the question of the Ministry's attitude in threatening to withhold Grants from the Road Fund in connection with the proposed Inquiry into the Heavy Vehicle Traffic in the County.

The suggestion was adopted unanimously.

812/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following tenders were received for repairs to Lifford Courthouse:-

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| George Lindsay, Drumbane, Castlefin..... | £715. |
| James McBride, Duncroghan Road, Derry..... | £885 : 7 : 6. |
| Patrick McCallion, Abbey Street, Derry..... | £1025. |
| Daniel McGrenra, Main Street, Letterkenny..... | £1231 : 2 : 6. |

The Secretary stated that Lindsay's tender was not on the correct form.

The Council considered the cost of the works too high, and they instructed Mr. William J. Doherty, who was present, to revise his specification with a view to reducing the cost; tenders on the revised specification to be invited for the next meeting.

813/31. APPOINTMENT OF PERSON FOR CLEANING THE SURFACE OF
DOWNINGS PIER, AND LIGHTING LAMPS.

Applications were received from the following for cleaning the surface of Downings Pier and lighting the lamps thereon:-

Daniel McBride, Downings.
John McElafferty, Downings.
Charles Gallagher, Downings, and
Andrew McFadden, Downings.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Patrick Doherty Mr. Daniel McBride was appointed unanimously at a remuneration of 7s/6d per week.

814/31. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

On the motion of Councillor James Boyle seconded by Councillor Bernard Gallagher it was unanimously decided to apply for sanction to Overdraft accommodation of £25,000 to the 31st December next.

815/31. APPLICATION FOR LOAN BY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Resident Medical Superintendent, Mental Hospital, Letterkenny, applying, on behalf of the Mental Hospital Committee, for a loan of £180, re-payable in five years, for the purpose of installing a copper calorifier and fittings and the provision of three Hoover Electric Vacuum cleaners.

On the motion of Councillor James Boyle seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to apply for ~~sanction to the~~ loan required.

816/31. RESOLUTION RE LAND ANNUITIES FROM THE SOUTH TIPPERARY
COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the South Tipperary County Council enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That in view of the fact that six leading Senior Counsel have publicly proclaimed that it is an illegal procedure to send the Land Annuities to England we hereby call upon the Government to retain them for De-rating purposes."

Councillor Scott proposed the following alternative resolution, Councillor Brady, seconded, and it was passed unanimously:-

"That the Council request our Government to enter into friendly negotiations with the Imperial Government with a view to a readjustment of the question of the financial settlement, and suggesting that the land annuities should, in whole or in part, by some equitable arrangement between the two Governments, be retained by our Government and refer to the precedent created by the Government of Northern Ireland, which, contrary to Statute, has successfully evaded a similar obligation."

817/31. ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1933.

Mr. Steadman submitted the following report:-

"To enable me to proceed with the preparation of the Road Works Scheme for the year 1932 - 1933 it is important that the limit of expenditure should be settled. So much time was spent in arriving at a decision regarding the current year's expenditure that it led to considerable delay in the holding of the Road Meetings. My estimate for the requirements of the Northern Division for the year 1932/1933 is £52,000."

The Council adjourned consideration of the matter until their next meeting.

818/31. BALLYSTALLAGH (RAY RIVER) MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME, 1931.

Councillor Blaney proposed:- "That the Council contribute towards the cost of the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931, a sum of £50 or 25% whichever is the less."

The motion was passed unanimously.

819/31. CONFIRMATION OF THE BALLYSTALLAGH (RAY RIVER) MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME, 1931.

The Secretary stated that notice had been served in pursuance of the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, Section 8, in the form prescribed in the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Regulations, 1928, on all occupiers of the land proposed in the Scheme to be drained or improved, and on the owners or reputed owners, lessees or reputed lessees, and occupiers of lands, rights, or other property proposed to be acquired.

Consent to the scheme had been received from persons in the occupation of land proposed to be drained of more than one-half of the total value as stated in the Scheme provided that certain portions of the lands were excluded as they considered these portions would not benefit by the Scheme.

On the motion of Councillor Blaney seconded by Councillor Baxter the Council unanimously decided to confirm the Scheme, under Seal, with the exclusion of the portions of the lands suggested.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th August, 1931, S.61704/31, Dun na nGall. Pg. asking that a copy of the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, 1931, as confirmed by the Council be furnished, and enclosing a loan application form if a loan was desired.

The Secretary was instructed to furnish the Department with a copy of the scheme as confirmed.

The question of obtaining a loan was adjourned until after contracts had been taken for the carrying out of the Scheme.

820/31. APPOINTMENT OF ENGINEER FOR MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEMES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 12th September, 1931, F.62108/31, Dun na nGall. Pd. regarding the proposal of the Council to appoint an Engineer for the purpose of schemes under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, and stating that it did not appear to the Minister that the present engineering staff of the Council was inadequate to carry out these duties, and, accordingly, he was not prepared to approve of the Council's proposal.

Councillor Scott proposed that the Secretary be instructed to inform the Local Government Department that the Assistant Surveyors were prepared to do this work free of charge provided that the proposed increases of salaries were sanctioned by the Department.

The motion was passed unanimously.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor it was decided to ask Mr. Charles V. MacLaughlin to furnish an account for the work already done by him.

821/31. COATS AND HATS FOR SURFACEMEN.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported that he had orders issued for the oilskin coats and hats for the surfacemen.

822/31.

PETROL PUMPS NEAR NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM BRIDGE.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"At Newtowncunningham Bridge on the Trunk Road between Letterkenny and Derry a garage was erected by Mr. Walter Dunne of Newtowncunningham. While the face of this garage is a little over 30 feet back from the centre of the road, the position of the two petrol pumps is just inside the wall that bounded the County Road at this place, part of which wall has been removed.

Now at this place there is a double bend and when a motor is standing there taking in petrol it naturally unduly curtails the width of road available for traffic. On a straight length of road this would not be so objectionable but on account of the bends adjoining the garage there is considerable risk of an accident occurring."

The Council's Solicitor stated that where Petrol Pumps were causing an obstruction the Council had power to have them removed.

On the motion of Councillor McIvor it was unanimously decided to call on the parties to remove the pumps.

823/31.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"For some years past painting and repairs have been carried out to the Gweebarra Bridge from money voted for upkeep of the roads. This year a sum of £200 is being expended on replacing 170 compressive and tensile members of the main girders. I find, however, on making a thorough inspection of the Bridge that extensive repairs and replacements are necessary. As these repairs, etc. will involve the expenditure of a large sum I am now bringing the matter before the Council for their consideration.

This Bridge is 590 feet in length consisting of an iron structure 444 feet long and 146 feet of embankments. There are 8 spans of 52 feet each and 1 of 28 feet. The bridge is supported on 8 piers, having in each pier 8 iron piles screwed into the estuary bed.

When this structure was erected nearly forty years ago there was no heavy traffic on the roads as there is to-day. Owing to the action of sea spray the iron work has been considerably wasted and extensive replacements are necessary. The decking of the Bridge requires a complete overhaul and may necessitate an entire renewal. The bottom and top booms of the main girders require strengthening in places. I find also from soundings taken across the estuary that considerable scour has taken place under the two spans near the north embankment. Some of the piles have had the sand removed from around them to a depth of 14 feet. A sum of at least £4,000 would require to be expended on this structure to put it in a reasonably safe state for existing traffic.

Owing to the position of the bridge and its exposure to the action of the sea, iron or steel are not suitable materials for such a structure. If the existing piers could be relied upon to support an increased weight, I should recommend placing a superstructure of reinforced concrete instead of a steel decking. The foundations, however, of the existing piers are both uncertain and unknown as regards their suitability for an additional load of from 20 to 30 tons per span."

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Bernard Gallagher seconded that the Local Government Department be asked for a special grant to cover the cost of this work.

It was also decided to ask the T.D.'s of the County for their support in the matter.

824/31.

BOATSLIP AT ST. JOHN'S POINT (CASSON SOUND).

Adverting to the letter from the Department of Lands and Fisheries, dated 16th July, 1931, D/67/3, asking the Council to have certain repairs carried out to the boatslip at St. John's Point, Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I have examined the boatslips at St. John's Point. These consist of two slips which are protected by a breakwater. There is a breach in one of the slips 60 feet in length by 16 feet wide having an average depth of 5 feet. This slip was damaged by the sea coming over and around the breakwater. To carry out repairs to the damaged slip an approximate sum of £100 would require to be expended.

The fishermen who use the slip informed me that the breakwater gives little protection to the boatslips as it is neither long nor high enough to prevent the sea from injuring the slips."

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Brady seconded that the Council agree to take over the Boatslip if the Department expend £100 in carrying out the necessary repairs.

825/31.

RESIGNATION OF MR. FRANCIS GALLAGHER AS A MEMBER OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Francis Gallagher, Co.C., LL.B., Solicitor, Donegal, in which he stated that he was unable to re-consider his decision to resign from the Council. He stated that it was with great regret he was severing his connection with the Council of which he would always have pleasant recollections.

Councillor Gallen paid a tribute to Mr. Gallagher's services whilst on the Council and on the Board of Health.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Brady it was unanimously decided to declare Mr. Gallagher's seat on the Council vacant.

A letter from the Donegal Public Health Committee suggesting that Mr. Thomas Cassidy, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Main Street, Donegal, be co-opted a member of the County Council in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher was adjourned until the next meeting.

826/31.

APPLICATIONS FOR LOANS UNDER THE HOUSING ACT OF 1929.

Applications for assistance by way of loans under the Housing Act, 1929, were received from the following:-

John McLoone, Derryloughan, Doochary.

Charles Doherty, Dooballagh, Letterkenny.

William McLaughlin, Fahan.

The Council unanimously granted the applications.

827/31.

MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. COX, FORMER ASSISTANT LIBRARIAN.

A letter was read from Mrs. Cox, Waterloo Place, Donegal, in which she applied for a Marriage Gratuity in respect of her former position as Assistant to the Donegal County Library Committee.

The Secretary stated that Mrs. Cox was entitled to a maximum gratuity of £45 : 10 : 0.

On the motion of Councillor Wagentreiber seconded by Councillor Gallen it was unanimously decided to grant this amount.

828/31.

COUNTY COUNCIL HANDBOOK.

Tenders were submitted from various firms for the printing of the County Council Handbook.

The Council unanimously decided to accept the tender of the Derry Journal for the printing of 500 copies at £12.

It was decided to have forty copies interleaved with blank pages.

29/31. SCHEDULE OF TOLLS AND RATES AT PIERS UNDER THE MARINE WORKS ACT, 1902.

Letters were read from the Office of Public Works dated the 15th and 27th August, 1931, 6506/31, inquiring from what date the Council proposed bringing into operation the revised schedule of tolls and rates at the Marine Works in County Donegal leased to the Council.

The Council fixed the 1st October, 1931, as the date on which the revised schedule should come into operation.

30/31. PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 8th April, 1931, in which it was stated that the expenditure on the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme worked out at £1490 : 19 : 5. The Council's liability was £432 : 7 : 8. They wished to draw on the Council's contribution and they suggested that a loan of £430 be borrowed out of the Local Loans Fund. The balance could be paid in cash when the final figures were known.

Another letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th July, 1931, 9889/31, asking that the Council proceed without delay with the raising of a loan for the purpose of paying their contribution towards the cost of the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme.

A further letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 14th September, 1931, 14368/31, in which it was stated that the drainage works in connection with the Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme were carried out substantially in accordance with the scheme, and that Department was satisfied that the works were carried out satisfactorily, but they realised that they might have deteriorated somewhat since the works were completed nearly twelve months ago. They could not carry out any further works and it would be the duty of the County Council to restore the works to an efficient state when the district was transferred to them in accordance with the Act. This state of affairs did not affect the Council's liability for their agreed share of the cost of the scheme.

Councillor Blaney stated that the work had not been carried out in accordance with the scheme.

On the motion of the Chairman seconded by Councillor Baxter it was decided to ask Councillor Blaney to interview the Office of Public Works in the matter.

31/31. PLOT OF GROUND AT KEENAGH, BALLYGORMAN P.O.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Londonderry, in which he applied, on behalf of Mr. John Platt of Keenagh, Ballygorman P.O., for the sum of £5 in respect of a plot of ground acquired by the Council at Keenagh for the purpose of widening the Main Road and cutting off a dangerous corner between Keenagh School and Bree.

The matter was referred to Councillors Cole and Patrick Doherty with a view to having a settlement effected.

32/31. CLADNAGERAGH PIER.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Cladnageragh, in which she stated that the Pier was very dangerous and that the banks were lying safely there for the last twelve months.

The matter was referred to the Office of Public Works.

33/31. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF MEMBERS OF COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Secretary submitted copy of a minute received by him from the Committee of Agriculture in which it was stated by the Secretary of the Committee that they had no authority to pay Travelling Expenses of members in respect of attendances at the April and June Meetings.

The Council's Solicitor stated that the Committee of Agriculture were clearly liable for those expenses, and the Council decided to refer the matter back to the Committee.

834/31. PROPOSED NEW SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR DAIL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th August, 1931, F.46970/31, Dun na nGall. (c.) referring to the proposed new scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Dail Elections submitted for confirmation on the 11th June, and stating that it had been represented to the Department that the following amendments were desirable in the Glenties Area:- The transfer (a) of Montymane townland from Edeninfagh to Ballinamore, (b) of Keeldrum Lower from Derryconnor to Gortahork, (c) of Cashel from Cashelnagor to Gortahork, (d) of Rannagh from Leabgarrow to Aphort, (e) of Gortnasate from Mullaghdoe to Boleruit, (f) of Lackenagh from Burtonport to Acres, and (g) of Lackbog from Acres to Burtonport.

The Minister desired the County Council to consider the suggestions.

The Council unanimously decided to approve of the alterations which had been represented to the Department.

835/31.

OLD JAIL GROUNDS, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Scott, Railway Road, Strabane, in which she inquired if the Council would be willing to lease her a portion of the Old Jail Grounds, Lifford, for the erection of a Tea-room.

Councillor Quigley proposed and Councillor Sweeney seconded that the application be refused.

Councillor Wagentreiber proposed that Mrs. Scott be requested to furnish plans of the proposed building.

On a show of hands Councillor Wagentreiber's motion was carried unanimously.

836/31.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th July, 1931, P.H.Dun na nGall. (Sd.) in which they asked for a copy of the resolution appointing Mr. T. A. McClintock to the position of Veterinary Inspector in the Glenties Area.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th August, 1931, P.H.60528/31, Dun na nGall. (Sa.) inquiring if Mr. T. A. McClintock had yet taken up duty as Veterinary Inspector for the Glenties Area.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 17th August, 1931, L.3362-21, in which they asked to be furnished with an explanation of the circumstances in which the services of Mr. McGlinchey were retained as temporary Veterinary Inspector in the Glenties Area after the 17th June the date on which Mr. McClintock took up duty as Veterinary Inspector for that district.

Letters dated the 31st July and 8th August were read from Mr. T. A. McClintock, V.S., Dungloe, claiming payment of his salary from the 9th June, 1931, on which day he stated he went to reside in Dungloe.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated the 17th September, 1931, L.3664-31, in which it was stated that as the 17th June appeared to be the date fixed by the Board of Health as the date on which Mr. McClintock took up duty and Mr. McGlinchey ceased acting, the Department would be glad to learn that the same date would now be fixed in connection with the duties under the Diseases of Animals Acts.

The Council unanimously decided to pay Mr. McClintock as from the 17th June if the Department sanctioned Mr. McGlinchey's being paid to the 25th June on which day he ceased acting.

837/31. COMPLAINT REGARDING WELL AT BOCAN, CULDAFF.

A letter was read from Mr. John Platt, Cregalogue, Bocan, Culdaff, regarding a well his property, and stating that on the occasion of the County Surveyor's visit the well was filled with rain water. Unless the water was restored he proposed instituting proceedings.

After hearing the County Surveyor, the Council decided to take no action in the matter.

838/31. COMPLAINT RE UNDER-PAYMENT FOR WORK DONE ON THE SHORE ROAD, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Canning, Carrowhugh, Greencastle, applying for balance of pay alleged to be due to him for work done on the shore road, Greencastle.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

839/31. PIPE AT THE CROSSROADS, AGHADACHOR, GLEN P.O.

Letters were read from Mr. James F. Hay, Aghadachor, Glen P.O., in which he asked to have a pipe built at the crossroads at his house on the Aghadachor Road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

840/31. RESOLUTION FROM BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT COUNCIL RE ACQUIRING OF LANDS.

The following resolution forwarded by the Buncrana Urban District Council was adopted unanimously:-

"That we request the Government to pass legislation to enable local authorities to acquire land for public purposes through the District Courts, the District Justice to be empowered to deal with such applications, and with the assistance of two assessors, to fix compensation, so as to expedite procedure and lessen the costs."

841/31. LAYING OF OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs in which they asked for permission to place an overground telegraphic line along the shore road from the rear of Post Office to junction at Castle Street and to a point 200 yards distant on the Ballgreen Road, Ramolton.

The required permission was unanimously granted.

842/31. NEW ROAD IN TOWNLANDS OF MULLAGHANEARY AND GORTAHORK.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 1st September, 1931, in which it was stated that the construction of a road in the townlands of Mullaghaneary and Gortahork, as shown on the accompanying map, was under consideration, and inquiring if, in the event of this road being constructed by the Land Commission, the Council would be prepared to maintain it.

On the motion of Councillor McPhelimy seconded by Councillor Gallen the Council decided to take over the road when completed if it were carried out to the County Council's specification, and if it complied with Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

843/31. PRESSES IN DUNFANAGHY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. B. Gallagher, District Court Clerk, Dunfanaghy, in which he asked to have two presses in Dunfanaghy Courthouse repaired.

The Council decided to refer the Court Clerk to the landlord.

844/31.

LANDING-SLIP AT MULLAGHDUFF.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 1st September, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter agreeing to the conditions under which a contribution from State Funds would be made available towards the cost of the erection of a landing-slip at Mullaghduff. The Commissioners of Public Works were being requested to forward the plans for approval.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th September, 1931, 16441/31, enclosing, for the approval of the County Council, plans of the proposed landing-slip at Mullaghduff.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"I beg to report that I have examined the plans of proposed slipway and also visited the site. Work has already begun. The proposed slipway is 50 feet long by about 20 feet wide at top, and 7 feet at the toe. Its gradient is 1 in 10. It will not be suitable for pulling up boats as there is nothing but rocks near the top where boats could be placed. I interviewed some fishermen who will use the slip and as far as I was able to ascertain this slip will only be used for landing their nets. Their boats will be drawn up on the sand adjacent. The men seem satisfied with the proposed slip."

On the motion of Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Quigley it was unanimously decided to approve of the plans.

845/31.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JOSEPH GORMAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 1st September, 1931, G.66830/31, Dun na nGall. Fa. stating that, according to the Department's Circular of the 4th April, 1929, Mr. Joseph Gorman, ex-Rate Collector, would be entitled to a superannuation allowance based on his service of thirty-one completed years which would amount to £74 :19 : 2. On receipt of a resolution of the Council awarding this sum the Minister would be prepared to accord his sanction thereto.

On the motion of Councillor Wagentreiber it was unanimously decided to pay Mr. Gorman a superannuation allowance of £74 :19 : 0.

846/31.

LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 7th September, 1931, T.55394, in which it was stated that the Council's complaint regarding the character of the service being run on the Burtonport Extension line was dealt with in the Department's letter of the 12th ultimo. The Minister had no information before him which would lead him to believe that the present train service on the extension was insufficient for the traffic offering as suggested by the Council. The question of the discontinuance of the bus service between Letterkenny and Churchill was receiving attention.

The matter was referred to the Conference with the Railway Company.

847/31.

CLAIM FOR LOSS OF WAGES OWING TO INCLEMENT WEATHER.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 18th September, 1931, R/RM/7, in which it was stated that the question of the payment of £1 :10 : 0 per week to Mr. F. J. O'Donnell, Driver, was fully considered in connection with the previous application on the subject, and, as stated in the Department's letter of the 11th ultimo, the question was one for the County Council to decide on their own responsibility.

848/31. CONSTRUCTION OF SMALL PIER AT GREENCASTLE, AND ERECTION OF JETTY AT FERRYPORT.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 18th September, 1931, 16672/31, in which it was stated that the construction of a small Pier and approach at Queen's Port, Greencastle, had been completed. The final bill could not be rendered until all the accounts were in, but they were advised that it would be at least £360. They would like the Council to lodge £250 on account. The erection of a jetty at Ferryport was not a work of economic development. It could only be carried out as an Agency Service, i.e. at the actual cost, plus an overhead charge of 11%. They had no objection to carrying out the work provided they had no responsibility other than giving the use of the tools, etc. already at Greencastle, supervising the works, and spending the unexpended balance of the funds from the Queen's Port work, plus the additional expenditure of £50 voted by the Council.

On the motion of Councillor Quigley seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to agree to the conditions of the Office of Public Works regarding the erection of a jetty at Ferryport.

The question of the Council's contribution in connection with the construction of a Pier and approach at Queen's Port was adjourned until the next meeting.

849/31. ANNUAL REVISION OF VALUATION.

A letter was read from the Valuation Department asking for payment of one moiety of the cost of the annual revision of valuation amounting to £115.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

850/31. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th September, 1931, asking for payment of £132 : 2 : 6, being the amount assessed upon the Council under the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925.

Payment of the amount was ordered.

851/31. ENTRANCES AND CROSSING ON BUNCRANA MAIN STREET.

A letter was read from the Buncrana Urban District Council in which they asked to have the gateway entrances and road crossings on Buncrana Main Street gravelled and levelled up to footpaths, also to have the broken concrete repaired.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

852/31. MAIN ROAD AT JUNCTION OF TOWNSEND STREET AND MILL BRAE IN BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from the Buncrana Urban District Council asking to have the Main Road at the junction of Townsend Street and Mill Brae raised to a better grade as the winding curve was very dangerous to bus traffic. If the Council would gravel the Main Road the Urban Council would have their portion of the Mill Brae adjusted to the same grade.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

853/31. SALTHILL PIER, MOUNTCHARLES.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Salthill, reporting that the wooden fender which came off the Pier in October last was taken by some person from the top of the Pier where it had been deposited. He had reported the matter to the Civic Guards who were making inquiries.

854/31.

ERECTION OF PETROL PUMP IN LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Brennan & McCosker, Lifford, in which they applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The County Surveyor objected to the placing of the pump on the public roadway.

The Council unanimously decided to refuse the application.

855/31.

APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL PUMP IN CONVOY.

A letter was read from Mr. Samuel McClure, Convoys, in which he applied for permission to erect a Petrol Pump.

The application was referred to the County Surveyor.

856/31.

LIFFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, reporting a vacancy on his Committee owing to the death of Mr. Alexander Brown, St. Johnston.

On the motion of Councillor McPhelimy Mr. Charles Henderson, St. Johnston, was appointed to fill the vacancy.

857/31.

AGREEMENT UNDER THE TOURIST TRAFFIC DEVELOPMENT ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association inquiring if the Council would enter into an Agreement with the Association under the Tourist Traffic Development Act, 1931, and enclosing Agreement for completion if the Council accede to the request.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor.

858/31.

RESOLUTION FROM THE TUAM TOWN COMMISSIONERS.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, the following resolution from the Tuam Town Commissioners was adopted unanimously:-

"That we, the Tuam Town Commissioners, voicing the feelings of the people of town and country, are grievously alarmed at the Government's long delay in dealing with the question of the transit of goods by road which is causing perpetual destruction to them and inflicting a severe burden on the Ratepayers, and unwarranted competition in the Railways which is the life of the nation."

859/31.

RESOLUTION FROM THE TUAM CIVIC DEVELOPMENT ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen, the following resolution from the Tuam Civic Development Association was adopted unanimously:-

"That we, the people of Tuam in public meeting assembled, view with grave concern the curtailment and closing down of various sections of the Great Southern Railways System in the Free State, which will have most disastrous results for the Live Stock trade and Commercial interests of the West, causing ruination to the farmers and starvation to the working classes; and the loss of their property to the shareholders. We, therefore, strongly protest against any further closing down of the Railway System pending the passing of the Road Transport Bill. And as the Great Southern Railways System has been gravely injured by the unrestricted heavy motor traffic and the transfer of unproductive Baronial Railways Liabilities to them by the Railway Amalgamation Act, we consequently call upon the Government and An Dail to take immediate action forthwith to devise means of assistance to the Railways to avert this awful serious calamity threatening the people of the west; and, further, that the Road Transport Bill be passed without delay as the Railways are indispensable for the fairs and markets of the country."

860/31. RESOLUTION FROM THE CORK COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The following resolution from the Council of the County Borough of Cork was adopted unanimously on the motion of Councillor Gallen:-

"That the Council of the County Borough of Cork protests against the undue delay of the Government in introducing legislation which would secure to the people a supply of hygienically clean milk conforming to a reasonable standard as to its chemical composition, more particularly since the vital necessity for such legislation has been admitted by the Ministry.

That we call on the Ministry to allot the necessary time for the passing of this legislation during the next session of the Oireachtas and we further request that measures be introduced directed towards the eradication of tuberculosis from our dairy and meat-supplying herds."

861/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES BOYLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 21st September, 1931, G.60828/31, Dun na nGall. in which it was stated that the amount of pension to be awarded to Mr. James Boyle should be based on twenty-nine-sixtieths of his average emoluments for the three years preceding retirement. In cases of abolition of office no added years could be allowed which would bring the age of the officer at the age of cesser above the normal retiring age of 65 years.

Mr. Simms, Solicitor, Strabane, appeared before the Council, and stated that he had advised Mr. Boyle to accept the superannuation allowance mentioned by the Department.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Wagentreiber the Council decided to award to Mr. Boyle a superannuation allowance of £50 : 5 : 0 per annum.

862/31. APPLICATIONS BY MR. CAFFREY FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

The following applications by Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, were granted unanimously:-

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| Road No. 1545, Lifford Area, Repairs to culvert..... | £5. |
| Road No. 1460, Stranorlar Area, re-build 18" x 18" pipe..... | £4. |
| Road No. 1454, Stranorlar Area, repair 2" x 2" pipe..... | £2. |
| Road No. 1449, Stranorlar Area, repair 2" x 2" pipe..... | £2. |
| Road No. 1449, Stranorlar Area, repair bridge and water course..... | £10. |
| Road No. 1247, T.59, re-build a 2" x 2" pipe..... | £8. |
| Repair of Castlefin Bridge, No. 1540, L.16, Main Road,
Lifford Area..... | £5. |
| Repair of Gortnamuck Bridge, No. 1600, L.16, Lifford Area..... | £4. |
| Repair of Letterbrick Bridge, No. 1307, L.75, Main Road,
Stranorlar Area..... | £5. |

863/31. CLAIM FOR BALANCE ALLEGED TO BE DUE ON A CONTRACT.

A letter was read from Mr. Philip Doherty, Road Contractor, Carrick Lower, Carrick, claiming a balance of £4 : 18 : 0 due to him for work done in the half-year ended 31st March last.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

864/31. CONDITION OF ROAD AND BRIDGE IN THE VICINITY OF CROLLY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Loughkeel, Crollly, complaining of the condition of a road and bridge in the vicinity of Crollly, which they kept in repair themselves up to lately, but owing to the heavy motor traffic they considered they were entitled to assistance from the Council.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

865/31.

ANONYMOUS LETTERS.

In connection with two anonymous letters which appeared on the Agenda, Councillor Baxter proposed and it was unanimously resolved that no notice be taken in future of anonymous letters, and that they be not placed on the Agenda.

866/31. CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM RAILWAY STATION AND SWILLYMOUNT.

A letter was read from Mr. William M. Tees, 33, Aberfoyle Terrace, Derry, in which he called attention, on behalf of Mr. Andrew Peoples, Swillymount, Newtowncunningham, to the very narrow public highway between Newtowncunningham Railway Station and Swillymount. Mr. Peoples narrowly escaped an accident when passing another car on this road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

867/31. CONDITION OF ROAD THROUGH LETTERMORE AND MEENTACOR.

A letter was read from a number of residents in the Mountcharles District, forwarded through Councillor Manus O'Boyle, calling attention to the condition of the road through Lettermore and Meentacor.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

868/31. ROAD FROM LETTERKENNY TO GLENTIES, VIA MEENAROY.

The Council decided to take no action on a letter from Mr. Charles Kelly, Letterkenney, complaining of the condition of the road from Letterkenney to Glenties, via Meenaroy.

869/31. CONDITION OF ROAD FROM CAVANGARDEN TO CASHELARD.

A letter was read from Mrs. M. O'Doherty, N.T., Behoy, Cavangarden, in which she complained of the condition of the road from Cavangarden to Cashelard, and if it was not immediately repaired she would absolutely refuse to pay tax on her car the next time.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was being dealt with.

870/31. APPLICATION TO ERECT POLES IN PETTIGO STREET.

A letter was read from Messrs. Shaw Bros., Mill Street, Pettigo, in which they asked for permission to erect poles in Pettigo Street for the purpose of installing electric light.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

871/31. APPLICATION TO LAY PIPE ACROSS ROAD AT DRUMDOIT, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Robert Harpur, Drumdoit, Castlefin, in which he applied for permission to make a small pipe across the County Road near his own house.

The County Surveyor stated that if a crockery pipe were placed across the road it would meet his requirements.

872/31. CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN FINTOWN AND DOOCHARY.

A letter was read from the Postmaster, Donegal, in which he complained of the condition of the road between Fintown and Doochary.

A letter was also read from Miss Rose, Kolly, Fintown, complaining of the condition of the same road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

873/31.

CROVEIGHY ROAD.

A letter was read from Mr. John Boyle, Groveighy, Dungloe, in which he stated that until the 100 perches of the Groveighy Road were repaired he would refuse to pay any more rates.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

874/31.

CONDITION OF ROADS IN ARDNAGASSON, MEENADREAN, AND COPANY.

A letter was read from a number of residents in Donegal, etc. complaining of the bad condition of the roads in Ardnagasson, Meenadrean, and Copany.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

875/31.

OPENING OF ROAD IN GLENTIES FOR THE PURPOSE OF SCOURING THE WATER VALVE.

A letter was read from the Chairman, Glenties Town Improvement Committee, in which he stated that the County Surveyor would not allow the road to be opened for the purpose of scouring the water valve. The result was that the water was stagnant and unclean and the health of the people was threatened.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "As the road surface in Glenties Main Street has been recently tarred the Carotaker is at liberty to open the scours as the road may not now be injured. If, however, I find that the surface is injured, I fear the scours will require to be carried to the river where they should have emptied when the water was put into the town."

The Council decided to give permission to have the road opened on the condition that the surface was not injured.

876/31.

CLEANING OF DRAIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGlinchey, Ardlahan, Cloghan, in which he asked to have a tail-drain cleaned as the water from it was flooding his lands.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

877/31.

CONDITION OF ROAD BETWEEN BALLINTRIA AND BILLARD.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Ballintra, Arranmore, in which attention was called to the dangerous condition of the road between Ballintra and Billard.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

878/31.

APPLICATION FOR USE OF COUNCIL'S STEAM-ROLLER.

A letter was read from Mrs. F. A. Glenn, Drumbarnett, Manorcunningham, in which she applied for the use of the Council's steam-roller.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mrs. Glenn that she could have the use of the roller when in the vicinity at £1 :15 : 0 per day.

879/31.

ANNUAL INCREMENT IN SALARY - MISS E. QUINN.

The Secretary submitted the following report:-

"Mr. Chairman and Gentlemen,

I have pleasure in reporting that Miss Quinn, whose annual increment in salary is now due, continues to perform her duties with the utmost satisfaction."

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor Scott the Council unanimously decided to grant Miss Quinn the annual increment due to her.

880/31. COMPLAINT RE DISMISSAL OFF ROAD WORK WITHOUT CAUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. John Collins, Ballyloskey, Carndonagh, in which he complained of being dismissed off the road work without any cause, and he was told that there was no further work, while two unmarried men, the sons of a hotel proprietor, were taken on afterwards.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

881/31. COMPLAINT RE UNFAIR ALLOCATION OF ROAD WORK.

The Council decided to take no action on a letter from Mr. Charles Rodgers, Carrickadawson, Raphoe, complaining of the unfair allocation of road work.

882/31. EMPLOYMENT OF FREE STATE WORKERS BY MESSRS. A. GALLAGHER, LTD., LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. A. Gallagher, Ltd., Lifford, in which they denied the statement made at the last County Council Meeting that there were not more than four persons from the Free State employed in their Lifford Factory, and they pointed out that over 47% of their employees were from the Free State.

Councillor Cole, who made the statement referred to at the last meeting, stated he had been misinformed in the matter, and he was now pleased to withdraw his statement.

883/31. DATES OF MEETING FOR PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS.

The following dates were fixed for the meetings for payments to Road Contractors:-

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| Ballyshannon..... | 2nd November, 1931. |
| Donegal..... | 3rd November, 1931. |
| Dunfanaghy..... | 17th October, 1931. |
| Dungloe..... | 3rd November, 1931. |
| Glenties..... | 2nd November, 1931. |
| Kilcar..... | 2nd November, 1931. |
| Inishowen..... | 26th October, 1931. |
| Ailceach..... | 3rd November, 1931. |
| Letterkenney..... | 5th November, 1931. |
| Milford..... | 16th October, 1931. |
| Lifford..... | 20th October, 1931. |
| Stranorlar..... | 30th October, 1931. |

884/31. ROAD NO. 28, APRIL 1931, LIFFORD AREA - WM. McCORKELL.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, reported as follows:-

"On Road No. 28, April 1931, Stranorlar (Lifford) Area, William McCorkell of Lifford has two defective pipes in the County watertables for entrances into his fields. These give rise to the flooding of the road at intervals leading to damage of same. I would recommend that proceedings be taken to ensure a proper opening in each case being given to obviate further damage to the road."

The Council decided to instruct Mr. Steadman to proceed against McCorkell.

885/31. BREAKING OF CONTRACT NO. 15, APRIL 1931, DUNFANAGHY DISTRICT.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"As Grant Work is in progress on the road from Gortahork to Gweedore I would recommend that the Contract No. 15, April 1931, Dunfanaghy, be broken, the Contractor, of course, being paid for any work done by him in connection with his contract."

The Council unanimously decided to instruct Mr. Steadman to break the Contract,

886/31.

LARCENY OF ROAD MATERIAL - MILFORD AREA.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-
 "I have to report that Mr. Joseph McClaafferty has a quantity of screenings in his yard in Milford recently carted there from a pile of screenings the property of the County Council. I refer to this matter as I am not aware of any permission having been given to do so by the County Council."

Councillor Baxter proposed that a bill be sent to Mr. McClaafferty for the amount of screenings taken.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher called attention to the decision of the Law Committee instructing Assistant Surveyors to inform the Garda Siothchana of any larcenies of road material.

It was decided to instruct the Assistant Surveyor to carry out the instructions of the Law Committee.

887/31.

HIRING OF STEAM ROLLER TO LETTERKENNY URBAN COUNCIL.

Mr. Steadman reported that he had hired one of the Council's steam-rollers to the Letterkenny Urban District Council.

The Council unanimously approved of Mr. Steadman's action.

888/31.

APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS BY MR. STEADMAN.

The following applications by Mr. Steadman were granted unanimously:-

Repairs to bridge on Road No. 117, April 1931, Milford.....£7.
 For meeting outlay in connection with signs.....£9.

889/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the following letters:-

Letters from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, asking to have certain members of the Garda Siothchana appointed as Food and Drugs Inspectors.

Letter from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 8th September, 1931, D/4/4, enclosing copy of a report and plan received from the Commissioners of Public Works recommending a modified scheme of Pier extension, etc. at Rathmullan estimated to cost £7,900. The Minister was in a position to promise a contribution of a sum of one-half the actual cost, subject to a maximum contribution of £5,000, on the condition that the County Council would contribute the balance of the cost, and would undertake the task of permanent maintenance, repairs, etc. of the new works when completed in addition to the upkeep, etc. of the existing works.

Letter from the Irish Tourist Association inquiring if the Council would be able to authorise the Association to publish its Official Guide.

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M. M. J. F. J.

Chairman,

27/10/1931

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 27TH DAY OF OCTOBER, 1931.

890/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Quigley, Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Clarke, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Douglas, Gallagher, Gallen, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCrea, MacCreadie, Molvor, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, Walls, and Cassidy.

891/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

Re Minute No. 811/31. Councillor Scott stated that in Minute No. 811/31 the reference should have been to the new Traffic Bill, and not to the new Transport Bill.

Re Minute No. 848/31. Councillor Scott suggested that the words "and to agree to the payment of the overhead charge of 11%" be added to the penultimate paragraph of this Minute.

Re Minute No. 886/31. Councillor Baxter stated that this matter was dealt with in his absence and he proposed that it be referred back to the Law Committee again.

With the amendments quoted above the Minutes of the Meeting of the County Council held on the 29th September, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

892/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor James Boyle the report of the Finance Committee Meeting held on the 29th September, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

893/31.

R E P O R T S O F T H E S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G S.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Scott the reports of the Meetings of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 29th September and the 8th October, 1931, were unanimously adopted.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle raised the question of the payment of rates in the Inver District.

The Chairman of the Sub-Finance Committee assured him that no drastic action would be taken pending the next meeting of the Committee.

894/31.

R E P O R T O F T H E M E E T I N G O F T H E H E A V Y V E H I C L E C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the meeting of the Heavy Vehicle Committee held on the 8th October, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

Councillor Scott suggested that when the Traffic Bill was being considered in the Dail the Deputies for the County should endeavour to have it amended along the lines suggested by the Committee. Their recommendation was that for the three classes of road in the County the maximum weights for laden vehicles should be $2\frac{1}{2}$, 4, and 5 tons respectively, yet in the new Traffic Bill it was provided that the unladen weights of heavy motor vehicles may be up to $7\frac{1}{2}$ tons, while in the case of the traction and other vehicle, the joint unladen weights of the two vehicles may be up to $9\frac{3}{4}$ tons. That was altogether excessive for the Donegal Roads which were never intended for such heavy weights, and it was beyond the capacity of the ratepayers to pay for roads that would bear the weights suggested under the Bill.

895/31. REPORTS OF THE MEETINGS OF THE LAW COMMITTEE.

The report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 8th October, 1931, was unanimously adopted with the exception of Minute No. 56/31, which was referred back to the Committee for further consideration.

The report of the Meeting of the Law Committee held on the 27th October, 1931, was adopted unanimously.

896/31. REPORT OF THE SCHOLARSHIPS COMMITTEE MEETING.

The report of the Scholarships Committee Meeting held on the 23rd October, 1931, was unanimously adopted on the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor MacCreadie.

An amendment by Councillor Walls that the report be referred back to the Committee for further consideration of the application of Patrick F. G. Cannon for a Post-Graduate Scholarship was withdrawn.

897/31. AWARD OF UNIVERSITY SCHOLARSHIPS.

Councillor Blaney inquired if it were a fact that holders of County Council Scholarships were ineligible to compete for other full University Scholarships whilst holding University Scholarships from the County Council.

The Secretary was instructed to communicate with the University Authorities in the matter.

898/31. LAW COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Quigley seconded by Councillor James Boyle Councillors Cole and Baxter were added to the membership of the Law Committee.

899/31. CONSIDERATION OF QUARTERLY LIST OF PAYMENTS.

The Council considered the Quarterly List of Payments, and payments, as recommended by the Finance Committee, were ordered.

900/31. DONEGAL IRISH CLASS.

A letter was read from the Chairman of the Donogal Irish Class protesting against the transfer of Mr. Brian McCavitt from Donogal to Letterkenny.

The matter was referred to the Vocational Education Committee.

901/31. HENRY GALBRAITH v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A Civil Bill served on behalf of Mr. Henry Galbraith, Cashel, Carndonagh, for £6 : 18 : 0 being balance due for stones supplied during the year 1930 at the request of Mr. O'Neill, Assistant Surveyor, was submitted.

The matter was referred to the Council's Solicitor with instructions to defend the proceedings.

902/31. PROPOSED POLLING SCHEME FOR DAIL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department returning the duplicate copies of the Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme for the purpose of having the seal of the Council affixed thereto.

It was unanimously decided to affix the seal of the Council.

903/31. LOCAL OFFICES AND EMPLOYMENTS (GAELTACHT) ORDER, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th September, 1931, B.73027/31. Ilgh. Sg. enclosing copy of the Local Offices and Employments (Gaeltacht) Order, 1931, under which a number of minor Offices were excluded from the operation of the original Order.

904/31. MR. CHARLES L. CALLAGHAN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th September, 1931, G.73142/31, Dun na nGall. Sa. stating that the graded scale of salary sanctioned for Mr. Charles L. Callaghan operated from the date of his appointment in 1930.

905/31. AREA OF CHARGE FOR ARDARA SEWERAGE SYSTEM.

A copy of a sealed Order, No. P.H.66382/31, made by the Local Government Department defining the Area of Charge in connection with Ardara Sewerage System was submitted.

906/31. AREA OF CHARGE FOR MILFORD WATER SUPPLY.

A copy of a sealed Order, No. P.H.68605/31, made by the Local Government Department defining the Area of Charge in connection with Milford Water Supply was submitted.

907/31. BOATSLIP AT ST. JOHN'S POINT (CASSON SOUND).

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 2nd October, 1931, D/67/3, stating that the Minister would be glad to have further information as to the repairs to the Boat slip at St. John's Point.

A further letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 16th October, 1931, D/67/3, acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter regarding the Boat slip at St. John's Point which was having attention.

908/31. HARBOUR MASTERS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 2nd October, 1931, 16824/31, inquiring what salaries, etc. were paid by the Council to the Harbour Masters at the various Piers under their control.

909/31. ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture notifying the transfer of £9186, being the second instalment of the additional Agricultural Grant for the year 1931/32.

910/31. ERECTION OF FENCE ON ROAD FROM CARRIGART VIA GLEN TO KILMACRENAN.

A letter was read from Mr. P. Dorrian, Glen, thanking the Council for their prompt action in connection with the erection of a fence on the Carrigart-Kilmacrenan Road, and stating that the Council's decision had the endorsement of public opinion.

911/31. AUTHORISED COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 15th October, 1931, G.76825/31. Fa. Dun na nGall. inquiring for particulars of the membership of the Law and Heavy Vehicle Committees and the approximate number of times each meets in the year.

912/31.

CHILDREN ACT, 1908.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Milford, notifying the intention of application being made at Milford District Court on the 13th October for the committal of three children named McGinley of Sreen, Milford, to Industrial Schools under Section 58 of the Children Act, 1908.

A further letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Milford, intimating the committal at Milford District Court on the 13th October of three children named McGinley to the Industrial Schools at Killybegs and Sligo.

913/31.

NOTIFICATION OF THE SALE OF LANDS.

Notification was received of the sale at Ardara on the 28th October, 1931, of lands in Gortnacart, now or formerly in the occupation of Patrick Breslin.

914/31.

GWEEBARRA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th October, 1931, relative to the application for a special Grant for the repair of Gweebarra Bridge, and stating that the Grants from the Road Fund for the current year had already been allocated, and it was not now possible to make further Grants.

915/31.

PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 9th October, 1931, 18942/31, stating that they awaited a communication from Councillor Blaney regarding the Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme.

916/31.

ANNUAL REPORT OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

Consideration of the annual report of Dr. O'Doagha, County Medical Officer of Health, was adjourned until the next meeting; the report to be circulated in the meantime.

917/31.

NATIONAL MONUMENTS ADVISORY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Department of Finance dated 13th October, 1931, S.200/3/30, stating that the Minister had been pleased to nominate the Rev. Dr. P. J. MacLaughlin, Professor of Science, St. Patrick's College, Maynooth, to be a member of the Advisory Council established under Section 21 of the National Monuments Act, 1930.

918/31.

ACKNOWLEDGMENTS FROM THE DEPARTMENT OF THE PRESIDENT OF RESOLUTIONS PASSED BY THE COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution from the Tuam Town Commissioners adopted by the Council. (858/31).

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution from the Tuam Civic Development Association adopted by the Council. (859/31).

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution from the Cork County Borough Council adopted by the Council. (860/31).

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution passed by the Council regarding Land Annuities. (816/31).

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution passed by the Council regarding the failure of crops in congested areas of Donegal. (809/31).

A letter was read from the Department of the President dated 9th October, 1931, acknowledging the receipt of resolution passed by the Council regarding the protection of railways. (810/31).

919/31.

ANNUAL INCREMENT IN SALARY OF MISS QUINN.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th October, 1931, G.76818/31, Dun na nGall. Sc. stating that the Minister sanctioned the proposed granting of an increment to Miss Quinn.

920/31.

OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th October, 1931, G.76823/31. Dun na nGall. Fa. sanctioning Overdraft Accommodation not exceeding £25,000 to the 31st December next.

921/31.

MARRIAGE GRATUITY - MRS. COX, DONEGAL.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 13th October, 1931, G.77313/31, Dun na nGall. Fa. sanctioning the grant of a Marriage Gratuity of £45 : 10 : 0 to Mrs. Cox, formerly Assistant Librarian.

922/31.

COST OF THE RATE APPOINTMENT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 14th October, 1931, G.78094/31, Dun na nGall. Fa. acknowledging the receipt of the Secretary's letter of the 10th idem, and stating that the cost of the rate appointment for the current financial year had been noted.

923/31.

DISEASES OF ANIMALS (DISINFECTION) ORDER OF 1931.

Copy of the Diseases of Animals (Disinfection) Order of 1931 and Memorandum explaining its provisions were noted.

924/31.

CINEMATOGRAF ACT, 1909.

Notifications were received from Mr. W. Walsh of the holding of Cinema Shows at Dungloe on the 12th October, at Annagry on the 14th, at Dunfanaghy on the 19th, at Kilmacronan on the 22nd, at Letterkenny on the 26th, and at Raphoe on the 29th.

925/31.

SAMPLES TAKEN UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 6th October, 1931, L.4270/31, submitting a list of samples of butter taken by the Department's officials in the County for analysis during the period ended 30th September, 1931.

926/31.

BALLYSALLAGH (RAY RIVER) MINOR DRAINAGE SCHEME, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 19th October, 1931, F.78092/31, Dun na nGall. Pd. stating that the formal sanction of the Minister was not required to the proposal to make a contribution out of County Funds towards the cost of the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Minor Drainage Scheme, 1931.

927/31.

ROAD FROM LETTERKENNY TO GLENTIES, VIA MEENAROY.

A letter was read from Councillor Mahony regarding the condition of the road from Letterkenny to Glenties, via Meenaroy, and referring to the complaint of Mr. Kelly, Steam Mills, in the matter.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor MacCreadie the road was referred to the County Surveyor for inclusion in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

928/31. ROADS FROM LETTERKENNY TO DUNGLOE VIA DOOCHARY,
AND FROM DUNGLOE TO CROLLY.

On the suggestions of Councillors Blaney and Daniel E. O'Boyle it was decided to instruct the County Surveyor to have the road from Letterkenny to Dungloe, via Doochary, and the road from Dungloe to Crollly included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

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929/31. ROAD BETWEEN CASHEL THREE ROADS AND CULDAFF RIVER, VIA
GLENNEELY TO MALIN - DECLARATION OF TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Cole proposed:- "That Road No. 167a between Cashel Three Roads and Culdaff River, via Gleneely to Malin, be declared a public road."

The Secretary stated that the month's notice required by Section 25 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, had been duly given.

Councillor Quigley seconded the proposal which was passed unanimously.

Subsequently, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, stated that the road did not comply with the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

930/31. UNEMPLOYMENT, AND CONSEQUENT HARDSHIPS OF THE WORKING
CLASSES.

Councillor McPhelimy proposed:- "That the Council be asked to focus attention on the serious aspect of unemployment during the coming winter. They can, as the elected representatives of the County, in unison with similar bodies, urge upon the Government the necessity of making a serious effort to mitigate the hardships of the working people in Rural and Urban Districts who are unable to find employment."

Councillor Patrick Doherty (Carrigart) seconded.

Councillors Manus O'Boyle, Gallen, and Sweeney supported the resolution which was passed unanimously.

It was decided to send copies to the other County Councils in the Saorstát.

931/31. ROAD BETWEEN CARNDONAGH AND DRUNG.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor McIvor seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Council instruct the County Surveyor to have the road between Carndonagh and Drung repaired by Direct Labour."

932/31. MAIN ROAD AT JUNCTION OF TOWNSEND STREET AND MILL BRAE
IN BUNCRANA URBAN DISTRICT.

Councillor Kavanagh proposed:- "That the Council re-consider the application of the Buncrana Urban District Council to have the surface of the Millbrae Corner raised."

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

933/31. ROAD LEADING FROM DRUM TO ST. ORAN'S SCHOOL, SLADRAN.

A letter was read from Councillor Kavanagh calling attention to the condition of the road leading from Drum to St. Oran's School, Sladran.

The County Surveyor stated that he had now got a Contractor for this road.

934/31. STANDING ORDERS - ITEMS RECEIVED LATE FOR THE AGENDA.

Councillor Hamilton proposed:- "That the Standing Orders be amended to include the following:-
'No items, unless of great importance, received late for the Agenda, shall be considered at any Meeting.'"
The motion was passed unanimously.

935/31. STANDING ORDERS - CONCLUSION OF COUNTY COUNCIL MEETINGS AT 4.30 P.M.

Councillor Hamilton proposed:- "That the Standing Orders be amended to include the following:-
'No items on the Agenda to which any Councillor makes objection shall be gone into after 4.30 p.m. but shall be automatically adjourned until the next meeting.'"
The Chairman ruled the motion out of order.

936/31. GRIEVANCES OF LABOURERS IN REGARD TO THEIR WORKING HOURS, AND THE MANNER IN WHICH THEY ARE PAID FOR BROKEN DAYS.

A letter was read from Councillor Douglas asking to have investigated certain grievances of labourers in the Council's employment in regard to their working hours.

Councillor Gallen suggested that the men be paid by the hour instead of by the day.

937/31. TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor advising in connection with the Agreement submitted for completion by the Irish Tourist Association, under the above Act.

He pointed out that the Agreement could not now be completed for the current year.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Irish Tourist Association.

938/31. CONSTRUCTION OF A SMALL PIER AND APPROACH AT QUEEN'S PORT, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 18th September, 1931, 16672/31, stating that the construction of a small Pier and approach at Queen's Port, Greencastle, had been completed. The final bill could not be rendered until all the accounts were in, but they were advised that it would be at least £360. They would like the Council to lodge £250 on account.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to lodge £250 on account, subject to a satisfactory report being received by the Secretary from the County Surveyor.

939/31. APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN SALARY - MR. DANIEL KELLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel Kelly of the Council's clerical staff asking to be placed on a salary scale of £230 to £235 as in the case of the other officials.

Councillor James Boyle proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the application be granted.

940/31. PROSECUTION UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS - WILLIAM NORRIS, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor reporting that the case against William Norris, Moville, under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, was disposed of at Moville District Court on the 19th inst., when the Defendant was fined 6d. with £3. 15. 0 costs.

941/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The following Tenders were received for the repairs to Lifford Courthouse:-

George Lindsay, Drumbane, Castlefin.....£630.
 Daniel McGrenra, Main Street, Letterkenney.....£700.
 James McBride, Duncreggan Road, Derry.....£735.
 Patrick McCallion, 3, Abbey Street, Derry.....£876.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor McIvor it was unanimously decided to accept Mr. Lindsay's tender which was the lowest.

The Contractor subsequently attended with his sureties, and, having signed the Bond, the Council unanimously decided to execute it under Seal.

942/31. APPLICATION FOR LOAN TO COVER COST OF REPAIRS TO LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony it was unanimously decided to apply for a loan of £700 to cover the cost of the repairs to Lifford Courthouse.

943/31. CO-OPTION OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF DONEGAL IN PLACE OF MR. FRANCIS GALLAGHER.

A letter was read from the Donegal Public Health Committee suggesting that Mr. Thomas Cassidy, Wine and Spirit Merchant, Main Street, Donegal, be co-opted a member of the County Council in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher.

On the motion of Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded by Councillor MacShane it was unanimously decided to appoint Mr. Cassidy a member of the Council in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher.

Mr. Cassidy signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and the Chairman welcomed him on behalf of the Council. He returned thanks, and subsequently took part in the business of the Meeting.

944/31. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF THE BOARD OF HEALTH.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Myles seconded that the Chairman of the Council (Councillor Michael Og MacFadden) be appointed a member of the County Board of Health in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed and Councillor Callaghan seconded that Councillor Cassidy be appointed to fill the vacancy.

Councillor Cassidy having withdrawn after some discussion, the Chairman was unanimously appointed.

945/31. APPOINTMENT OF MEMBER OF VOCATIONAL EDUCATION COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher seconded by Councillor Baxter, Councillor Scott was unanimously appointed a member of the Vocational Education Committee in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher.

946/31. APPOINTMENT OF REPRESENTATIVE ON IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie seconded by Councillor Mahony, Councillor Manus O'Boyle was unanimously appointed as the Council's representative on the Irish Tourist Association in place of Mr. Francis Gallagher.

947/31. COST OF ROAD WORKS FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1933.

The County Surveyor for the Northern Division applied for a sum of £52,000 to cover the cost of road works for the year ending 31st March, 1933. The County Surveyor for the Southern Division also applied for an amount to cover the cost of road works in his area for the same period.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to have a special meeting of the Council on the 10th November to consider the applications.

948/31.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 8th September, 1931, D/4/4, enclosing copy of a report and plan received from the Commissioners of Public Works recommending a modified scheme of pier extension, etc. at Rathmullan, estimated to cost £7,900. The Minister was in a position to promise a contribution of a sum of one-half the actual cost, subject to a maximum contribution of £5,000, on the condition that the County Council would contribute the balance of the cost, and would agree to undertake the task of permanent maintenance, repairs, etc. of the new works when completed in addition to the upkeep, etc. of the existing works.

Councillor Baxter stated that at a meeting in May, 1928, the Council had agreed to contribute one-third of the cost, and he proposed that they adhere to their decision.

Councillor Loughrey seconded the proposal, which was carried unanimously.

949/31.

OFFICIAL GUIDE.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association inquiring if the Council would be able to authorise the Association to publish its Official Guide.

The Council unanimously decided to accede to the application.

950/31.

RAPHOE COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Raphoe, in which he complained of the condition of the Courthouse.

A letter was also read from Mr. Wilson, Solicitor, Raphoe, stating that he was having the matters complained of in the District Court Clerk's letter attended to.

A further letter was read from the District Court Clerk in which he suggested that shelving be erected.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to interview Mr. Wilson in the matter and report to the next meeting.

951/31. EMPLOYMENT OF EX-NATIONAL ARMY MEN ON GRANT WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 1st October, 1931, SGH/7, enclosing copy of a letter received by them from the Department of Industry and Commerce regarding the recruitment of labour under Grants by the County Council, and asking for the observations of the County Surveyor in the matter.

A report was submitted from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, Northern Division, in the matter in which he stated that owing to the work on the Carndonagh Waterworks Scheme he was unable to find sufficient men for the work being carried out under Grants in that district.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, Southern Division, stated that he had forwarded his report in the matter direct to the Department.

952/31.

POISONS AND PHARMACY ACT, 1908.

An application from Mr. James Devenny, Newtowncunningham, for the renewal of a licence under the Poisons and Pharmacy Act, 1908, was granted on the usual conditions.

953/31.

CLADNAGERAGH PIER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 12th October, 1931, 18945/31, inquiring the position regarding Cladnageragh Pier. A report was also submitted from the County Surveyor in the matter.

The matter was referred to the Office of Public Works.

954/31.

QUARRY AT DUNGORMAN, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from Messrs. Elliott & Clarke, Solicitors, Strabane, dated 9th October, 1931, relative to an application made by the Council for an Order empowering them to enter on the lands of Mrs. Sarah Cooper, Dungorman, Castlefin, for the purpose of obtaining road material, and suggesting that the case was one in which the Council should acquire the lands in question.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-- "The County had only an indirect interest in this case. Some time ago the Council decided to allow the services of their Solicitor to Road Contractors who might have any difficulty in getting into quarries. In this case the quarry in question has been used for a considerable time in providing stone for roads in the neighbourhood.

As only a comparatively small tonnage is taken out of this quarry yearly it would not be economic for the Council to purchase it unless at a nominal sum."

It was unanimously decided to instruct the County Surveyor to make inquiries into the cost of the Quarry and report to next meeting.

955/31.

AILEACH NO. 1 PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Aileach No. 1 Pensions Sub-Committee, suggesting, on behalf of the Sub-Committee, that Mr. Joseph McArthur, Jun., be appointed a member of the Committee in place of Mr. Joseph McArthur, Sen., who was unable to attend owing to ill-health. Mr. McArthur had been a member since 1908 and Vice-Chairman for twenty years.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to make the appointment suggested.

956/31.

MILFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Messrs. Osborne & Co., Solicitors, Milford, in which it was stated that Lord Leitrim had been approached with a request to add sanitary accommodation to the Courthouse at Milford. If he did so it would be necessary to increase the rent to a reasonable amount.

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to increase the rent by £7:10:0 per annum, this to cover also rent of District Court Clerk's Office.

957/31.

DISTRICT COURT CLERK'S OFFICE AT GLENTIES.

A letter was read from the District Court Clerk, Glenties, calling attention to the inadequate provision that was being made for heating his Office, and to Article 15 (3) of the Schedule to the Local Government (Application of Enactments) Order, 1898.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed that extra heating facilities be provided.

The proposal was not seconded.

958/31. PROPOSED ERECTION OF BOATSLIP AT PORTMORE, MALIN HEAD.

A letter was read from Rev. B. J. McNamee, C.C., Malin Head, stating that the fishermen wished to make a boatslip at Portmore. The men would draw the stones and do the work themselves. They would like the Council to give a little help, say for the purchase of about ten tons of cement.

The Council decided to apply to the Department of Lands and Fisheries for assistance for the proposed work, and to make it a condition precedent to the granting of any assistance that the plans for the boatslip be approved by the County Surveyor, and that the work when completed be vested in the County Council.

959/31.

OLD JAIL GROUNDS, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mrs. Scott, Railway Road, Strabane, in which she enclosed sketch of the building she proposed to erect on the Old Jail Grounds, Lifford.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Gallagher seconded that the County Surveyor mark off the ground into building sites, and that tenders be invited for the different sites.

Councillor Cole proposed as an amendment and Councillor Douglas seconded that Mrs. Scott's application be refused.

The following voted for the amendment:- Councillors Quigley, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Callaghan, Cole, Douglas, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Sweeney, Walls, and Cassidy. Total 12.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors MacFadden, Baxter, Gallagher, Gallen, Hamilton, Mahony, McIvor, McPhelimy, Scott, and Wagentreiber. Total 10.

The Chairman declared Councillor Cole's amendment carried.

960/31. ERECTION OF DEPOT IN KILLYBEGS BY THE IRISH-AMERICAN OIL COMPANY.

A letter was read from the Irish-American Oil Company enclosing sketch plan in connection with the erection of a Depot at the Diamond, Killybegs.

The County Surveyor submitted the following report:- "I have examined the plans which you sent me in connection with the erection of depot and garage accommodation in Killybegs by the Irish-American Oil Company, and I have visited the proposed site of the building. As the plans show that no encroachment will be made on the County Council's property and that the buildings are behind the frontage line in Main Street, Killybegs, permission may be given for the erection of these premises."

Councillor Brady dissented to the taking over of the plot of ground in question by the Irish-American Oil Company.

961/31. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY COMPANY'S BUS SERVICE BETWEEN LETTERKENNY AND CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Transport and Marine Branch, dated 12th October, 1931, T.66226, relative to the discontinuance of the bus service between Letterkenny and Churchill.

A letter was also read from Councillor Mahony in the same matter.

The Council decided to refer Councillor Mahony's letter to the Department of Industry and Commerce.

962/31. LOCAL AUTHORITIES (COMBINED PURCHASING) ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Wexford County Council, enclosing copy of resolution of the Wexford County Council Finance Committee stating that, in their opinion, the Local Authorities (Combined Purchasing) Act, 1925, should be repealed.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

963/31.

NON-PAYMENT OF HARBOUR DUES.

A letter was read from the Harbour Master, Burtonport, inquiring what action was being taken against those persons who failed to pay Harbour Dues last season. If no action was taken those who paid last season will not pay this season.

It was decided to refer the matter to the Department of Industry and Commerce with a request that they make the necessary bye-laws as soon as possible.

964/31.

ROAD FROM MALIN TOWN TO GLENGAD.

A letter was read from Rev. A. McMaster, C.C., Malin, calling attention to the wretched condition of the roads in his locality, and, particularly, the road from Malin town to Glengad. The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for his attention.

965/31.

VETERINARY INSPECTORSHIP - GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 19th October, 1931, L.4309-31, stating that the Department had no objection to the payment by the Council out of their own funds of Messrs. McClintock and McGlinchey for carrying out the duties of Veterinary Inspectors under the Diseases of Animals Acts in the Glenties District during the period from the 17th to the 25th June. It should be understood, however, that recoupment would be made by the Department in respect of the payment of the remuneration of one Inspector only.

The Council decided to pay Mr. McClintock from the 9th June, 1931, being the date on which he claimed to have taken up residence in Dungloe, provided he gives the Council an indemnity that he will refund the amount in the event of a surcharge by the Auditor.

966/31.

ALLEGED OBSTRUCTION ON ROAD BETWEEN KILMACRENAN AND CREESLOUGH.

A letter was read from the Secretary and General Manager of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company stating that on the 15th October a delay of 17 minutes occurred to one of the Company's buses at a point between Kilmacrenan and Creeslough due to one of the Council's engines blocking the thoroughfare, and requesting that the Surveyor concerned give instructions to prevent a recurrence.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

967/31.

BALLYSHANNON MAIN STREET.

A letter was read from Messrs. R. Anderson & Co., Ballyshannon, in which they stated that Ballyshannon Main Street was in a very dangerous state for horse traffic, and stating that a coat of gravel would leave it all right.

The matter was adjourned to the special Roads Meeting on the 10th November.

968/31.

ROAD BETWEEN GLENCROW AND MOYGLASS BRIDGE.

A letter was read from Mr. Michael Doherty, Lower Terryrone, Moville, asking the Council to put a light roller on about 30 perches of the road between Glencrow and Moyglass Bridge.

The County Surveyor stated that the only roller which he could put on this road was at present in Gweedore, and it would be uneconomic to bring it up for this particular work. The matter could be considered when the roller would be in the locality.

969/31.

PIPE AT LETTERSHAMBO, CLOGHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Lettershambo, Cloghan, in which he applied for permission to lower, at his own expense, a pipe across the County Road at Lettershambo which was at present too high and not able to carry away the water.

The application was granted, provided Mr. Doherty signs the usual Agreement.

970/31. ROAD NO. 354, MAP NO. 99A, AND ROAD NO. 383, MAP NO. 167.,
INISHOWEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Doherty, Cashel, Glencely, in which he called the Council's attention to a misunderstanding in connection with two contracts for which tenders were invited at Carndonagh on the 23rd February last. Neither of the two roads was correctly described and the Assistant Surveyor wished the person who contracted for the one to take the other.

The matter was adjourned until the next meeting.

971/31. TREES ON ROADSIDE AT KNATHER, BALLYSHANNON.

A letter was read from Mr. John Ward, Knather, Ballyshannon, in which he offered £2 :10 : 0 for three old trees on the roadside at Knather which were decaying.

It was decided to allow Mr. Ward to take one of the trees which was dead for a sum of £1, subject to the amount being paid in advance, and to his being responsible for any damage or obstruction caused in removing the tree.

972/31. PROPOSED ERECTION OF PORCH AT FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McNulty, Falcarragh, in which he applied for permission to build a porch on the footpath at Falcarragh.

It was decided to ask Mr. McNulty to submit a small sketch of the porch before next meeting.

973/31. TARRING OF CARNDONAGH TOWN STREETS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, in which he stated that the Carndonagh Public Health Committee wished the Council to omit Malin Street, Bridge Street, and Chapel Street, from the scheme of tarring Carndonagh town streets owing to the steepness of these streets.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

974/31. WELL AT ALT, CASTLEFIN.

A letter was read from the Secretary, County Board of Health, reporting that the well at Alt, Castlefin, had been polluted with surface water. There were about 50 children at the School who use the water and the Board had allowed £2 for repairs, and they wished the Council to take steps to prevent the surface water getting into it in future.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

975/31. AGRICULTURAL INDUSTRY IN ENGLAND.

Proposals were submitted from the English Central Chamber of Agriculture for the revival of the agricultural industry in England.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

976/31. SUGGESTED SCHEME FOR THE PURCHASE OF LABOURERS' COTTAGES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Limerick County Council, enclosing, for the views of the Council, copy of a suggested scheme for the purchase of Labourers' Cottages in the Saorstát.

The matter was referred to the County Board of Health,

977/31. BREAKING OF CONTRACT IN DUNFANAGHY DISTRICT, MAP NO. 310.

Mr. Steadman reported that he had broken the Contract for Road, Map No. 310.

The Council approved of Mr. Steadman's action.

978/31. APPLICATIONS FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS BY MR. STEADMAN.

Mr. Steadman applied for the following amounts out of Contingencies:-

- (a) Application with regard to Contract, Map No. 508, Milford District.....£8.0.0
- (b) For repairing road, Map No. 1424, Lifford District.....£11.0.0.

The applications were granted unanimously.

979/31. ERECTION OF GARAGE ALONGSIDE ROADWAY AT CLOGHAN N.S.

A letter was read from Mr. G. Wilson, Cloghan National School, in which he applied for permission to erect a Garage alongside the County Road at his residence.

The County Surveyor pointed out that the building, the erection of which had commenced, was within thirty feet from the roadway, and he had no authority to give permission.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor to take the necessary action to have the building removed.

980/31. ERECTION OF BUILDINGS ALONGSIDE ROADWAYS.

The Council unanimously decided to instruct the Assistant Surveyors to warn all persons building within thirty feet of the centre of the road, and to report them to the following meeting of the County Council.

981/31. DEFAULTING HOUSING ANNUITANTS.

The Secretary reported that the following persons had not paid their Housing Annuities:-

Thomas Griffith, Main Street, Donegal.
 William McCool, Milsessiagh, Ballindrait.
 Patrick Doherty (Taylor), Glenmakee, Collin, Carndonagh.
 Bernard Bradley, Drumskeellan, Ture.
 John Doherty (Hollow), Ballyloskey, Carndonagh.
 Mrs. Mary Maloney, Malinbeg, Glencolumbkille.
 Daniel Ward, Ballycallon, Ballynashamagh, Letterkenny.
 Edward Shiels, Jr., Rooskey, Clonmany.
 Miss Mary A. Coll, Meenderrygamph, Gweedore.
 James Barrett, Glenalla, Ray, Letterkenny.
 Daniel Coyle, Moyagh, Ramelton.

The Council decided to give them ten days to pay, failing which proceedings would be taken.

982/31. UNLICENSED PETROL PUMP.

The Secretary reported that Mr. A. Fawcett, Donegal, had not paid his petrol pump licence due since the 26th March last.

The Council decided to give Mr. Fawcett ten days to pay, failing which the pump would be removed.

983/31. OBSTRUCTION CAUSED IN WATER STREET, DONEGAL, BY SHEEP AND CATTLE ON FAIR DAYS.

A letter was read from a number of residents in Water Street, Donegal, complaining that their doors and windows were used as a sheep pen on Fair days, thus creating a nuisance and obstruction.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the complainants that the Council had no power in the matter.

984/31.

CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT NO. 17) ACT, 1931.

The following items on the Agenda were ruled out of order by the Chairman, Councillors Blaney, Brady, and Manus O'Boyle dissenting:-
Letter from Mr. Gilbert Lynch, 20, Parnell Square, Dublin, enclosing statement on the Public Safety Bill.

Letter from the Secretary, Westmeath County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council on the 8th October:-
"That we, the members of Westmeath County Council, view with grave apprehension the so-called Public Safety Act about to be enacted in the Free State Parliament. We regard such a Bill as a grave menace to the liberty of the individual and to the peace of the nation. That we call on all public bodies to do their utmost to secure its withdrawal or defeat."

Letter from the Secretary, Galway County Council, summoning a Conference of representatives of all public bodies in the Saorstát in Dublin on the 20th October in connection with the Public Safety Bill.

985/31. APPLICATION BY MR. CAFFREY FOR £4 FOR CLEANING DRAINS.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, applied for £4 for cleaning drains on Road, Map No. 1309, Stranorlar Area.

The application was granted unanimously.

986/31.

PROPOSED POLLING SCHEME FOR DAIL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 20th October, 1931, F.76817/1931, Dun na nGall (c.) stating that the Minister proposed to confirm the Scheme of Polling Districts and Polling Places for Dail Elections adopted by the Council with the modifications set out in the Department's letter of the 15th August last; and with the following further modifications:-
Drumcroagh to poll at Drumnahoul instead of at Tullynaught.
Glencoe to poll at Dunmore instead of at Carrigart.
Clogher Polling District to poll at Kilclooney.

The Minister requested to be furnished with duplicate copies of the scheme as made by the Council.

The Secretary was instructed to forward duplicate copies of the scheme to the Department as requested.

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Confirmed.

M. M. O'Boyle

CHAIRMAN,

10th November, 1931.

A SPECIAL MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL
WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 10TH DAY OF NOVEMBER,
1931.

987/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors MacFadden, Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher, Gallen, Hamilton, Favanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, Walls, and Cassidy.

988/31.

C H A I R M A N.

Councillor MacFadden presided until the luncheon interval. Afterwards, in the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Deputy Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mahony was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Councillor McCauley seconded by Councillor Baxter.

989/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

On the suggestion of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle Minute No. 928/31 was altered to read "and the road from Dungloe to Crolly via Kincasslagh and Annagry".

With this amendment the Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 27th October, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

990/31.

R O A D T R A F F I C B I L L , 1 9 3 1 .

The Standing Orders having been suspended, Councillor Scott proposed the following resolution:-

(1). "That we, the Donegal County Council, request the Minister for Local Government to give effect, so far as this County is concerned, in the Road Traffic Bill, 1931, at present before the Dail, to the unanimous resolution of this Council, as set forth in the application of this Council for an Order under Section 7 (4) of the Roads Act, 1920, restricting the laden weights of mechanically-propelled vehicles to 2½ tons, 4 tons, and 5 tons, respectively, on the three groups of roads, as specified in the application (and which comprise all the roads in County Donegal), and that the attention of the Minister be directed to the resolution of the 8th October of the Heavy Vehicle Committee of this Council, and confirmed by the Council, wherein it was stated that it was the considered opinion of both our County Surveyors that the weights specified in the Road Traffic Bill were altogether excessive in so far as the roads in this County were concerned."

(2). "That we request the Minister to have Section 107 (2), line 3, of the Bill amended by substituting the words "County Council" for the words "County Surveyor."

(3). "That it should be made obligatory on every Driver of a Public Service Vehicle, or some other competent and responsible person on behalf of the owner, to inspect his vehicle at least once on every journey and see that it is in good and safe condition for the conveyance of passengers."

(4). "That the T.D.'s for the County be requested to endeavour to have these amendments made in the Bill."

Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded the resolution.

Councillor Baxter proposed as an amendment and Councillor Blaney seconded that Paragraph 1 be omitted from the resolution.

ROAD TRAFFIC BILL, 1931. (CONTINUED).

The following voted for Councillor Baxter's amendment:-
Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Douglas, Kavanagh, Loughrey, McCauley, McCrea, and O'Doherty (Malin). Total 10.

The following voted against the amendment:-
Councillors Brady, Callaghan, Doogan, Gallagher, Cassidy, Gallen, Hamilton, Mahony, Myles, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Manus), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walls. Total 15.

The Chairman declared the amendment lost, and Councillor Scott's motion carried.

991/31. ROAD EXPENDITURE FOR THE YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1933.

The Council considered applications from Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, Northern Division, for a sum of £52,000, and from Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, Southern Division, for a sum of £40,000, to cover the cost of Road Works in their respective Areas for the year ending 31st March, 1933.

Councillor Gallen proposed that £2000 less than the total amount granted for the current year (1931/32) be allowed, and Councillor McPhelimy seconded.

Councillor Mahony proposed as an amendment and Councillor McIvor seconded that the same amount be allowed as for the current year, namely, £86,052.

The following voted for Councillor Mahony's amendment:-
Councillors MacFadden, Baxter, Blaney, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, McIvor, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Wagentreiber, and Walls. Total 23.

The following voted against the amendment:-
Councillors Brady, Cassidy, Gallen, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Manus), and Sweeney. Total 7.

The Chairman declared Councillor Mahony's amendment carried.

992/31. ALLOCATION OF ROAD EXPENDITURE.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Sweeney seconded that the expenditure on Main Roads be reduced by £10,000, and that the expenditure on County Roads be increased by a corresponding amount.

The County Surveyors pointed out the effect the resolution would have on the Main Roads if the expenditure on them was considerably reduced, and they also adverted to the fact that the Council would lose £4,000 in recoupment in respect of their expenditure on Main Roads.

After considerable discussion Councillor Brady withdrew his motion, and on the motion of Councillor Bernard Gallagher seconded by Councillor Doogan it was unanimously agreed that the Council allow for each Area £65 per mile for Main Roads and £13 :10 per mile for County Roads.

Councillors' Motions.

On the motion of Councillor Hamilton seconded by Councillor Scott it was also agreed to allow for Councillors' Motions a sum the same as last year, namely, £70 for each Councillor; the total amount to be taken from the total balance unallocated for the whole County.

It was agreed that any monies allowed for Councillors' Motions and not expended revert to the County Surveyors for expenditure by them.

Urban Areas.

The Council further decided, on the application of the County Surveyors, to allow for the Main Roads in each Urban District a sum of £300.

ALLOCATION OF ROAD EXPENDITURE (CONTINUED).Allocation of remaining Balance.

Of the balance remaining, £2,169 :10: 0, Councillor Baxter proposed that £1,300 be allocated to the North and £869 :10 : 0 to the South, which would be in the same proportion as last year, to be used by the County Surveyors at their discretion to supplement the amounts already allowed to them, and for Contingencies. *in the same manner*
 Councillor Scott proposed as an amendment that £1,500 be allocated to the North and £669 :10 : 0 to the South. *Annual grant*

On a show of hands the amendment was carried by 15 votes to 11. *gm.*

The Secretary submitted figures showing the effect of the allocation as follows:-

NORTHERN DIVISION.

| | £. | s. | d. |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Main Roads..... | 21,645 | 0 | 0. |
| County Roads..... | 23,490 | 0 | 0. |
| Main Roads in Urban Districts..... | 600 | 0 | 0. |
| Supplemental, and Contingencies..... | 1,500 | 0 | 0. |
| Total..... | 47,235 | 0 | 0. |

SOUTHERN DIVISION.

| | | | |
|--------------------------------------|--------|----|----|
| Main Roads..... | 16,900 | 0 | 0. |
| County Roads..... | 18,427 | 10 | 0. |
| Main Roads in Urban Districts..... | 300 | 0 | 0. |
| Supplemental, and Contingencies..... | 669 | 10 | 0. |
| Total..... | 36,297 | 0 | 0. |

Councillors' Motions..... 2,520 : 0 : 0.

GROSS TOTAL..... 86,052 : 0 : 0.

993/31.

COUNTY ROADS UPKEEP GRANT.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed, Councillor Brennan seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department be asked to contribute 40% of the expenditure on County Roads, and that the T.D.'s of the County be requested to support the application.

994/31.

BALLYSHANNON MAIN STREET.

A letter was read from Messrs. R. Anderson & Sons, Ballyshannon, complaining of the dangerous state of Ballyshannon Main Street for horse traffic, and asking to have it gravelled. The County Surveyor stated that the matter was having attention.

995/31.

BARNES ROAD, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in the Barnes Road District of Ballybofey complaining of the slipperiness of Barnes Road owing to its having been tarred, and asking to have it made safe for horses and cattle.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for attention.

996/31.

MAIN ROADS UPKEEP GRANT, 1932/33.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 30th October, 1931, RGM/201/31, asking the Council to frame estimates at an early date of the sums they were likely to allow for the upkeep of Main and County Roads for the financial year, 1932/33. If a reasonable sum was shown for all roads the Main Road Upkeep Grant would be calculated on the basis of 40% of the sum proposed.

997/31.

ALLOCATION OF GRANTS.

Councillor Baxter proposed:-

"That before allocating the next Road Grants the Ministry be asked to take the views of the Council in the matter, and that the Grants be allocated to the different districts in accordance with the districts' contributions to the Road Fund."

The proposal was not seconded.

998/31. RESOLUTION FROM MEATH COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING THE RAISING OF ONE MILLION POUNDS FOR IMPROVEMENT OF LINK AND TOURIST ROADS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Meath County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That we request the Government to raise, on the strength of the Road Fund, the sum of one million pounds to be expended on second-class or link roads and tourist roads, both of which have had a considerable amount of extra traffic cast upon them through the improvement of first-class roads and suffered in consequence."
 The Council noted the resolution.

999/31.

THIRD AND FOURTH CLASS ROADS.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Cole was withdrawn:-

"That all third and fourth class roads in the County in future be included in the County Surveyors' applications as the money allocated to the different County Councillors is not sufficient to meet the requirements of the different localities."

Confirmed.

Smahony.

Chairman, 24th November, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 24TH DAY OF NOVEMBER,
1931.

1000/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors Baxter, Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher, Cassidy, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacCreadie, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Scott.

1001/31.

A P O L O G I E S.

Apologies for inability to be present were received from the Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden), the Vice-Chairman (Councillor Quigley), and Councillor McIvor.

1002/31.

C H A I R M A N.

In the absence of the Chairman, the Vice-Chairman, and the Deputy Vice-Chairman, Councillor Mahony was moved to the Chair, on the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Kavanagh.

1003/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the County Council held on the 10th November, 1931, were unanimously confirmed, with the addition of the words "in the same Rural District" to the paragraph regarding the allocation of the remaining balance in Minute No. 992/31.

Councillor McPhelimy called the County Surveyor's attention to certain road monies allocated last year in his District, but not expended..

1004/31.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman proposed a vote of sympathy with the relatives of the late Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Hamilton seconded, and the motion was passed in silence, all the members standing.

Councillors MacCreadie, Blaney, Myles, Scott, Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, and the Secretary associated themselves with the resolution.

1005/31.

D E C L A R A T I O N O F V A C A N C Y O N T H E C O U N T Y C O U N C I L.

On the motion of Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle seconded by Councillor Scott it was unanimously decided to declare the Office of County Councillor held by the late Councillor Clarke vacant.

1006/31.

R E P O R T S O F M E E T I N G S O F T H E F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 27th October, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Callaghan the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 10th November, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

1007/31.

REPORT OF LAW COMMITTEE MEETING.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the meeting of the Law Committee held on the 27th October, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

1008/31. REPORT OF SUB-FINANCE COMMITTEE MEETING, AND STATE OF RATE COLLECTION IN DISTRICT 9.

Councillor Mahony proposed and Councillor Callaghan seconded that the report of the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 12th November, 1931, be adopted.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle raised the question of the Rate Collection in District No. 9, and he moved that Minute No. 335/31 (S.F.C.) dealing with this matter be referred back to the Sub-Finance Committee for further consideration.

Councillor Brady seconded the proposal.

The Secretary explained the position regarding District 9.

Councillor O'Boyle's amendment was put to the Meeting and the following voted for it:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Cassidy, Doherty (Carrigart), McPholimy, McShane, and O'Boyle (Manus). Total 7.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Boyle (James), Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Doogan, Douglas, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacCreadie, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty, and Scott. Total 17.

The Chairman declared the amendment defeated, and the motion carried.

A motion by Councillor Cole that exceptional treatment be also given to District No. 20 was ruled out of order by the Chairman.

1009/31. PAYMENTS TO ROAD CONTRACTORS FOR THE HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

The list of payments to Road Contractors for the half-year ended the 30th September, 1931, were considered seriatim, and the amounts, as certified by the County Surveyors, were ordered to be paid.

Re Contract No. 113, Donegal District.

The County Surveyor stated that the money shown for payment on this Contract should have been shown as deferred. The item was cancelled accordingly.

Re Contracts Nos. 398 and 411, Inishowen District.

The County Surveyor inquired if undertakings to remove fences in these cases, if required, had been given.

The Secretary stated that no undertakings had been received by him.

Councillor Cole undertook to see about the matter.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle called attention to the money unexpended in the Donegal Area, and he stated he would lodge a Notice of Motion in the matter for next Meeting.

1010/31.

LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

The Secretary stated that owing to the carrying out of repairs at Lifford Courthouse there was no accommodation for the next sitting of the District Court.

The Council decided to give the Council Chamber for this purpose.

1011/31.

LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

The following Certificates in connection with the carrying out of certain improvements at Letterkenny Courthouse were submitted from the Architect:-

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|---|--------------|
| J. McManus, Painting Contract, Final Certificate..... | £19 : 5 : 0. |
| Messrs. Johnson & Co., Belfast, Heating Contract, Final Certificate.... | £18 : 8 : 4. |

The Council ordered payment of the amounts.

1012/31.

NEW COUNTY COUNCIL OFFICES, LIFFORD.

The following Certificates were submitted from the Architect, in connection with the building and furnishing of the new County Council Offices, Lifford:-

Messrs. Reid & Co., Final Certificate, Furnishing Contract..£58.17.8.
Messrs. Cullen & Sons, Final Certificate, Furnishing Contract..£61.15.10.

Messrs. Cullen & Sons, Final Certificate, Building Contract..£66. 6.11.
Messrs. Hearn & Co., Furnishing Contract, Payment on a/c...£40. 0.0.
The Council ordered payment of the amounts.

1013/31. AUTHORISED COMMITTEES UNDER SECTION 63 OF THE LOCAL GOVERNMENT ACT, 1925.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th October, 1931, G.80378/31, c., in which it was stated that the Minister sanctioned the recognition of the Law and Heavy Vehicle Committees of the County Council as Authorised Committees for the purpose of Section 63 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

1014/31.

CINEMATOGRAH ACT, 1909.

Letters were read from Mr. W. Walsh notifying the holding of Cinema shows in Muff on the 2nd November, in Ballyliffin on the 4th November, and in Convoys on the 10th November.

1015/31.

PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 24th October, 1931, 18942/31, stating that Councillor Blaney had called in connection with the Portsalon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme, and that they would communicate with the Council in due course.

1016/31..

EXPORTATION OF ANIMALS ORDER OF 1931.

A copy of the Exportation of Animals Order, 1931, was submitted.

1017/31.

NOTIFICATION OF THE SALE OF LANDS.

Notification was received from the Irish Land Commission of the sale at Ardara on the 11th November, 1931, of lands in Moenacurra, now or formerly in the occupation of Thomas Heekin.

1018/31. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF COUNTY DONEGAL COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

The Auditor's report on the accounts of the County Donegal Committee of Agriculture for the three half-years ended the 31st March, 1931, was submitted.

1019/31. TRAVELLING EXPENSES OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd November, 1931, P.H.72479/31. Ac., returning the claims of the County Medical Officer of Health in respect of Travelling Expenses for the period ended the 30th April, 1931, and apportioning the amount charged as between Tuberculosis and School Medical Services.

1020/31.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 3rd November, 1931, D/4/4, inquiring if the Council had accepted the conditions under which a contribution towards the cost of the proposed extension of Rathmullan Pier would be available from State funds.

1021/31.

TRAFFIC BILL, 1931.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh A. Law, T.D., regarding the Council's resolution in connection with the Traffic Bill.

1022/31.

MR. HUGH O'NEILL, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M.

A letter was read from the Department of Agriculture dated 7th November, 1931, L.4765-31, regretting that it was not possible for them to spare Mr. O'Neill, M.R.C.V.S., D.V.S.M., for a visit to Donegal at present.

1023/31.

PROPOSED ERECTION OF BOATSLIP AT PORTMORE, MALIN HEAD

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 7th November, 1931, D/50/17, acknowledging the receipt of letter regarding the proposed erection of a boatslip at Portmore, Malin Head.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Manus O'Boyle seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the County Surveyor be instructed to prepare a plan and estimate of the proposed boatslip at Portmore, Malin Head, to suit the requirements of the local fishermen."

1024/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JOSEPH GORMAN, EX-RATE COLLECTOR.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th November, 1931, G.56819/31, Pa., enclosing Order, under Seal, assenting to the grant of a superannuation allowance of £74 : 19 : 0 per annum to Mr. Joseph Gorman in respect of his former position as Rate Collector.

1025/31.

SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES BOYLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 9th November, 1931, G.76826/31, Sd., enclosing Order, under Seal, assenting to the grant of a superannuation allowance of £50 : 5 : 0 per annum to Mr. James Boyle, Solicitor to the former Stranorlar Rural District Council. In connection with the payment of this allowance the Council's attention was drawn to the terms of Section 49 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Regarding the reference to Section 49 of the Local Government Act, 1925, the Secretary stated that the Board of Health considered Mr. Boyle entitled to his pension. Counsel had also advised that Mr. Boyle's present position under the Board of Health was not a "later Office" as defined in the section of the Act referred to.

1026/31.

PUBLIC HEALTH CONGRESS, BELFAST, MAY, 1932.

An invitation to the Council from the Royal Institute of Public Health to a Congress in Belfast in May, 1932, was submitted.

1027/31.

IRISH INDUSTRIAL AND AGRICULTURAL FAIR, 1932.

A letter was read from Messrs. Cooper of Cork inviting the Council to book a space on the hoarding at the Irish Industrial and Agricultural Fair from May to September, 1932; price £20 plus cost of painting.

1028/31.

AREA OF CHARGE FOR PROVIDING DUMPING GROUND AT BALLYSHANNON.

Copy of Sealed Order, No. 78081/31, fixing the Area of Charge for providing and maintaining a dumping ground at Ballyshannon, was submitted.

1029/31. CONSTRUCTION OF JETTY AT FERRY PORT, GREENCASTLE.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 13th November, 1931, 18944/31, stating that the winter was not a suitable time for the construction of the proposed small jetty at Ferry Port, Greencastle, and that they have decided not to proceed with this work until next April, when it is probable there will be a better return for the small amount available.

1030/31. NON-PAYMENT OF HARBOUR DUES.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 13th November, 1931, T.55889, referring to the Secretary's letters of the 22nd September and 2nd November, and stating that the question of bye-laws relating to the non-payment of Harbour Dues was at present receiving attention.

A letter was also read from the Harbour Master, Burtonport, stating that the fishermen who paid crannage dues last season refuse to pay now until last year's defaulters are prosecuted, and inquiring what the Council proposes to do in the matter.

The Council decided again to refer the matter to the Department of Industry and Commerce with a request that the preparation of the necessary bye-laws be expedited.

1031/31. SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.
COUNCIL v. H. P. KANE, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor reporting that the Appeal in the Food and Drugs prosecution v. H. P. Kane, Malin Road, Moville, was disposed of on the 5th inst. at Lifford Circuit Court when the conviction was confirmed and the endorsement removed; costs were awarded against the defendant in favour of the Council.

1032/31. GRANTS UNDER THE HOUSING (LOCAL ASSISTANCE) ORDER, 1929.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 26th October, 1931, H.78210/31, stating that no applications for grants under the Housing Acts had been received from John McLoone, Derryloughan, Doochary, Charles Doherty, Dooballagh, Letterkenney, and William McLaughlin, Fahan, and until such time as the Minister had approved of grants being paid to the persons named, the Council was precluded from rendering any assistance to them.

1033/31. ELIGIBILITY OF COUNTY COUNCIL SCHOLARSHIP HOLDERS
FOR UNIVERSITY COLLEGE SCHOLARSHIPS.

A letter was read from the Secretary, University College, Dublin, stating, in reply to Councillor Blaney's query, that holders of County Council Scholarships were entitled to receive College Scholarships of limited value only in accordance with the regulations.

1034/31. QUESTION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TAKING
OVER DUTIES OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Scott was considered:-

"That the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. O'Deagha) be requested to take over the duties of Analyst to the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and that the appointment of Miss Ryan, M.Sc., Dublin, be terminated."

Councillor Scott read extracts from a letter received by him from Dr. O'Deagha pointing out certain difficulties in connection with the proposal, and he suggested that it be adjourned until the next meeting.

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The suggestion was unanimously adopted.

1035/31. DECLARATION OF ROAD GOING THROUGH THE TOWNLAND OF CRUCK/KEEHAN TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed the following resolution: "That the road going through the townland of Cruckakeochan, and joining the Main Roads, Loughanure-Dungloe and Loughanure-Annagry, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the month's public notice required by Section 25 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, had been duly given.

The County Surveyor stated that the road complied with the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Councillor Brennan seconded the resolution, which was passed unanimously.

1036/31. DECLARATION OF ROADS IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF MAGHERACLOGHER TO BE COUNTY ROADS.

The following Notices of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Doogan were referred to the County Surveyor for a report:-

(1) "That 285 perches of the road between the Post Office at Meenderrygamph and the junction of the Meenaniller Bog Road in the Electoral Division of Magheraclogher be declared a County Road."

(2) "That 450 perches of the road between the Contract Road near Mary Harley's of Meenaniller and Strakeonagh in the townlands of Meenaniller and Strakeonagh in the Electoral Division of Magheraclogher be declared a County Road."

1037/31. ROAD FROM BUNCRANA TO CLONMANY BETWEEN FALLASK RAILWAY GATES AND FALLASK.

A letter was read from Councillor Kavanagh calling the Council's attention to a new road from Buncrana to Clonmany between the Railway Gates at Fallask and Fallask.

Councillor Kavanagh complained that the Contractor had not been notified that this road had been rejected.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1038/31. INCREASES IN ASSISTANT SURVEYORS' SALARIES, AND CARRYING OUT OF SCHEMES UNDER THE ARTERIAL DRAINAGE (MINOR SCHEMES) ACT, 1928.

Councillor Blaney proposed, Councillor Baxter seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That in order that schemes passed under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928, be carried out without further delay, we request the Department of Local Government and Public Health to sanction the arrangement under which the Assistant Surveyors supervise these works for an additional remuneration."

The Secretary read a letter from the Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden), in which he stated that in a recent interview with the Department's officials on this matter, he found that their attitude was to leave the Assistant Surveyors as they stood, unless the Council agreed to include the County Surveyors for the additional remuneration proposed.

The Council decided to ask the Department for a definite reply in this matter.

1039/31. ROAD FROM THE GLEN ROAD TO FRIEL'S HOUSE, CARROWMENA.

A letter was read from Rev. Michael Sheerin, P.P., Moville, complaining of the condition of the road connecting Carrowmena at Friel's house to the Glen Road. Parts of it were impassable for traffic.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was being included in the Provisional Road Works Scheme.

1040/31.

BUNCRANA COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Bunrana, in which he asked, on behalf of the Clerk of the Court, for permission to instal a reading lamp on the Justice's desk, and a curtain on the stairs behind the door to prevent a draught.

The Council unanimously decided to give the permission required; it being understood that the Council were not liable for the cost.

1041/31.

APPLICATION TO ERECT PETROL PUMP IN LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Messrs. Brennan & McCosker, Lifford, in which they asked the Council to re-consider their decision refusing their application for permission to erect a Petrol Pump in Lifford.

The County Surveyor again explained the position.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1042/31.

APPLICATION FOR POSITION AS SURFACEMAN ON ROADS.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McGarvey, Laghey, applying, as an ex-soldier, for the position of surfaceman on the Donegal-Mountcharles Road.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1043/31.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF DANGER SIGN AT KILLAGHTEE NATIONAL SCHOOL.

A letter was read from Rev. Canon Steele, Killaghtee Rectory, Dunkineely, in which he asked to have danger signs erected at Killaghtee National School, and referring to an accident which occurred there recently.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1044/31.

ROAD SIGNS AND TRAFFIC SIGNALS REGULATIONS, 1926.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, R/IR/39, dated 28th October, 1931, stating that it was frequently found that Regulations 7 and 12 of the Road Signs and Traffic Signals Regulations, 1926, had not been observed particularly, the latter regulation. Cases were noted where a level crossing came into view sooner than the indicating sign, and in many cases the appearance of signposts called for attention. The Minister trusted that the County Council would have the necessary rectification put in hands.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1045/31.

APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN SALARY - MR. DANIEL KELLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 6th November, 1931, G.85529/31, pointing out that Mr. Daniel Kelly's permanent appointment was only made in March, 1930, when his salary was raised and he was put on a scale advancing by £10 per annum to £250. The proposal to raise him again by £50 after less than two years' permanent service seems to the Minister unreasonable, and he does not sanction it.

On the motion of Councillor James Boyle seconded by Councillor Scott it was decided to request the Ministry to re-consider their decision, and to inform them that Mr. Kelly has been in the service of the Council for nine years.

1046/31. APPLICATION FOR POST-GRADUATE SCHOLARSHIP.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick F. G. Cannon, Ballintra, applying for a post-graduate Scholarship.

The Secretary explained the position.

Councillor Blancy stated that he would lodge a rescinding motion for next meeting.

1047/31. APPLICATION FOR LOAN BY MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 28th October, 1931, S.78196/31, Letterkenny M.H., adverting to the Council's application for sanction to a loan of £180 for the purpose of installing a copper calorifier and the purchase of three Hoover Electric Vacuum Cleaners in Letterkenny Mental Hospital, and suggesting that the amount be met out of local revenue. It was undesirable to incur the expense of the preparation of a Mortgage for a loan of a small amount.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Mental Hospital Committee.

1048/31. CONFERENCE WITH THE REPRESENTATIVES OF THE LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY CO. IN CONNECTION WITH THE COUNCIL'S CLAIM FOR DAMAGE TO ROADS IN WEST DONEGAL.

A report was received from the Council's Solicitor in the above matter.

Councillor Scott, Chairman of the Law Committee, reported that the Council's representatives had met the representatives of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company on the 12th November.

The Council divided their claim into two parts:-

Part 1. In connection with the road, Letterkenny to Dungloe, between Crolly and Dungloe, via Annagry and Kincasslagh.

Part 2. In connection with the road, Letterkenny to Dungloe, between Crolly and Dungloe.

As regards Part 1, the Railway Company's representatives agreed, without prejudice and without admitting liability, to pay a sum of £100, with £20 towards the Council's costs.

As regards Part 2, the Conference decided to send a joint deputation to the Ministry to see if they would give a free grant for this road.

The agreement was subject to ratification by the Directors of the Railway Company, and by the County Council with the approval of the Minister for Local Government and Public Health.

He proposed that the report be adopted.

Councillor Brennan seconded, and the resolution was passed unanimously.

1049/31. E. J. DOHERTY, EX-RATE COLLECTOR, v. COUNTY COUNCIL.

A report was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding the case, E. J. Doherty, ex-Rate Collector v. the Donegal County Council.

The Solicitor stated that a Deeree had been given against the County Council for £36 : 1 : 0, with £1 witnesses' expenses.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to refer the matter to the Law Committee, and to pay the amount of the Deeree.

1050/31.

MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIMS HEARD AT THE MICHAELMAS SITTINGS OF THE CIRCUIT COURT.

A report was received from the Council's Solicitor regarding the Malicious Injury Claims heard at the Michaelmas Sittings of the Circuit Court.

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed that the amount of the Decree (£15 :12 : 6 and £1 expenses) awarded to the Foyle & Bann Fishery Co. for damage to a boat at Quigley's Point be not paid, as the Foyle question was an international one, and he wished to have public attention focussed on the matter.

Councillor Blaney seconded the proposal.

The Secretary stated that having regard to the responsibilities placed on him under Section 61 of the Local Government Act, 1925, he must formally object to the refusal to pay on the grounds that it was a Decree awarded in a Court of competent jurisdiction in the Free State, and any persons who voted against payment would be liable to be surcharged in any costs which might accrue from their action.

Councillor Cassidy proposed as an amendment and Councillor Scott seconded that the matter be adjourned pending legal advice.

The following voted for Councillor Cassidy's amendment:- Councillors Baxter, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Douglas, Gallagher, Cassidy, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Mahony, Mylos, McCauley, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty, and Scott. Total 17.

The following voted against the amendment:- Councillors Blaney, Boyle (James), Brady, Doherty (Garrigart), and O'Boyle (Manus). Total 5.

Councillor Doogan abstained from voting.

The Chairman declared the amendment carried, and it was put to the meeting as the substantive motion and carried by the same majority.

1051/31.

REPORT OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

The Annual report of Dr. Sean O'Doagha, County Medical Officer of Health, for the year 1930 was submitted.

Councillor Scott referred to the number of uninhabited houses mentioned in the report (3,145), and he thought this fact was worthy of deep consideration.

Councillor McPhelimy referred to the low marriage and birth rates prevailing in the County. He also stated that in 1911 there were 37,000 houses in the County, and in 1926 this number had fallen to 32,000, and, unfortunately, no new houses had been built to replace them. He thought the matter was one which should be dealt with by the Government.

Councillor Baxter stated that the existing law was responsible for a large number of the vacant houses.

Councillor Cole suggested that the Ministry be asked to extend the operation of the Housing (Gaeltacht) Act to the whole area formerly served by the Congested Districts Board.

The suggestion was adopted unanimously.

1052/31.

BALLYLAST-GORTNAVILLY NEW ROAD.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor enclosing Petition for execution by the Council, together with copy of letter from Mr. Thomas Elliott, Solicitor, in the matter, suggesting that the Council pay Mr. Daniel McDaid a nominal compensation, say, £5, for the land required from him.

The Council decided to execute petition, under Seal.

1053/31. ROAD NO. 354, MAP NO. 99A, AND ROAD NO. 383,
MAP NO. 167A, INISHOWEN DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. James Doherty, Cashel, Glencedy, in which he called the Council's attention to a misunderstanding in connection with two contracts for which tenders were invited at Carndonagh on the 23rd February last. Neither of the two roads was correctly described, and the Assistant Surveyor wished the person who contracted for the one to take the other.

Mr. Stoadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:- "With regard to the two roads referred to, No. 354, April 1931, and No. 383, April 1931 - John McLaughlin signed the necessary documents in respect of No. 354, April 1931, Map No. 99A, which is County Road, but he (John McLaughlin) now states that he was taking No. 383, April 1931. This latter, No. 383, is not a County Road, and was rejected by the County Council when considering the tenders 12 months ago at which meeting, and subsequently, I explained the position as set out above."

A letter was also read from Mr. Michael D. White, Solicitor, Carndonagh, in the matter.

The Council decided to instruct the County Surveyor to break the contract.

1054/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT PETROL TANK.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh McGonigle applying for permission to erect a Petrol Tank on the footpath in Main Street, Buncrana.

The Council decided to grant permission on the usual conditions, subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

1055/31. STONES ORDERED TO BE RAISED BY THE ASSISTANT SURVEYOR.

A letter was read from Mr. John Doherty, Claggan, Baldaff, inquiring if he would be paid for a heap of stones, consisting of about twenty tons, which he had put up to the order of the Assistant Surveyor.

The County Surveyor stated the matter had been settled.

1056/31. EMPLOYMENT OF EX-NATIONAL ARMY MEN ON ROAD WORK.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, SGH/7, dated 31st October, 1931, adverting to their letter of the 1st inst. regarding the employment of Ex-National Army men on road work, and inquiring if Mr. Caffrey's report in reply thereto, which was now enclosed, was submitted to the Council.

The Secretary stated that the following report from Mr. Caffrey, had not been submitted to the Council, but had been forwarded direct to the Ministry:-

"In reply to your letter of the 1st inst. addressed to the Secretary of the Co. Council re the employment of workmen on road grants in the neighbourhood of Dungloe and Ballybofey, the following are the facts:-

In the Dungloe Area the providing of stones is let out to contract. The work of spreading and rolling of the stones will soon begin. Before this work starts the Assistant Surveyor will make application for workmen to the Dungloe Labour Exchange. He has already informed the Dungloe Manager to this effect.

With regard to the work near Ballybofey, I must say that I was astonished to learn that vacancies were not reported to the local Exchange. I had occasion to set out the work some months ago, and when I went there, upwards of 60 men demanded employment. I went to the Exchange and got a list of the men on the books. There were ten ex-soldiers, four civilians and five carters. I instructed the ganger, John Bradley, to start with these men first. He took on all available men whose names were in the books at the Labour Exchange in Ballybofey.

Enclosed is the list of names of men which the Manager gave to the Ganger."

1057/31. TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931.

A letter was read from the Irish Tourist Association enclosing copy of letter from their Law Agent regarding Agreement with the Council under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, and a letter was also read from the Council's Solicitor in the matter.

The matter was referred to the Law Committee.

1058/31. DATE OF ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING, AND DECEMBER MEETING OF THE COUNTY COUNCIL.

The Council decided to have their December Meeting at twelve noon on the 29th December, and the Annual Road Works Meeting at 11.30 a.m. on the same date.

1059/31. ROAD LEADING TO BOATSLIP AT WHITEPORT, LOUGHROS POINT.

A letter was read from Mr. Sean O'Gallagher, Cloughbee, Ardara, inquiring if the Council would make about 90 perches of a road in connection with the boatslip at Whiteport, Loughros Point. This road had been blocked out by the late Congested Districts Board, but had never been completed.

On the motion of Councillor Gallagher it was unanimously decided to ask the Irish Land Commission to give a grant of £50 to construct this road.

1060/31. ROAD RUNNING PARALLEL TO CHAPEL WALL AT KILCLOONEY.

Copy of a resolution passed at a Meeting in Kilclooney on the 18th November, 1931, requesting the Council to repair the road running parallel to the Catholic Chapel Wall by widening the corner was submitted.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1061/31. APPLICATION TO LAY PIPE AT DROMORE, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from Mr. F. G. McClean, Dromore, Letterkenny, in which he applied for permission to put a pipe across the County Road at Dromore, Letterkenny.

The application was granted on the usual conditions.

1062/31. ALLEGED ACCIDENT ON ROAD LEADING UP TO BALLINTRAMOUNTAIN, ARRANMORE ISLAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore, complaining of the condition of the road from Ballintra Main Road at Barney McGill's up to Ballintra Mountain. On the 5th November while carting home turf his brother's horse and cart capsized into the river causing him serious loss, and injury to his brother. Unless the Council had an investigation and compensated him he would take proceedings.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability, and to refer the whole matter to the County Surveyor for a report.

1063/31. LONDONDERRY AND LOUGH SWILLY RAILWAY COMPANY'S OMNIBUS SERVICE BETWEEN LETTERKENNY AND CHURCHILL.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce dated 5th November, 1931, T.66226/38, adverting to previous correspondence regarding the proposed discontinuance of the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company's omnibus service between Letterkenny and Churchill, and stating that the existing mid-day bus service was run in one direction only, namely, Letterkenny to Churchill. The Company were now prepared to run a mid-day bus service on Fridays, and the Minister proposed to approve of this arrangement.

A letter was also read from Councillor Mahony in the matter. On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor James Boyle it was unanimously decided to approve of Councillor Mahony's letter.

1064/31.

ALLEGED ACCIDENT IN MAIN STREET, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Ramago, Solicitor, Ballyshannon, in which he stated, on behalf of Mrs. Rose Loughlin, Bundoran, that she fell and injured herself when passing the premises of Mr. Harte, Main Street, Bundoran, on the 4th November. The fall was caused by a portion of the footpath having been removed by the Council's servants, and the place left unlighted and unguarded. Proceedings would be instituted unless the Council accepted liability.

The Council unanimously decided to deny liability, and to refer the matter to the Insurance Company.

1065/31.

ERECTION OF TRANSMISSION POLES IN GLENTIES.

A letter was read from Messrs. J. P. Tiernoy & Co., Consulting Engineers, in which they applied, on behalf of the Glenties Electricity Supply Co., for permission to erect transmission poles on the streets and roads of Glenties.

The Council unanimously decided to give the required permission on the following conditions:-

- (1) The poles to be erected in such positions as are approved by the County Surveyor, and to be removed or altered if required.
- (2) The paying of an annual fee of 1/- for wayleaves.
- (3) The insuring by the Glenties Electricity Supply Co. of the poles in the joint names of themselves and the Council against Third Party risks.
- (4) The preparation of an Agreement embodying these conditions by the Council's Solicitor; the costs of which to be borne by the Glenties Electricity Supply Co.

1066/31.

ERECTION OF PORCH IN FALCARRAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Owen McNulty, Falcarragh, in which he applied for permission to build a porch on the footpath at Falcarragh.

A small sketch of the proposed erection was submitted by Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, who also submitted the following report:-

"The sketch below explains what Mr. Owen McNulty desires permission to do. It will be observed that the existing footpath is 11 feet wide, and if the porch is erected there will then be 6 feet width of footpath available. Of course, should this be conceded, you will quite understand that others will be seeking similar favours."

On the motion of Councillor James Boyle seconded by Councillor Gallagher, it was unanimously decided to give Mr. McNulty the permission required on the following conditions:-

- (1) The porch to be removed by Mr. McNulty at any time if called upon to do so.
- (2) Mr. McNulty to accept full responsibility for any liability arising out of such erection.
- (3) Legal Agreement to be prepared by the Council's Solicitor embodying these conditions; the costs of which to be borne by Mr. McNulty.

It was also decided to adopt this procedure in future in all similar cases, and to instruct the County Surveyor to report on any porches or other structures which had been erected without permission.

1067/31. ERECTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES IN PETTIGO.

A letter was read from Messrs. Shaw Bros., Mill Street, Pettigo, in which they asked for permission to erect poles in Pettigo Street for the purpose of installing electric light.

Mr. Caffrey, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-
"With regard to the proposed erection of poles in the streets of Pettigo to carry electric wiring, I have made an inspection of the proposed positions of these poles. There will be twenty-five poles erected throughout the town. Poles Nos. 9 and 13 as shown on the accompanying map are so placed as to offer obstruction to traffic. These would require, therefore, to be altered to places adjacent which I have indicated with a circle. The positions of the remaining poles seem to offer no obstruction to traffic. No pole, however, should be erected opposite to any door or window unless with the consent of the owner or occupier of the house opposite which the pole is placed."

The Council unanimously decided to grant the required permission on the following conditions:-

- (1) The poles to be erected in such positions as are approved by the Co. Surveyor and to be removed or altered if required.
- (2) The paying of an annual fee of 1/- for wayleaves.
- (3) The insuring by Messrs. Shaw Bros. of the poles in the joint names of themselves and the Council against Third Party risks.
- (4) The preparation of an Agreement embodying these conditions by the Council's Solicitor; the costs of which to be borne by Messrs. Shaw Bros.

1068/31. PAYMENT TO SHEEP DIPPING SUB-INSPECTORS FOR THE AUTUMN DIPPING SEASON, 1931.

The Secretary submitted reports on the manner in which the Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspectors in the areas of Veterinary Inspectors McClintock, Marnor, and McShane, had carried out their duties.

The Council unanimously decided to pay the Sub-Inspectors their remuneration for the Autumn Dipping Season, 1931; Paying Orders not to issue in the districts of Veterinary Inspectors McGlinchey, M. Feely, and McGeady, pending the receipt of their reports.

1069/31. APPLICATION TO PLACE AN OVERGROUND TELEGRAPHIC LINE.

A letter was read from the Department of Posts and Telegraphs dated 16th November, 1931, applying for permission to place an overground telegraphic line from the Post Office to McBride's Mills, The Quay, Bunbeg.

The Council unanimously decided to give the required permission on the condition that in the event of it being found necessary at any future date to remove the poles, the cost of removal (except in so far as State-aided schemes and schemes authorised by an Act of the Oireachtas are concerned) to be borne by the Department of Posts and Telegraphs.

1070/31. ROAD FROM GLENAHILT TO CLOUGHGLASS, BURTONPORT.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Cloughglass, Glenahilt, and Arlands, Burtonport, in which they called attention to the condition of the road from Glenahilt to Cloughglass, which was in an impassable condition and unfit for any traffic. Unless something was done to it immediately they would withhold the rates and use them for the repair of the road.

The County Surveyor stated that the matter was having attention.

1071/31. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTORS.

Letters were read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, recommending for appointment as Food and Drugs Inspectors the following members of the Gardai:-
 Garda Bernard Keany, Clogher, in place of Garda Tully.
 Garda James Martin, Carrigans, in place of Garda Cafferty.
 Garda Thomas Sarsfield, Ballybofey, in place of Garda Williams.
 Garda James Moogan, Letterkenny, in place of Garda Flanagan.
 Sergeant Patrick Williams, Milford, in place of Sergeant Cahill.

The Council unanimously decided to make the appointments suggested.

Councillor Gallagher suggested that the Inspector for the Glenties Area should reside in Glenties and not in Clogher.

It was decided to convey Councillor Gallagher's suggestion to the Chief Superintendent.

1072/31. RESTRICTION OF DRIVING OF MECHANICALLY-PROPELLED VEHICLES ON THE PROMENADE, BUNDORAN.

A letter was read from the Town Clerk, Bundoran, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Commissioner acting for the Bundoran Urban District Council:-

"I, James MacLysaght, Commissioner administering the affairs of the Bundoran Urban District Council, hereby request the Donegal County Council to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for an Order varying the provisions of the Order under the Roads Act, 1920, (No. R.V.56/1928), dated the 28th December, 1928, already made by the Minister, so that the said Order may have effect for a further period of three years, prohibiting or restricting the driving of mechanically-propelled vehicles on the road known as the Cliff Road or Promenade in the Urban District of Bundoran, from the 1st day of January, 1932."

On the motion of Councillor Myles seconded by Councillor Hamilton it was unanimously decided to apply to the Minister for Local Government and Public Health for the Order required.

1073/31. RESOLUTION FROM THE DUBLIN RAILWAYSHOPS JOINT COUNCIL OF ACTION REGARDING THE TRANSPORT SYSTEM IN THE SAORSTAT.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Dublin Railwayshops Joint Council of Action, Inchicore, Dublin, W.3., enclosing copy of resolution passed regarding the ownership and control of Transport in the Saorstát, and calling on the Government to take immediate steps for an impartial inquiry and the introduction of legislation for State ownership and the control of the whole Transport industry.

On the motion of Councillor Scott the Council decided to note the resolution.

1074/31. RESOLUTION FROM THE IRISH MOTOR HAULERS' ASSOCIATION.

The Council decided to note the following resolution received from the Irish Motor Haulers' Association, 4, Grafton Street, Dublin:-
 "That we wish to place on record an emphatic protest against any curtailment of Motor Traffic in the Irish Free State. Rural development calls for a supplemental transport system, as the present Railways were not designed for, nor are they capable of, adequately serving agriculture. Any legislation that tends to restrict the natural development of road transport or to increase the cost thereof is not in the best interests of agriculture. We may point out that the roads have been brought to their present state of efficiency for transport with funds provided mainly by the farmers and motor-owners, and the quick and convenient transport services now available should not be denied to the farming community."

1075/31. RESOLUTIONS REGARDING A PROPOSED NATIONAL PEACE CONFERENCE.

The following items on the Agenda were ruled out of order by the Chairman; Councillor Manus O'Boyle protesting:-
Letter from the Town Clerk, Sligo, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by the Sligo Corporation:-

"That this Council hereby heartily approves of the efforts of the recently-established National Peace Conference Committee, the members of which being impressed with the gravity of the present position in this country and inspired by the eloquent and earnest appeal for peace contained in the recent Joint Pastoral Letter of the Irish Hierarchy are seeking to bring about a National Conference to include people of all political parties in the State who love their religion and country with a view to finding for the country's many pressing problems a solution that shall be in accordance with the traditions of Catholic Ireland, so that the dangers may be averted that threaten at the present juncture the cause of religion and peace in our beloved land;

That we call upon all other Public Bodies in Saorstát Éireann to adopt this resolution and to co-operate actively with the National Peace Conference Committee and support that Committee's appeal to the Irish Hierarchy to summon the proposed Conference without delay; and

That we recommend the Peace Conference Committee to approach immediately the beloved Cardinal Primate of all Ireland directly and seek to enlist the esteemed co-operation of His Eminence, between whom and the Peace Conference Committee might we suggest, be arranged the different matters to be dealt with by the proposed National Conference."

Letter from the Secretary, National Peace Conference Committee, suggesting that the Council adopt a resolution to the effect that a Peace Conference be convened by the Irish Hierarchy, and asking the Council to appoint delegates to a Meeting which might be convened in the near future by the Peace Conference Committee.
Letter from the Secretary, Cavan County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-

"That the Chairmen and Vice-Chairmen of County Councils, Corporations, and Urban District Councils, hold a Convention in Dublin immediately for the purpose of asking the Leaders of the different parties in the Dail to find a common basis of Agreement for the acceptance of Treaty rights, so that the nation may proceed to its economic development in peace and good order, and that the Convention when assembled, and Chairman agreed to, immediately proceed to issue an invitation to the Cardinal Primate to preside and assist the Convention in its objects.

As a second important subject, the Convention to consider also the relationship between the Governing Authority and the Local Authorities in the State."

1076/31. APPLICATION BY MR. CAFFEY FOR AMOUNTS TO CARRY OUT CERTAIN REPAIRS.

The following applications by Mr. Caffrey were granted unanimously:-
To repair breaches in Main Road, No. 1521, Stranorlar Area...£15.
To amount over-expended on Road Grant, Main Road No. 1991, Donegal Area....£22,8.6.

1077/31. APPLICATION TO LAY EARTHENWARE PIPE IN KILLYBEGS.

A letter was read from Mr. James Murrin, Bridge Street, Killybegs, applying for permission to lay an earthenware pipe from the Courthouse, Killybegs, to the river.

The required permission was granted subject to the approval of the County Surveyor.

1078/31.

MANHOLE COVER OUTSIDE CARNDONAGH COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Carndonagh, in which he stated that the manhole cover outside the Courthouse, Carndonagh, on right-of-way was broken, and a new one was required.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor and a sum of £1 : 10 : 0 placed in his hands to carry out the necessary repairs.

1079/31. RESOLUTION FROM THE LEITRIM COUNTY COUNCIL RE CURTAILMENT OF RAILWAY SERVICES.

A letter was read from the Secretary, Leitrim County Council, enclosing copy of the following resolution passed by his Council:-
 "That we, the Leitrim County Council, view with grave anxiety the rumoured curtailment of Railway Services, particularly as affects the Cavan and Leitrim Section of the Railway System and we call upon the Government to introduce legislation which will compel the Company to provide adequate transport facilities for the needs of the trading public in this area and in the whole of the Saorstát. Such legislation should compel the Company to maintain the Railway Services which were contemplated for the portion of the system which was established under the guarantee of the ratepayers and to which over two hundred thousand pounds of the ratepayers' money has been paid since its installation. We call upon the elected representatives of the Constituency in the Dáil to give their entire support to such legislation. We also resolve that the Solicitor for the Council be directed to write to the Secretary of the Great Southern Railways to inquire whether such closing down or abandonment is contemplated."

The Council noted the resolution.

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Confirmed

Wm. W. Fadden

Chairman,

29th December, 1931.

A MEETING OF THE DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL WAS
HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH DAY OF DECEMBER,
1931.

1080/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Gallen, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lowry, Mahony, Myles, McBride, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

1081/31.

C O N D O L E N C E.

The Chairman (Councillor Michael Og McFadden) referred sympathetically to the loss the Council had sustained by the deaths of Councillors Cassidy, Clarke, and Quigley.

He proposed that the Secretary be instructed to convey the deep sympathy of the Council to the relatives of the deceased.

Councillor Scott seconded the motion which was passed in silence; all the members standing.

1082/31.

C O N F I R M A T I O N O F M I N U T E S.

The Minutes of the last Meeting of the Council held on the 24th November, 1931, were confirmed unanimously.

1083/31.

R E P O R T O F F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor MacCreadie the report of the meeting of the Finance Committee held on the 24th November, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

1084/31.

R E P O R T O F S U B - F I N A N C E C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor MacCreadie the report of the meeting of the Sub-Finance Committee held on the 10th December, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

1085/31.

R E P O R T O F L A W C O M M I T T E E M E E T I N G.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Hamilton the report of the meeting of the Law Committee held on the 10th December, 1931, was unanimously adopted.

1086/31.

S U R F A C E D R E S S I N G.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, RGM/7, dated 8th December, 1931, asking to be furnished with the usual certificates from the County Surveyor in respect of surface dressing carried out during the period ended 30th September, 1931.

1087/31.

C L A I M A G A I N S T T H E L O N D O N D E R R Y A N D L O U G H S W I L L Y R A I L W A Y C O M P A N Y F O R D A M A G E T O R O A D S I N W E S T D O N E G A L.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 9th December, 1931, RV/203/2, stating that the Minister's sanction was not required to the terms of settlement of the claim of the Council against the Londonderry and Lough Swilly Railway Company for damage to roads in West Donegal.

Councillor Daniel E. O'Boyle proposed and it was unanimously resolved to expend the money received from the Railway Company on the repair of the road for which it was received.

1088/31.

EXPENDITURE ON BREAD.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th December, 1931, Circ. 81/31, inviting the special attention of all Local Authorities, whose operations exclude expenditure on bread, towards ensuring that the bread be made solely from flour milled in the Saorstát and with yeast manufactured in the Saorstát. A list of flour millers was also enclosed.

The Secretary stated that the Council made no expenditure on bread, and that he understood the resolution had been dealt with by the Mental Hospital Committee and the Board of Health.

1089/31.

ADDITIONAL AGRICULTURAL GRANT.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 7th December, 1931, enclosing Payable Order for £9,186 :15 : 0, being the third instalment of additional supplementary Agricultural Grant for the year ending 31st March, 1932.

1090/31. COUNCIL'S RESOLUTION REGARDING SERIOUS ASPECT OF UNEMPLOYMENT.

Letters were read from the Secretaries of the Tipperary N.R., the Tipperary S.R., Dublin, and Wexford County Councils, stating that the Council's resolution regarding the serious aspect of unemployment was adopted by their different Councils.

1091/31. SCHEME OF POLLING DISTRICTS AND POLLING PLACES FOR DAIL ELECTIONS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 24th November, 1931, F.85537/31, Dun na nGall. (c)., enclosing copy of an Order made by the Minister, confirming, subject to the modifications stated therein, the Polling Districts and Polling Places Scheme adopted by the County Council at their meeting on the 24th February last.

On the motion of Councillor Brady seconded by Councillor McIvor the Council decided to publish the Scheme in the Derry Journ and the People's Press; the rate of insertion not to exceed the existing rate.

1092/31. SUPERANNUATION ALLOWANCE - MR. JAMES BOYLE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th December, 1931, G.93324/31, Dun na nGall. 3d., acknowledging receipt of Minute No. 1025/31, re superannuation of Mr. James Boyle in respect of his former Office as Solicitor to the Stranorlar Rural District Council.

1093/31. PROSECUTION UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS. COUNTY COUNCIL v. ROBERT ANDERSON.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor reporting that the case under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts against Robert Anderson, Ballyshannon, was disposed of at Ballyshannon District Court when the Defendant was fined 1/-, with 23 : 3 : 0 costs, and £1 : 1 : 0, Analyst's Fee.

1094/31.

ESTIMATES, 1931/32.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 10th December, 1931, 82/31, enclosing Tables for particulars of the Estimates for 1931/32, showing the apportionment of the amounts levied as between Agricultural Land and Other Hereditaments.

1095/31. AUDITOR'S REPORT ON ACCOUNTS OF MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 4th December, 1931, A.91889/31, enclosing Auditor's report on the accounts of the Donegal District Mental Hospital for the two half-years ended 31st March, 1931.

1096/31. AREA OF CHARGE FOR IMPROVING AND MAINTAINING THE SEWERAGE SYSTEM AT CARROWKEEL.

The Secretary submitted copy of a Sealed Order made by the Minister for Local Government and Public Health determining the Fanad Dispensary District as the Area of Charge for the purpose of improving and maintaining the sewerage system at Carrowkeel.

A motion by Councillor Blaney that the Area of Charge include also the Electoral Division of Killygarvan was afterwards withdrawn.

1097/31. HALF-YEARLY COST-OF-LIVING FIGURES.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department enclosing forms for completion in connection with the half-yearly cost-of-living figures.

1098/31. ALLOWANCES TO SURVEYORS FROM THE ROAD FUND FOR HALF-YEAR ENDED 30TH SEPTEMBER, 1931.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 23rd November, 1931, notifying a payment of £270 in respect of allowances to Surveyors from the Road Fund for the half-year ended 30th September, 1931.

1099/31. LOAN FOR REPAIRS TO LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 18th November, 1931, S.68178/31, Dun na nGall. Pg. asking to be furnished with a copy of the specification on which tenders were invited for repairs to Lifford Courthouse.

A further letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 3rd December, 1931, S.90560/31, Dun na nGall. sanctioning the raising of a loan of £700 for the purpose of defraying the expenditure on repairs to Lifford Courthouse; the loan to be re-payable within a period of ten years at the rate of $\frac{1}{2}\%$ under Irish Banks' Discount Rate, subject to a minimum of 4%.

1100/31. QUESTION OF COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH TAKING OVER THE DUTIES OF PUBLIC ANALYST.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 27th November, 1931, P.H.90136/31, (Sd.), Dun na nGall, stating that the duties to be performed by a County Medical Officer of Health are those prescribed in the Order dated 8th November, 1926, and the Minister is not prepared to approve of an extension of such duties so as to provide for the performance by Dr. O'Deagha of the duties of Public Analyst for the County.

In view of the Department's letter the following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Scott was withdrawn: "That the County Medical Officer of Health (Dr. O'Deagha) be requested to take over the duties of Analyst to the County under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts, and that the appointment of Miss Ryan, M.Sc., Dublin, be terminated."

1101/31.

SHEEP SCAB IN THE CARRIGART SHEEP DIPPING DISTRICT.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick A. McGeady, V.S., Milford, reporting a serious outbreak of sheep scab at Foymore, Creeslough. About 60 animals were affected. These had access to Foymore Hill where there were approximately 300 sheep. The owner of the sheep was in America and his Agent had stated that he was not responsible for them since the 30th September last. He suggested that the Sheep Dipping Sub-Inspector for the Area be re-appointed for four weeks with a view to having the outbreak brought under control.

On the motion of Councillor Mahony seconded by Councillor Baxter it was unanimously decided to re-appoint Mr. James Kelly, the Inspector for the Area, and to ask the Department of Agriculture to send back Mr. H. O'Neill, their Veterinary supervisor, as soon as possible.

1102/31.

DECLARATION OF ROADS TO BE COUNTY ROADS.

The following Notice of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Doogan was ruled out of order by the Chairman following a report by the County Surveyor that the road failed to comply with the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925:-

"That 285 perches of the road between the Post Office at Meenderrygaph and the junction of the Meenaniller Bog Road, in the Electoral Division of Magheraclogher, be declared a County Road."

The following Notice of Motion also standing in the name of Councillor Doogan was ruled out of order by the Chairman following a report by the County Surveyor that the road failed to comply with the provisions of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925:-

"That 450 perches of the road between the Contract Road near Mary Harley's of Meenaniller and Strakeenagh, in the townlands of Meenaniller and Strakeenagh, in the Electoral Division of Magheraclogher, be declared a County Road."

A similar ruling was also applied to the following two Notices of Motion standing in the name of Councillor Loughrey:-

"That the road between the Contract Road at Patrick McCarron's and Patrick McGrory's, in the townland of Drumatrummon, with branch to Gortcally, be declared a County Road."

"That the road between the Contract Road at Thomas Torren's, Gortcally, and Peter Doherty's, Drumatrummon, in the Electoral Division of Carrowkeel, be declared a County Road."

1103/31.

DECLARATION OF ROAD IN THE ELECTORAL DIVISION OF FANAD NORTH TO BE A COUNTY ROAD.

Councillor Loughrey proposed the following resolution standing in his name:- "That the road between the Contract Road at Tryalough and William Dorrian's at Ballylar, in the Electoral Division of Fanad North, be declared a County Road."

The Secretary stated that the month's public notice required by Section 25 (2) of the Local Government Act, 1925, had been duly given.

The County Surveyor stated that the road complied with the requirements of Section 25 of the Local Government Act, 1925.

Councillor MacCreadie seconded the resolution which was passed unanimously.

1104/31.

ROAD FROM NARIN TO ROSBEG.

Councillor Bernard Gallagher proposed, Councillor Scott seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:-

"That the Department of Local Government and Public Health be again requested to have the road from Narin to Rosbeg scheduled a Main Road, and that application be made for a special grant of £500 to put this road in order, and make it fit for the heavy tourist traffic during the coming season."

1105/31. MALICIOUS INJURY CLAIM - FOYLE AND BANN FISHERY CO.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor regarding the Malicious Injury Claim of the Foyle and Bann Fishery Co., and advising that the Decree in this case must be paid. In a previous case the damage was actually done on Lough Foyle, and the Solicitor then raised the question of jurisdiction, but without success. It appeared to him that that occasion would have been more opportune to voice the grievances of the fishermen than the present one.

Councillor McIvor proposed, Councillor Cole seconded, and it was unanimously resolved:- "That the Donegal County Council enter an emphatic protest against the Circuit Court award of £15 : 12 : 6 in the Malicious Injury Claim by the Foyle and Bann Fishery Company for damage to a boat at Quigley's point, the amount awarded being exorbitant and out of all proportion to the amount of the damage."

Councillor Manus O'Boyle proposed and Councillor Blaney seconded that the Council refuse to levy the rate to meet the Malicious Injury award in this case.

Several members opposed the proposal, and the Secretary formally objected on the grounds that it was illegal, and that any members voting for it were liable to be surcharged.

The following voted for Councillor O'Boyle's motion:- Councillors Blaney, Brady, Doherty (Carrigart), Gallen, McBride, McIvor, McPhelimy, O'Boyle (Manus), and Walls. Total 9.

The following voted against the motion:- Councillors McFadden, Baxter, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Douglas, Gallagher, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, MacCreadie, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, and Wagentreiber. Total 20.

The Chairman declared Councillor O'Boyle's motion lost.

Councillor McCauley proposed and it was unanimously resolved that the Council urge the Government to have settled the dispute regarding the ownership of Lough Foyle.

1106/31. MONEY SAVED BY THE CUTTING OF ROAD CONTRACTS.

Councillor Hamilton proposed:- "That any money saved by the cutting of contracts, which is handed back into the Central Funds, be handed on to the County Surveyor of the Rural District in which it is saved, and that we instruct him to expend it in such district, and should the sum be not expended in the current year, the balance as above to be allowed for at the next allocation."

Councillor Scott seconded the motion.

Councillor Baxter proposed and Councillor Loughrey seconded that the existing system be continued.

Councillor Gallen suggested that the County Surveyors when preparing their estimates should take cognisance of the amounts saved by the cutting of contracts in each district.

On a show of hands Councillor Baxter's amendment was defeated and Councillor Hamilton's motion carried.

1107/31. ROAD AT GULLADUFF, MOVILLE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Negault, Moville, complaining of the condition of the road that runs through that townland, and stating that nothing had been done to it for the past four years.

A letter was also read from Councillor McCauley calling the County Surveyor's attention to the state of the road at Gulladuff, Moville, and inquiring how the amount of money for upkeep was determined, as it was three years since the Assistant Surveyor had been on over this road.

Councillor McCauley complained that the Assistant Surveyor had not called on him as he was required to do.

The County Surveyor stated that he had been unable to get a Contractor for this road for the past three years, and that there was a sum of £12 in the Estimates for it this year.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor with instructions to have the amount available expended before the 31st March next.

1108/31.

FEES OF VETERINARY SURGEONS.

A letter was read from Councillor Doogan inquiring if there was any scale of fees laid down by the Council for the attendance of Veterinary Surgeons on cows, horses, or other live-stock. Owing to the high fees charged many persons had been compelled to allow their animals to die without having been attended by a Veterinary Surgeon.

The Secretary stated that the Council had no control over the Veterinary Inspectors as regards their fees.

Councillor Cole proposed, Councillor Gallen seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that the Department of Agriculture be requested to have Veterinary dispensaries established in the Gaeltacht, and other areas formerly served in this way by the late Congested Districts Board.

1109/31. AMOUNTS ALLOWED FOR COUNCILLORS' MOTIONS IN INISHOWEN AREA; AND COMPLAINT REGARDING ROAD AT FALLASK.

A letter was read from Councillor Kavanagh inquiring (1) why the road from Bridge or Railway Gates, Fallask, to Michael McKinney's Fallask, was struck out; (2) how much did each Councillor in the Inishowen Area get of the £70 allowed for Councillors' Motions; and (3) how much money was allowed last year to Councillor Cole.

The Secretary was instructed to look into the matter and report to next meeting.

1110/31.

GATES AT BUNCRANA RAILWAY STATION.

A letter was read from Councillor Kavanagh suggesting that the Gates at the Railway Crossing at Buncrana Station be removed and re-placed by double-hinged gates meeting at the centre similar to those at Pennyburn Station, Derry. He stated that a better view would be obtained and the risk of accidents would be minimised.

He proposed that the Railway Company be asked to bear half the cost; the other half to be borne by the Council. Councillor Scott seconded and the motion was passed unanimously.

1111/31. CO-OPTION OF A COUNTY COUNCILLOR FOR THE COUNTY ELECTORAL AREA OF LETTERKENNY.

Councillor Mahony proposed, Councillor Gallen seconded, and it was unanimously resolved that Mr. Andrew Lowry, Mullaghanny, Ballindrait, be co-opted a member of the County Council for the County Electoral Area of Letterkenny in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

Mr. Lowry signed the Declaration of Acceptance of Office, and afterwards took part in the business of the Meeting.

1112/31. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE MENTAL HOSPITAL COMMITTEE.

Councillor Brady proposed and Councillor Cole seconded that Councillor Wagentreiber be appointed a member of the Mental Hospital Committee in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Wagentreiber withdrew in favour of Councillor Scott who was then appointed unanimously.

1113/31. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE COMMITTEE OF AGRICULTURE.

On the motion of Councillor Scott, Councillor Wagentreiber was unanimously appointed a member of the Committee of Agriculture in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

A motion by Councillor Douglas that Very Rev. James Maguire, P.P., V.F., Clonmany, be appointed was ruled out of order by the Chairman on the grounds that the appointee must reside in the County Electoral Area of Letterkenny.

1114/31. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE CO. BOARD OF HEALTH.

Councillor Gallen proposed and Councillor Mahony seconded that Councillor Wagentreiber be appointed a member of the County Board of Health in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

Councillor Doherty (Carrigart) proposed and Councillor Douglas seconded that Councillor Blaney be appointed.

The following voted for the appointment of Councillor Wagentreiber:-

Councillors McFadden, Gallen, Hamilton, Mahony, Myles, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), and Scott. Total 10.

The following voted for the appointment of Councillor Blaney:-
Councillors Baxter, Brady, Cole, Doherty (Carrigart), Douglas, Gallagher, Kavanagh, Loughrey, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), and Sweeney. Total 15.

The Chairman declared Councillor Blaney elected.

1115/31. APPOINTMENT OF A REPRESENTATIVE ON THE GENERAL COUNCIL OF COUNTY COUNCILS.

On the motion of Councillor Scott seconded by Councillor Mahony Councillor Gallen was appointed a member of the General Council of County Councils in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

1116/31. APPOINTMENT OF A MEMBER OF THE LIFFORD OLD AGE PENSIONS SUB-COMMITTEE.

On the motion of Councillor Wagentreiber seconded by Councillor Gallen, Mr. William Gallagher, Castlefin, was appointed a member of the Lifford Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee in place of the late Councillor Clarke.

1117/31. DECLARATION OF VACANCIES ON THE COUNCIL.

On the motion of Councillor MacCreadie seconded by Councillor Cole it was unanimously decided to declare vacant the seats on the Council formerly held by Councillors Cassidy and Quigley.

1118/31. MATTERS CONCERNING SANITATION AS DETAILED IN THE REPORT OF THE COUNTY MEDICAL OFFICER OF HEALTH.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the County Board of Health asking the Council to consider matters regarding sanitation as detailed in the report of the County Medical Officer of Health, pages 15 and 16, and to make recommendations to the Board of Health thereon.

The Chairman proposed that the matter be referred to a joint Committee of the County Council and the County Board of Health to consider the matter with the County Medical Officer of Health.

The following joint Committee was appointed:-
Members of the County Council:- Councillors Brady, Scott, and James Boyle.

Members of the Board of Health:- Councillors Mahony, MacCreadie, and Gallen.

1119/31. ENGROSSMENTS IN CONNECTION WITH LEASING OF MARINE WORKS AT DOWNINGS, CLADNAGERAGH, AND PORTNOO.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 26th November, 1931, 3732/31, enclosing for execution by the Council engrossments embodying the agreed terms for the renewing of the leases of the Marine Works at Downings, Cladnageragh, and Portnoo. The professional costs and stamp duty amounted to £25:16:0, and a Receivable Order for that amount was enclosed.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Mahony the Council decided to execute the engrossments under Seal. The Council also decided to pay the amount of the Professional Costs and Stamp duty.

1120/31.

RATHMULLAN PIER.

A letter was read from the Department of Lands and Fisheries dated 4th December, 1931, D/4/4, stating that, on further consideration, the Minister was prepared to offer a grant of not more than £25000 for the extension of the Pier at Rathmullan, provided the Council undertook to bear the remainder of the cost of the scheme of improvements referred to in the Department's letter of the 8th September last, and estimated by the Commissioners of Public Works at £7,900, and also undertook to maintain and keep the works as improved in repair. On the acceptance of the foregoing conditions arrangements would be made to have the work put in hands.

Mr. Steadman, County Surveyor, submitted the following report:-

"It is very gratifying to see by the letter of the Department of Lands and Fisheries that improvements to Rathmullan Pier are contemplated, for any scheme resulting successfully would confer not only a much-needed help to the fishing industry but also to the surrounding portion of the County.

The proposal is to make in the first instance a thirty feet opening in the existing Pier - 100 feet back from the Pier head. Then, if in the course of time, such opening should prove to have a beneficial effect in reducing the very large sand deposit on North side of Pier a second opening of similar size is to be made further landwards. In addition, the existing Pier is to be extended in open work with reinforced concrete for 100 feet.

I might mention that for about 50 years after this Pier was built the existing huge sand bank area on North side was a pebble beach, also that small vessels were able to berth alongside Pier, even 250 feet in from head of Pier. Then some change in conditions occurred in the Estuary leading to this large accumulation alongside and northwards of the Pier, and year by year it has become more and more accentuated.

Even for about 25 feet from head of stone pier seaward the silting has reached low water level and for much more than 100 feet seawards from the head of stone pier (which is the length of the contemplated extension), there has been considerable silting since the gangway was constructed running into 5 additional feet in places, and this, remember, has taken place even in the open work of which the gangway is constructed.

Again, to the southwards of the Pier, although not in its immediate vicinity, there has been, and still increasing, during the past 10 years very considerable banks of sand as well as at other places where one would scarcely expect same to occur, so that taking the various conditions prevailing into consideration, I am reluctantly compelled to express the opinion that the proposition would not result in the benefit so urgently needed at Rathmullan. I say "reluctantly" for when, as in this case, a Department shows so practical an interest in aiding a locality, and which, I may add, is highly appreciated, I should not like it to appear that any expression of opinion, on my part, is given lightly. It is because I feel that the Department is as anxious as ourselves that a successful outcome should result from the outlay that I have freely expressed my opinion in the hope that a further consideration will be given.

Furthermore, should my anticipations prove correct that there would be no material reduction in the very large accumulation of sand on the North side of the Pier by the insertion of the thirty feet opening in the existing stone pier, the expenditure in connection therewith would be lost. Moreover, as it, very prudently, is not contemplated to proceed with the other portions of the Scheme until it is seen what the effect of such opening would be the interval required for this purpose would likely see the collapse of portions of the existing timber gangway, which for the last few years has been the one hope for landing facilities at Rathmullan, and without it the fishing industry would be in a helpless state.

RATHMULLAN PIER (CONTINUED).

Now, as to an alternative suggestion:- At present there is the timber gangway giving access to the dolphins alongside of which there is available about thirty feet at low water - a very great asset as vessels, even large ones, can arrive and leave at any stage of the tide and remain afloat while berthed there.

I have for years back held the opinion, having regard to conditions prevailing at Rathmullan, that the more prudent and advisable course would be to expend the money on a substantial open work reinforced concrete gangway. This would not only afford additional berthing accommodation to smaller craft, but make secure the access to dolphins where a good depth of water exists and thus make conditions suitable and attractive for even large vessels to come to this Pier, thereby placing Rathmullan in an enviable position not only so far as our own County is concerned, but also that of many other Ports."

On the motion of Councillor Baxter seconded by Councillor Mahony it was unanimously agreed to accept the conditions offered by the Department of Lands and Fisheries; the final plans for the work to be approved by the Council before putting the work in hands; the Council's contribution to be raised by way of loan over a period of thirty years; the re-payment of the loan and interest to be a first charge on the revenue from the Pier.

1121/31. PROPOSED DRAINAGE OF GLASHAGH AND LENNON RIVERS.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 18th November, 1931, 24127/28, stating they were of opinion the circumstances were not such as to justify the preparation of a detailed drainage scheme in connection with the proposed drainage of the Glashagh and Lennon Rivers. The proposal was uneconomic and could not be carried into effect without imposing an undue burden on the occupiers of the affected lands and on the finances of the County.

1122/31. PROPOSED DRAINAGE OF LOWER LENNON RIVER.

A letter was read from the Office of Public Works dated 18th November, 1931, 18896/31, stating they were of opinion the circumstances were not such as to justify the preparation of a detailed drainage scheme in connection with the proposed drainage of the Lower Lennon River. The proposal was uneconomic and could not be carried into effect without imposing an undue burden on the occupiers of the affected lands and on the finances of the County.

1123/31. LOAN FOR REPAIRS TO LIFFORD COURTHOUSE.

On the motion of Councillor Gallen seconded by Councillor Mahony the Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, the Deed of Charge in connection with the loan obtained for repairs to Lifford Courthouse.

1124/31. AGREEMENT IN CONNECTION WITH ERECTION OF PORCH IN FALCARRAGH.

The Council unanimously decided to execute, under Seal, the Agreement with Mr. Owen McNulty in connection with the erection of a porch in front of his house in Falcarragh.

1125/31. IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, Trade and Industries Branch, dated 10th December, 1931, T.I.C.19003/5, stating that a certificate of approval under Section 2 of the Tourist Development Act, 1931, was granted to the Irish Tourist Association on the 4th August, 1931.

1126/31. AGREEMENT WITH IRISH TOURIST ASSOCIATION UNDER THE TOURIST TRAFFIC (DEVELOPMENT) ACT, 1931.

On the motion of Councillor Cole seconded by Councillor Mahony the Council decided to execute, under Seal, the Agreement with the Irish Tourist Association under the Tourist Traffic (Development) Act, 1931, as recommended by the Law Committee at their meeting on the 10th December, 1931.

1127/31. APPLICATION FOR INCREASE IN SALARY - MR. DANIEL KELLY.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 11th December, 1931, G.93717/31, Dun na nGall. Sc., adverting to the application of Mr. Daniel Kelly for an increase in salary, and stating that the Minister saw no reason for altering his decision as conveyed in the Department's letter of the 6th ultimo.

1128/31. APPLICATION FOR ANNUAL INCREMENT IN SALARY - MR. DANIEL KELLY.

Mr. Daniel Kelly of the Council's clerical staff applied for the annual increment in salary of £10 now due to him.

The Secretary reported that Mr. Kelly's services were satisfactory, and the Council unanimously decided to allow him the annual increment due to him.

1129/31. OLD JAIL GROUNDS, LIFFORD.

A letter was read from Mr. George Lindsay, Drumbane, Castlefin inquiring if the Council would sell or lease him the Old Jail Site, Lifford, for the purpose of erecting dwelling-houses.

A letter was also read from Mr. Andrew McIntyre, County Librarian, Lifford, applying for a portion of the Old Jail Grounds, Lifford, for a building site.

The letters were referred to a special Committee consisting of Councillors Gallen, Wagentreiber, and the County Surveyor, to go into the matter.

1130/31. APPLICATION FOR PERMISSION TO ERECT GARAGE AT CLOCHAN.

A letter was read from Mr. G. H. Wilson, N.T., Cloghan, asking for permission to erect a Garage within 30 feet of the roadway.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1131/31. ROAD FROM LOUGHROS POINT, ARDARA, TO CRUMLIN.

A letter was read from Messrs. John Sweeney & Co., Ardara, calling attention to a broken pipe on the road from Loughros Point to Crumlin. They had a front spring in their lorry broken while passing over it, and if the pipe was not repaired they would sue for damages.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1132/31. ROAD LEADING TO THE GOING BRIDGE, NEAR GWEEDORE.

A letter was read from Mr. John McGeady, Glenthornan, Gweedore complaining of the condition of the road from McBride's shop to the Going Bridge. He had to leave his car at McBride's, and walk two miles to his house.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1133/31. DISPUTE IN CONNECTION WITH BACK LANE, BALLYBOFEY.
CASE, WOODS V. DONEGAL CO. COUNCIL.

A letter was read from Mr. Edward Houston, Mullindrait, Stranorlar, asking for instructions regarding the timber removed by him from the Back Lane, Ballybofey, prior to the action, Woods v. County Council, and stating that he had not yet been paid for his work or for his attendance at the Court.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1134/31. ROAD AT CRAIGTOWN, CARNDONAGH.

A letter was read from Mr. Bernard E. Gallagher, Craigtown, Carndonagh, stating that at a meeting of the ratopayers a strong protest was registered against the neglected state of the Craigtown Road, and enclosing petition in the matter.

The County Surveyor stated that he had the matter in hands.

1135/31. CASE, HENRY GALBRAITH V. DONEGAL COUNTY COUNCIL.

A letter was read from the Council's Solicitor dated 28th November, 1931, reporting that the case, Henry Galbraith v. Donegal County Council was dismissed at Carndonagh District Court on the 12th idem without prejudice.

The matter was noted.

1136/31. ROAD AT GROVEIGHY, DUNGLOE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Groveighy, Dungloe, complaining of the condition of the road in Groveighy, and inquiring why no gravel was spread on the upper end of it, about 100 perches in length.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1137/31. APPLICATION FOR PORTION OF COW MARKET, BALLYBOFEY.

A letter was read from Mr. Maurice Dowds, Ballybofey, asking for about 60 feet of frontage of the Cow Market, Ballybofey, for the purpose of erecting a Garage.

On the suggestion of Councillor Callaghan the matter was referred to the Law Committee.

1138/31. APPLICATION FOR A POSITION AS A FLAGMAN.

A letter was read from Mr. Con Sweeney, Meenasrone, Dungloe, applying for a position as a flagman.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1139/31. CESSATION OF FAHAN-RAMELTON BOAT SERVICE.

A letter was read from the Secretary & General Manager of the Londonderry & Lough Swilly Railway Co. notifying the Council that they had ceased to run a boat service between Fahan and Ramelton, and that they had disposed of the shed near the Quay. He also stated that they intended removing crane.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Rathmullan Pier Committee.

1140/31. APPLICATION FOR PAYMENT FOR USE OF QUARRY, ERECTION OF FENCE, ETC.

A letter was read from Mr. Mick Doogan, Lower Keeldrum, Gortahork, applying for payment for the use of his quarry, and for the erection of a fence around quarry, repairs to lime-kiln and laneway.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1141/31. APPLICATION TO HAVE BRIDGE ERECTED OVER RIVER GOING THROUGH TOWNLAND OF MEENTASHESK, ARDARA.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick Gavigan, Loughnalughraman, Ardara, in which he asked the Council to give a small grant for the erection of a bridge over the river through the townland of Meentashesk.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. Gavigan that the Council had no power to give the grant required.

1142/31. ERECTION OF ELECTRIC LIGHTING POLES ON THE STREETS OF BALLYBOFEY AND STRANORLAR.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McNulty, Ballybofey, in which he applied for the continuance of the facilities given his late brother for the erection of poles on the streets and footpaths of Ballybofey and Stranorlar.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report on the condition of the existing poles.

1143/31. DESIGN OF WELL HEAD AT CROSS-ROADS SOUTH OF CARRIGART.

A letter was read from the Hon. Earl of Leitrim calling attention to the design of the well head at the cross-roads south of Carrigart, which was high enough to cause an obstruction, and not high enough to catch the eye when turning at the cross-roads.

The matter was referred to the County Board of Health.

1144/31. BRIDGE IN TOWNLAND OF TULLYARB ON ROAD FROM CARNDONAGH TO MALIN.

A letter was read from Mr. Daniel McLaughlin, Tullyarb, Carndonagh, calling attention to the state of the bridge in this townland on the road from Carndonagh to Malin. One of the arches was completely glutted with gravel and rubbish, and the other was also more or less filled up, with the result that when the river was in flood his land was completely inundated.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1145/31. CORNER AT JUNCTION OF KILMACREHAN ROAD AND NEW LINE ROAD, LETTERKENNY.

A letter was read from the Letterkenny Urban District Council asking the Council to widen the corner at the junction of the Kilmacrehan Road with the New Line Road, Letterkenny.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1146/31. CONDITION OF ROAD AT DOOBIN, KILRAINE P.O.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in Doobin, Kilrairie P.O., complaining of the condition of the road at Doobin, which was impassable.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1147/31. QUESTION OF REPAIR OF BRIDGE AND ROAD AT LOUGHKEEL, CROLY.

A letter was read from Mr. Patrick McGee, Loughkeel, Crolly, adverting to his previous application to have a bridge and road repaired, and stating that nothing had since been done to it.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Mr. McGee that the Council had no power to expend any money on the bridge and road referred to as they were not County property.

1148/31. FIRMS ENGAGED IN BUILDING AND CONTRACTING WORK.

A letter was read from the Department of Industry and Commerce, dated 5th December, 1931, C.P.I. 99/39, asking for a list of the names and addresses of the various firms engaged in building and contracting work in County Donegal during the year 1931.

1149/31.

LETTERKENNY COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from Mr. W. J. Doherty, Architect, setting out a list of extras which were required in connection with the recent repairs and installation of boiler at Letterkenny Courthouse, and enclosing the following Certificates:-

Messrs. Johnson & Co., Belfast.....£12 :16 : 8.
Messrs. James McManus & Sons, Letterkenny..... 28 : 5 : 0.

The Council approved of the payments.

Mr. Doherty also enclosed a statement of account furnished by Mr. James Johnstone, Ballyraine, Letterkenny, for building work in connection with the installation of boiler at Letterkenny Courthouse.

1150/31.

PORTSALON AND DUNTINNY DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles V. MacLaughlin, Architect, Letterkenny, enclosing account for preparation of report on Portsallon and Duntinny Drainage Scheme, £3 :18 : 0.

Payment of the amount was ordered, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

1151/31.

BALLYSTALLAGH (RAY RIVER) DRAINAGE SCHEME.

A letter was read from Mr. Charles V. MacLaughlin, Architect, Letterkenny, enclosing account for the preparation of maps and the making of survey in connection with the Ballysallagh (Ray River) Drainage Scheme, £8 :12 : 0.

Payment of the amount was ordered, subject to the sanction of the Department of Local Government and Public Health.

1152/31.

BANK ON THE BARNES ROAD, TERMON.

A letter was read from Mr. Anton McGrenra, Barnes, Termon, calling attention to a dangerous part of a bank on his land on the Barnes Road. The bank was, he stated, about 7 feet high and he had suffered heavy losses from cattle falling over this bank.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor.

1153/31. APPLICATION FOR GRANT FOR ROAD LEADING FROM THE DONEGAL ROAD THROUGH GLENCOE.

A letter was read from a number of ratepayers in the townlands of Glencoe, Doochill, Gortnacart, etc., Ardara, enclosing copy of a resolution passed at a meeting asking for a grant out of the money allowed for the relief of unemployment for the rolling and repair of the road leading from the Donegal Road through Glencoe.

The Council decided to refer the matter to the Local Government Department, Roads.

1154/31.

APPLICATION FOR ERECTION OF WALL BETWEEN NATIONAL SCHOOL PLAYGROUND AND PUBLIC ROAD NEAR PORTNOO.

A letter was read from Rev. R. E. Devlin, Portnoo, asking the Council to erect a wall between the National School playground and the public road near Portnoo; estimated cost, £65.

The Secretary was instructed to inform the Rev. Mr. Devlin that the Council had no funds out of which this work could be carried out.

1155/31.

BALLYSHANNON COURTHOUSE.

A letter was read from the Courtkeeper, Ballyshannon, reporting that the windows and doors in front of the Courthouse were in need of glazing and painting; and damp was also penetrating to the corners of the Courthouse.

The County Surveyor stated that the necessary repairs were being carried out.

1156/31. CONSTRUCTION OF NEW ROAD BY IRISH LAND COMMISSION BETWEEN ROAD AT CLEENGORT AND ROAD CROSSING RIVER AT GWEBARRA BRIDGE.

A letter was read from the Irish Land Commission dated 11th December, 1931, P. (f.) 54894/31, stating that the Irish Land Commission were prepared to make a grant not exceeding £350 for the construction of a road between the County Road at Cleengort and that crossing the river at Gwebarra Bridge, provided the County Council carried out the work and undertook for its future maintenance.

The matter was referred to the County Surveyor for a report.

1157/31. APPLICATION FOR RENEWAL OF CINEMA LICENCE FOR THE JOHN COLGAN HALL, CARNDONAGH.

An application was received for the renewal of cinema licence for the John Colgan Hall, Carndonagh.

The application was granted unanimously.

1158/31. NATIONAL ASSOCIATION FOR THE PREVENTION OF TUBERCULOSIS.

An invitation was submitted from the National Association for the Prevention of Tuberculosis to a Conference in London in July, 1932.

1159/31. POSTAGE ON FORMS OF CLAIM UNDER ELECTORAL AND JURIES' ACTS.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department dated 16th December, 1931, F.92732/31, stating that the amount due under the Electoral and Juries' Acts for postage and distribution of forms of claim was £8 : 7 : 2.

The Council ordered payment of the amount.

1160/31. APPLICATION BY MR. STEADMAN FOR CERTAIN AMOUNTS.

Mr. Steadman applied for the following amounts out of Contingencies:-

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| To repair a breach in the Road on No. 23, April 1931, Map No. 1163, T.60, Letterkenny Area..... | £22 | 0 | 0 |
| To repair breaches in Road No. 40, April 1931, Map No. 1016, Letterkenny Area..... | £4 | 0 | 0 |
| To repair the road No. 31, April 1930, Map No. 1202, Letterkenny Area..... | £24 | 0 | 0 |
| To repair a breach and pipe on Road No. 57, April 1929, Map No. 508, Milford District..... | £10 | 0 | 0 |
| To re-build two pipes on Map No. 126, Milford District... | £2 | 0 | 0 |
| To repair three pipes on Road No. 8, April 1931, Map No. 1334, Lifford District..... | £25 | 0 | 0 |
| To re-build a pipe on Road no. 28, April 1931, Map No. 1416, Lifford District..... | £2 | 10 | 0 |
| To repair road no. 81, April 1931, Map No. 1218, Lifford District..... | £20 | 0 | 0 |
| To repair road no. 12, April 1931, Map No. 1553, Lifford District..... | £15 | 0 | 0 |

The application was granted unanimously.

1161/31. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR, MOVILLE AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Siothchana, Letterkenny, suggesting that Garda Michael Bourke, Moville, be appointed as Food and Drugs Inspector in place of Garda Martin Guilfoyle, who had been transferred from the district. The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Bourke.

1162/31. APPOINTMENT OF FOOD AND DRUGS INSPECTOR FOR THE GLENTIES AREA.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Metchana, Letterkenny, suggesting, in order to meet the Council's wishes to have the Food and Drugs Inspector residing at Glenties instead of at Clogher, that Garda Martin J. Wholan be appointed Inspector. If this suggestion was adopted the equipment held by Garda Keane at Clogher could be transferred to Glenties for Garda Wholan's use, and authority was asked to incur an expenditure of £/-, cost of removal.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint Garda Wholan, and to give the necessary authority for the transfer of the equipment from Clogher to Glenties.

1163/31. INISHOWEN NO. 3 O. A. P. SUB-COMMITTEE.

A letter was read from the Clerk, Inishowen No. 3 Old Age Pensions Sub-Committee, stating that Mr. John Reid, Carndonagh, and Mr. Patrick Diver, Glencely, were disqualified for non-attendance at meetings of his Committee.

The Council unanimously decided to appoint to the vacancies Messrs. Noel J. Doherty, Carndonagh, and Anthony O'Doherty, Clougherna, Carndonagh.

1164/31. COUNCIL'S ADVERTISEMENTS.

A letter was read from Kenny's Advertising Agency, 65, Middle Abbey Street, Dublin, suggesting that in future the Council place their advertisements through them as there was no extra charge involved.

The Council decided to take no action in the matter.

1165/31. OVERDRAFT ACCOMMODATION.

The Secretary applied for continuance of overdraft accommodation of £30,000 to the 31st March, 1932.

The application was granted unanimously.

1166/31. HALL AT NEWTOWNCUNNINGHAM RENTED FOR SITTINGS OF THE DISTRICT COURT.

A letter was read from the Secretary of the Trustees of Newtowncunningham Orange Hall stating that the Hall was only rented for Court purposes, and that they would not allow it for Court Sales or to the Inspector of Weights and Measures unless paid for extra.

The Council noted the letter.

1167/31. ROAD FROM CORNER AT KNOCKDUFF TO DUNREDIAN, BALLYMORE.

A letter was read from Mr. J. J. Bayfield, Dunredian, Ballymore, asking the Council to re-consider their decision in connection with the repairing of the road from John Algeo's corner at Knockduff to Dunredian.

The County Surveyor stated that the road was not a County Road.

1168/31. WORKMEN'S COMPENSATION INSURANCE.

A letter was read from Messrs. McDonagh & Boland, Insurance Brokers, 51, Dame Street, Dublin, C.I. inviting the Council to place their Workmen's Compensation Insurance with the Irish Employers' Mutual Insurance Association, Ltd.

The Secretary was instructed to inform Messrs. McDonagh & Boland that this insurance was placed with the Irish Public Bodies Mutual Insurance, Ltd.

1169/31. CLAUSE 13 OF THE CONSTITUTION (AMENDMENT NO. 17) ACT, 1931, AND TREATMENT OF UNTRIED PRISONERS.

The Council noted copy of a letter submitted to the Papal Nuncio, Cardinal, and Bishops of Ireland by Mrs. Maude Gonne McBride, Roebuck House, Clonskea, Dublin, with reference to Clause 13 of the Constitution (Amendment No. 17) Act, 1931, and also copy of a letter from untried prisoners regarding their treatment in Arbour Hill prison.

1170/31. DEVELOPMENT OF TOURIST TRAFFIC IN IRELAND.

A letter was read from Mr. Liam O'Dwyer, 7646, Epworth Boulevard, Michigan, in connection with the development of tourist traffic in Ireland.

1171/31. RESOLUTION FROM GALWAY COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING SALARIES.

The Council noted the following resolution received from the Secretary, Galway County Council, Courthouse, Galway:-
"That the County Council request the Government to reduce the salaries of all State paid and public officials, whose remuneration exceeds £500 per annum by 20%, and whose remuneration exceeds £300 and does not exceed £500 per annum, by 10%."

1172/31. RESOLUTION FROM TIPPERARY S.R. COUNTY COUNCIL REGARDING HOUSING ACCOMMODATION.

The Council adopted the following resolution received from the Secretary of the Tipperary S.R. County Council, County Buildings, Clonmel:-
"That owing to the great want of proper housing accommodation at present existing in the Saorstát, we call on the Government to introduce at once legislation so as to initiate a great new Housing Scheme on National lines, a new loan to finance the scheme to be floated if necessary. We consider that the want of proper housing facilities for the workers is a serious grievance, as especially no new houses were erected in rural areas under the public boards for nearly twenty years, and we consider that the matter should receive immediate attention from the Government and all political parties and public boards in the Saorstát."

1173/31. RESOLUTION FROM WATERFORD COUNTY BOROUGH COUNCIL.

The Council noted the following resolution received from the Council of the County Borough of Waterford:-
"That the Government be requested to amend the law dealing with vaccination so that persons who believe that vaccination would be prejudicial to the health of their children will not be liable for penalties under the Vaccination Acts."

1174/31. SAMPLES UNDER SALE OF FOOD AND DRUGS ACTS.

A letter was read from the Chief Superintendent, Garda Síothchána, Letterkenny, stating that the request of the Sub-Finance Committee as contained in Minute No. 358/31 regarding the taking of samples under the Sale of Food and Drugs Acts was having attention.

1175/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF ITEMS.

The Council adjourned until their next meeting consideration of the following items on the Agenda:-

1. Letter from the Office of Public Works dated 18th November, 1931, enclosing Receivable Order for £5 in respect of the laying of a buoy at Burtonport Harbour, and requesting to have the amount lodged to their credit.
2. Letter from the Irish Land Commission dated 19th November, 1931, Record No. S. 3362, inquiring if the Council would agree to take over control and be responsible for the future maintenance of certain roads running from Cashelmore Church and from the Main Road near Dunfanaghy Station to the Gates of the new Monastery at Ards.
3. Report from the County Surveyor re petition from the residents of Ballyliffin under the Arterial Drainage (Minor Schemes) Act, 1928.
4. Letter from the Glenties Electricity Supply Co. asking the Council to have lamps installed in Glenties Courthouse.
5. Letter from Mr. Hugh Gallagher, Ballintra, Arranmore, inquiring the result of the investigations made by the County Surveyor in connection with the accident to his cart on the road at Ballintra.
6. Report from Mr. Caffrey re Meenlougher Quarry.
7. Report from Mr. Steadman re an alternative proposition to the proposed boatslip at Portmore and which is preferred by the interested parties.
8. Letter from Mr. Patrick Maguire, Keelogs, Inver, applying for poundage on rates amounting to £5 : 0 : 1 for the year ending 31st March, 1932, which he had lodged through the County Council Office.
9. Letter from Mr. Patrick Bonner, Bayview House, Castleary, stating that at a meeting of the ratepayers of Ballylawn, Ballyratton, Clare, Tullyally, Tullynavin, Carrickmaquigley, Ballyargus, Mountargus, and Drung, a strong protest was made against the condition of the road from Moville to Derry, which is so slippery that it cannot be used by horses attached to light or heavy vehicles. A space of at least 4 feet on each side of the road was required for horse traffic.
10. Letter from a number of residents in Golland Lower, Ballybofey, asking the Council to have a bridge erected across the River Carnet between Cappry and Golland. In the winter months the place is like an island and it is impossible for children to get out or in to school.

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Confirmed.

E. Mahony

CHAIRMAN OF COUNCIL,
 26th January, 1932.

THE ANNUAL ROAD WORKS MEETING OF THE DONEGAL
COUNTY COUNCIL WAS HELD ON TUESDAY, THE 29TH
DAY OF DECEMBER, 1931.

1176/31.

A T T E N D A N C E.

The following were the members present:- Councillors McFadden (presiding), Baxter, Blaney, Brady, Brennan, Callaghan, Cole, Gallen, Doherty (Carrigart), Doogan, Douglas, Gallagher, Hamilton, Kavanagh, Loughrey, Lowry, Mahony, Myles, McBride, McCauley, McCrea, MacCreadie, McIvor, McPhelimy, McShane, O'Boyle (Daniel E.), O'Boyle (Manus), O'Doherty (Malin), Scott, Sweeney, Wagentreiber, and Walls.

1177/31. MAKING OF NEW ROADS, AND MAINTENANCE OF ROADS NOT PREVIOUSLY REPAIRED.

A letter was read from the Local Government Department, Roads, dated 16th December, 1931, RGM/231/31, asking to be furnished with particulars of proposals passed by the Council for (a) the making of new roads, and (b) maintenance of roads not previously repaired. The allowance of monies for these purposes increased permanently the liability of a Council for road upkeep, and imposed upon rural ratepayers burdens in respect of works, which, in the majority, if not in all, of the cases were of little general public utility. The Minister must have regard to the extent to which the Council voted money for such works in considering the question of the grants towards the upkeep of Main Roads for 1932/33.

Councillor Gallen protested against the veiled threat contained in the letter.

1178/31. PROVISIONAL ROAD WORKS SCHEME FOR YEAR ENDING 31ST MARCH, 1933.

The Council considered the Provisional Road Works Scheme for year ending 31st March, 1933, and made certain amendments therein reducing the total amounts allowed to the County Surveyors and for Councillors' Motions to the sums fixed at the Special Meeting on 10th November, 1931.

The Scheme, having been completed by the Secretary, was unanimously confirmed with the aforesaid amendments.

1179/31. DECISION OF MANNER AND CONDITIONS FOR MAKING TENDERS.

The Council decided that all Tenders be made on the forms issued.

1180/31.

APPOINTMENT OF TENDERS COMMITTEES.

The following members were appointed as Tenders Committees for the different Areas:-

Ballyshannon.....Councillors Myles, Nyhan, Hamilton, and Walls.
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 Letterkenny.....Councillors Mahony, Callaghan, and McCrea.
 Lifford.....Councillors Wagentreiber, Gallen, Callaghan, and McPhelimy.
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It was also decided that all members of the Council be members of the different Tenders Committees in the County Electoral Areas for which they were elected.

1181/31.

ARRANGEMENTS FOR RECEPTION OF TENDERS.

The Council decided that all Tenders be handed in immediately before the Meetings, which will be held at 11 a.m. on the following dates; the Clerks to the Meetings to be appointed by the local Councillors, and to be in attendance two hours before the hour of the meeting to accept tenders:-

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1182/31.

ADJOURNMENT OF MEETING.

1932.

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