

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the ^{8th} day of September 19¹⁷ was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer GORMALLY			Relieving Officer LEECH			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			TOTAL				
	District No. I.			District No. II.			District No. III.			District No. IV.			District No. V.			District No. VI.							
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.		
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ..	13	9	7	15	7	9													29		4		
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ..																							
3. Total to be accounted for	13	9	7	15	7	9													29		4		
EXPENDITURE.																							
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																							
In Money ..	4	7		1	5	6													6	2	6		
In Kind ..																							
5. Provisional Relief (In kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own Responsibility			8	2																	8	2	
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ..			10	9		14	6														1	5	3
7. Total Relief given	5	5	11	2	10																7	15	11
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ..	8	3	8	13		9															21	4	5
9. Total	13	9	7	15	10	9															29		4

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

Dated this ^{8th} day of September 19¹⁷.

Amos Beuch
Clerk of Union.

Amalgamation

The Guardians were specially
summoned to consider the Local
Govt-Boards letter of 22nd Aug
(No 40927) forwarding Mr Price's
Report-

Galway County Council Archives

No.
Gort

Gort Union.

CLERK'S OFFICE,
GORT, 25th AUGUST, 1917.

SIR,—

I am directed by the Local Government Board to convene a Special Meeting of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on Saturday, 8th September, to consider the Report of their Inspector, Mr. Price, consequent on the inquiry held by him into the proposed amalgamation of the Gort and Loughrea Unions.

A copy of the Report is attached hereto for your information, and you are requested to attend the meeting.

On the same day, the Guardians will consider tenders for the usual supplies of Provisions, Clothing, etc.

Mr. Brennan will move that the order of 7th June last, discontinuing boarding-out allowance for Bóla Burke, be rescinded.

The District Council will consider the final declaration made by the County Council on 15th August, that all roads in the Rural District of Oughterard are suitable to be maintained by direct labour.

I am, Sir,

Your Obedient Servant,

MYLES J. BURKE,
Clerk of Union

To Each Guardian of Gort Union.

Local Government Board, DUBLIN,

22nd August, 1917.

No. 40,927/1917.
Gort & Loughrea Unions.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland forward, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of Gort Union a digest of a report which they have received from their Inspector, Mr Price, consequent on the inquiry held by him into the proposed amalgamation of the Union with that of Loughrea.

The report goes to show that there would be a saving of over £900 a year by the amalgamation; that the accommodation in the Loughrea Workhouse is ample for the wants of the two unions, and that no undue hardship would be inflicted on the sick poor by their removal to Loughrea.

The Board feel sure that with the facts now before them, any opposition on the part of the Gort Guardians to the proposed amalgamation will disappear, but before proceeding further with the matter the Board will await the observations of the Guardians at a meeting to be specially convened to consider this report, of which meeting each Guardian of the Union should get due notice.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Swolin
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk of the Union,

G O R T.

No. 40937 : 1917

Amalgamation of Unions.

Gort and Loughrea

To
The Local Government Board
Dublin.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that pursuant to instructions I opened the Sworn Inquiry in the matter of the proposed Amalgamation of Unions at Gort Workhouse on 3rd July, 1917.

Mr O'Dea, Solicitor, appeared for the Gort Board of Guardians.

Mr Hogan, Solicitor, appeared for the Loughrea Board of Guardians and Dr Daly, Solicitor, appeared on behalf of certain Ratepayers in Gort, who are opposed to the closing of the Workhouse at Gort.

At the opening of the proceedings Dr Daly and Mr O'Dea made application for an immediate adjournment until after the 14th July on which day a special meeting of the Gort Board of Guardians was to be held to reconsider the proposed amalgamation. I decided to take the evidence of the official witnesses and then to adjourn to the 21st instant, which date was convenient to those concerned..

At my request the Clerk of each Union had prepared returns showing:-

- i. The Inmates of the Workhouse on 1st June, 1917, giving the reasons for their detention.
- ii The cost of maintenance per head in the Workhouse and in the Hospital - October 1916 and May 1917.
- iii The names of Officers with particulars of appointments.
- iv Particulars of Poor Rate for past 4 years with valuation area and population of Union.
- v The available accommodation in the Workhouse and provision for water supply, and drainage.
- vi. General statistics of annual expenditure out of Union Fund

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These Returns were carefully made out and handed in by the Clerks as part of their evidence, and they formed the bases for the cross examination of the witnesses by those representing the objectors to the proposed amalgamation as well as those advocating it.

Mr Myles Burke - Clerk of Gort Union was the first witness. Having been sworn he handed in the returns, which are attached. He was appointed Clerk in 1880 and is now 58 years of age.

He produced the Minutes of the Meetings of the Guardians of 10th February, 1917 and 14th April, 1917, and read the resolution which were passed without dissent approving generally of amalgamation.

There are 41 members of the Board which meets on alternate Saturdays.

At an extraordinary meeting of the Guardians held on 2nd instant at which 12 were present. A resolution was unanimously adopted requesting that the Inquiry should be postponed until after the 14th instant.

He admitted that according to the figures before him the rates in Gort Union would be reduced as a consequence of its amalgamation with Loughrea even with no reduction in the expenditure. And he had not the slightest doubt that substantial economies would result. He considered that after making provision for the superannuation of officers that a saving of at least £900 per annum would be effected. His calculations were based upon the complete closing of Gort Workhouse and Hospital.

In asking the Local Government Board to direct an inquiry to be held he believed the Gort Guardians wished to ascertain the actual effect on the ratepayers of such an amalgamation. The sum of £5,000 annual expenditure was often mentioned at the Board meetings, and they desired to find out how the money was expended.

Dr

Dr James Sandys, M.O.H. Gort Dispensary who was appointed in 1914 gave evidence that in his opinion the closing of Gort Workhouse and Hospital would be a great injustice to the poor of the District owing to the great distances they would have to travel to Loughrea. He did not consider that the substitution of a motor ambulance for the present horse ambulance would compensate for the increased distances. He was quite satisfied with the present horse ambulance which was a very good one. He was a motorist and did not consider that a motor ambulance would be reliable. It would be apt to get out of order which would cause delay to the patient. There were many houses in his district which could not be approached by a motor.

What he considered more important than the distance was that Loughrea being outside the district, it would increase the difficulty already experienced in inducing patients to go into hospital. They valued the visits from their friends and relations. In his opinion it would be dangerous to the health of the district if the hospital were not retained in Gort, especially in infectious cases where immediate isolation is so important. He was highly satisfied with the Gort Hospital and did not consider that any advantage would result by amalgamation of the hospitals. He was perfectly satisfied with the present arrangements for the disinfection of clothing and bedding. The method adopted was dry sulphur fumes in an ordinary room.

The road from Gort to Loughrea was not bad except it was a bit stoney. An ordinary motor took 40 minutes to do the journey.

Dr Charles H. Foley, M.O.H. Ardahan Dispensary District has been 20 years in his present position. He considered that amalgamation of the Unions would prove a benefit to Ardahan District most of which was as convenient to Loughrea as to Gort.

The substitution of a motor ambulance for the present horse

one would be a great advantage. From his experience he was satisfied as to the reliability of motors. There were few houses which could not be approached by a motor. A motor ambulance could travel anywhere that the present ambulance could. In every way he considered that a motor ambulance would be much more suitable than the present one. He had not experienced any difficulty in inducing patients to go into hospital. And he did not know of any preference for Gort Hospital above Loughrea Hospital. There is no disinfecting apparatus in Gort. He had advised the Guardians to provide a high pressure steam disinfector which is the only reliable system, but they had not acted upon his advice.

Dr Thomas J. Connolly, M.O.H. Kinvara Dispensary District had been 17 years M.O.H. for Kinvara. His district included the extreme points of Gort Union, Awkimish, Geeha North and Doorass which were situated about 19 miles from Loughrea.

He considered that it would be a great disadvantage for the sick poor if he had to go to Loughrea instead of to Gort. A motor ambulance should to some extent compensate them in comfort and expedition, but there was still the objection that they would be isolated from their friends, and especially in the case of sick children visits from friends were beneficial.

A motor could go anywhere that the present ambulance could, and would be an immense advantage, but one motor ambulance might not be sufficient for the amalgamated union, there might be two cases situated in opposite directions which circumstance would give rise to delay, which especially in an infectious case, might be dangerous to health.

He found people with a rooted objection to going into a Workhouse Hospital, they seemed to think that a certain stigma was attached to a Workhouse. In the event of the Workhouse being removed from Gort, and the hospital retained as a cottage hospital this objection would be removed.

In one exceptional case seven typhus patients had to taken from Kinvara to Gort in one week. If these had not been removed at once the result might have been disastrous He anticipated great difficulty in getting such cases to consent to be taken to Loughrea.

Also in case of death in hospital Loughrea would be a long distance for relatives to have to bring the remains home for burial.

Dr. John Glym, Medical Officer of Gort Workhouse appointed in 1914 gave evidence as to the hospital accommodation in Gort.

General Hospital Male and Female 50 beds

Fever Hospital 45 beds

Ambulances One Four wheeled Horse Ambulance

Disinfection of bedding and clothing is effected by formaline there being no steam disinfecting apparatus.

The Fever Hospital has no water supply, water has to be carried to it in buckets.

There are no fixed baths, and no water closets. He had reported the necessity for a water supply and baths but the Guardians had taken no action.

The means for bringing patients to hospital were not as good as they ought. The horse was not up to the mark. He had not drawn attention to the defects. He considered that a motor ambulance would ne more comfortable and expeditious, but it would be liable to breakdown.

On the whole he said that the hospital accommodation was pretty good though not up to the best. A more efficient hospital in Loughrea would not in his opinion compensate for the objection that patients had to leaving their own district. In serious cases patients certainly prefer the best available hospitals but this would only apply to persons of means and education. The average patient would not give a thought as to the efficiency of the hospital, whether there was a water supply, drains or a proper disinfecter.

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He considers that formaline was a perfectly efficient disinfectant, as far as the destruction of disease germs. It was extremely penetrating, but he admitted that the high Pressure Steam Apparatus was more convenient..

John Nelly, Master of Gort Workhouse Has been 13 years in office, gave evidence that the ambulance was defective and the horse not good. When the ambulance was not available a car was sent for patients, they sometimes came in hired covered cars or in a motor.

He found that the repugnance to entering the Workhouse hospital was rapidly disappearing. There had been a steady increase in the numbers of pay patients in Gort since he was appointed.

From 1899 to 1905	the number of pay patients admitted	68
" 1905 to 1911	" " " " "	195
" 1911 to 1917	" " " " "	255

He thought that the sick poor would in certain districts be less ready to go to Loughrea Hospital than to Gort.

During the year ended 29th August, 1916 the Gort Ambulance only made 39 journeys.

The clothing of patients admitted to the Workhouse was not cleansed before putting it away. There was no means provided for doing so. Verminous clothing so put away infected other clothing in the store. He had nothing to do with the disinfection of clothing and bedding in fever cases. He was aware that some clothing had been burned.

The water supply for the Workhouse and General Hospital was obtained from a well in the grounds from which it was raised by a hand pump to the Cisterns. The supply to the well was ample for 10 months of the year, but it was limited in August September and October, there are water closets and baths in the General hospital but no water supply in the Fever hospital, the sanitary system of which is appalling and revolting in the

extreme- the only method of clearing out the privies is for a man to take off his boots and get into the pit.

The drainage from the Workhouse is discharged in an open drain, which is occasionally dry.

John Gormally, Relieving Officer, Gort, gave evidence as to the time occupied by the ambulance in conveying people to hospital.

15th June, 1917 case from Kilcolgan	10 miles from Gort
Departure from Workhouse	11 a.m.
Returned to "	6 p.m.
30 June 1917 case from Lurgan	4 miles from Gort
Departure from Workhouse	12.35 p.m.
Return to "	3 p.m.
Case from Kinvara	10 miles from Gort
Departure from Workhouse	10.40 a.m.
Returned to "	4 p.m.

The ambulance jolts patients more than a motor car driven 15 miles per hour would. It was occasionally difficult to persuade patients to come into hospital.

In cases of scarlatina patients clothing was burned.

Michael Leech Relieving Officer Kinvara No. 2 Ardrahan and Craughwell gave evidence that in his opinion many persons would object to being taken out of their district and brought to Craughwell hospital, their chief objection was to leaving home, but most of the patients would go to the hospital where they thought they would be best treated.

The ambulance broke down on the road when coming from Gort last week, and the patient had to be sent in on a side car. Some patients did not like the ambulance and preferred being conveyed on a side car.

Lady Gregory stated that she took a deep interest in the Gort Workhouse, she was impressed by the sympathetic manner in which the

the hospital was conducted by the Guardians, the Medical Officer and the nuns. Patients had no feeling of repugnance in going into it, and she hoped that whatever happened the Hospital would be retained in Gort.

The Venerable Archdeacon Daly Rector of Gort, Chaplain of the Workhouse for 43 years considered that the removal of the hospital to Loughrea would be an inconvenience to the sick poor.

In his opinion the small saving in the rates by amalgamation would not compensate for the inconvenience.

The Rev. A. Nester P.P. of Beagh handed in a written protest against the removal of the hospital from Gort to Loughrea. Parts of this parish were 23 miles from Loughrea.

The Revd. M. Fahy, C.C. Gort stated that he knew the sentiments of his parishioners were opposed to amalgamation. The fact that only 16 Guardians out of the entire board of 41 voted against amalgamation at the special meeting held on 14th instant showed that some of the Guardians did not represent the people.

Dr John Ryan Medical Officer for Loughrea. Workhouse and Dispensary District for the past 13 years gave evidence that there was ample accommodation in the General Hospital for all the patients from Gort as well as those from the existing Loughrea Union, but the Fever Hospital should be enlarged to meet any exceptional epidemic. Sometime ago all the 20 beds in the Fever Hospital were occupied.

The cost necessary for the enlargement should not exceed £200.

The hospitals and body of the house were fitted up with bath rooms, water closets and electric light. The sewage

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was conveyed into a tank from which it overflowed into the Lough, but when the new main drainage of the town was completed, all the sewage would be intercepted, and discharged into the new system.

There was an up-to-date steam disinfecting apparatus (Dr Threshes) which was used for cleansing verminous clothing as well as for the destruction of infectious germs in clothing and bedding.

There were two ambulances - a four wheeler and a two-wheeler. The water was delivered at high pressure, and was ample as to quantity, and pure. In the extent of amalgamation of the Gort Union with Loughrea a very small expenditure would be necessary to meet the extra requirements.

A motor ambulance should be provided, which would be a great improvement on the present arrangements. There could then be no hardship as there is at present, on patients coming from the remote parts of the Union.

He had not experienced any prejudice against the Workhouse hospitals.

In his practice, extending over 33 years, he had only one case, where he had to resort to compulsion to bring a fever case into hospital. He found it becoming easier to induce patients to come into hospital. He considered that a good central hospital would be a great advantage. At present no major operations were undertaken in Workhouse Hospitals.

John J. Hanifin Clerk of the Union of Loughrea, handed in returns compiled from the records of Loughrea Union.

He had calculated the effect upon the rates by the amalgamation of Gort Union with Loughrea. In doing so he had before him the returns showing the result of the amalgamation of Tulla with Scariff Union.

After making ample provision for the superannuation of officers,

who would not be transferred he found that there would be an

immediate

immediate saving of £932 per annum calculated thus:

The present annual expenditure in Gort which would be abolished would amount to £1354

Add cost of coal and light	£320	
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		£1674

Charges continuing after amalgamation

Caretaker Gort Workhouse £100

Superannuation of officers £502

Increased salaries	£148	<u>£742</u>
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Net saving		£932
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The effect on the rates by amalgamation as compared with following years would be

1914-15	Saving to Gort rates	2½d in £.	Saving to Loughrea	1½ in £
1915-16	"	"	"	"
1916-17	"	"	"	"

A poundage of one penny produces £182 in Gort and £324 in Loughrea or £506 in the amalgamated Union.

There were some details which might affect the expenditure which had not been included in his calculations, such as the advantage of obtaining supplies on better terms for the increased quantities, and there might be a small increase in the charge for water, for which the Loughrea Guardians at present pay £27 per annum and perhaps also a very small increase in the electric Light bill, if additional wards are required.

There are 75 Guardians in Loughrea and 41 in Gort, consequently the amalgamated Board would contain 116 members but he finds that the Guardians from remote divisions seldom attend the meetings.

Bartholomew Fahy, Draper and House Owner of Gort gave evidence that he acted as joint secretary for the Gort Anti-amalgamation Committee. From the figures he had heard in evidence he had altered his opinion, and was now satisfied that complete amalgamation would result in a saving to the ratepayers of

Gort. He was not responsible for the inaccurate and misleading figures in the memorial forwarded to the Local Government Board, and circulated amongst the Guardians. The signatories to the memorial were mostly persons residing in Gort, or in the immediate vicinity of the town.

The Committee had canvassed most of the Guardians before the special meeting, at which only 16 out of the total number of Guardians 41 voted against amalgamation.

Patrick Riordan - Guardian for Grange Loughrea gave evidence that he supported the proposed amalgamation upon economic grounds, as well as in the interests of the sick poor, whom he believed could be better cared, and more comfortably conveyed to hospital in a motor ambulance.

Thomas Conway Chairman of Loughrea Rural District Council concurred in the opinion expressed by Mr Riordan.

Michael Healy, Guardian of Loughrea considered amalgamation a step in the right direction, there was too much expenditure on officials and unnecessary buildings. He considered the present system of Poor Relief to be degrading, and advocated an extension of out-door relief.

Messrs Hogan and O'Dea, Solicitors spoke briefly for, and against amalgamation, the latter on behalf of the Guardians of Gort, stated that if the Boards were amalgamated the Gort Representatives would be in a minority of 41 to 75, and owing to the non-attendance of those from the western divisions, their district would not be fairly represented.

Conclusion

It is almost unnecessary to lay before the Board anything more than a summary of the evidence, except that the impressions made upon me both during the inquiry and on inspection of the workhouses and hospitals might be of assistance when considering

all the circumstances of the case.

It was apparent that the opposition to amalgamation was almost entirely confined to the town of Gort and its immediate vicinity. Ardrahan and Kinvara made no representation, and though the Guardians were canvassed to oppose the scheme, not half their number attended the special meeting.

An anti-amalgamation Committee had been formed in Gort which circulated inaccurate and misleading statistics as to the result of the amalgamation of Tulla with Scariff Union. One of the secretaries of this Committee when he heard the authenticated figures, and the evidence as to the effect of amalgamation with Loughrea, admitted that his opinions were altered as to the benefit which would accrue therefrom.

Inspection of the Workhouses impressed me favourably as to their management. The General Hospitals were both unusually neat and comfortable, every attention appears to be given to the patients, of whom some were pay patients.

There was a great difference between the Fever Hospitals. At Loughrea the hospital is a compact modern 20 bed hospital, with baths and w.c.'s. while at Gort 45 beds are provided but there is no convenience for a fever hospital. Any water required has to be carried in buckets and of course, there are no bathrooms or water closets. The Master well described the condition of affairs as "appalling and revolting". There is no disinfecting apparatus at Gort, while at Loughrea there is a Thresh Steam Disinfector. There is no question as to the accommodation at Loughrea Workhouse not being ample for any additional inmates, which would be transferred from Gort, but in order to be prepared for any exceptional fever epidemic it would be advisable to provide for eight or ten additional beds in the Fever Hospital, which would not entail a large expenditure. The Medical Officer put it down at £200.

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The provision of a motor ambulance forms part of the scheme, the price of the car and cost of running it was not stated, but taking the figure given as to the number of times the Gort ambulance was used last year to bring all the Gort cases to Loughrea would not entail more than 1600 miles in the year. A suitable motor house would also have to be provided.

The organised opposition to amalgamation did not question the accommodation in the Workhouse and general Hospital at Loughrea, nor was any attempt made to contravert the figures given by the Clerks of the Unions, which indicated that there would be a substantial saving to the rates, but the case presented for the objectors was that it would be a hardship on the sick poor if they had to go to a hospital in Loughrea which was remote from their homes, and consequently they would not enjoy visits of their relatives whilst in hospital, also that it might give rise to danger to health, owing to the difficulty in the prompt removal of fever cases. The evidence went to show that whatever weight these objections had in the past, the difficulty in getting patients to consent to go into hospital had now almost disappeared. The evidence of Dr Ryan was that in his experience of 33 years only one case came under his care where compulsion had to be resorted to.

As to the alleged inconvenience to the sick poor arising from the distance of Loughrea from their residences it is to be noted that there are Telegraph Offices all through the Union at Ardrahan, Craughwell, Kinvara, Peterswell, Kilcolgan, Gort and Tubber, which would enable the Doctor or the Relieving Officer to requisition the ambulance, and have it in the most remote portions of the Union within two hours, or have the patient in hospital in less than 4 hours, whereas under the present system the evidence showed that last June it took 7 hours to go out to Kilcolgan, 10 miles, and bring a patient in to Gort. In addition to the time

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occupied in travelling there is the time for the horse to feed and rest.

The unsatisfactory condition of the Fever Hospital, the absence of means for the cleansing of verminous clothing and the inferior horse and ambulance all affect at present the comfort of the sick poor. The satisfactory condition of the General Hospital is I think attributable to the careful management by the nuns.

The economic advantages of amalgamation were demonstrated by the evidence of both the Clerks, especially that of the Clerk of the Loughrea Union who calculated the immediate saving at £932 per annum. The Workhouse Farms of 20 acres at Gort could be let at a minimum rent of £60, which should be added to the saving. This is supported by the return of expenditure furnished by the Clerk of Scariff Union. Tulla was amalgamated with Scariff in 1909-10. In the year previous to amalgamation the expenditure of the separate unions amounted to £7660 :18:1.

The first year after amalgamation the total expenditure was £6753:13:10 or a saving of £907:4:3.

In 1913-14 the expenditure fell to £6543:1:8 and even the last exceptional year it was still below 1908-1909, viz £7562:13:10.

I return all the documents which were referred to me, and attach returns handed in by the Clerks - and the original minutes of evidence taken at the sittings on the 3rd, 24th and 25th of July.

I have the honour to be
Gentlemen,
Your obedient Servant,

ALFRED D. PRICE,

Dublin,
4th August, 1917.

Proposed by Mr. Nolan,
Seconded by Mr. Coen.

"That we, the members of the Cork Board of Guardians beg to thank the Local Govt. Board for consulting us in reference to the proposed amalgamation of Cork with the Loughrea Union in accordance with their promise not to coerce the Cork Guardians into amalgamation against their wishes as expressed in one of their first letters on the subject."

"We also beg to thank them for laying the Report of their Inspector before us for our consideration and beg to report:—

That we never contemplated the abolition of the Cork General and Fever Hospital. In our opinion its abolition would be such a serious loss and inconvenience to the sick poor of our Union, that we could not for a moment agree to its removal. We are convinced that the Hospital should be retained in Cork."

"The cost of the upkeep of the Hospital will we believe consume the estimated saving on the rates, consequently the economic reason for the amalgamation would not apply."

"That as Cork Guardians who would travel to Loughrea by train, could not return by train on the same day, and as Loughrea is a long distance from their respective homes we believe that the Cork Guardians would not attend meetings in Loughrea, and that the rates would be struck without due regard to the interests of the ratepayers of our Union which could happen even if all our

our Guardians should attend, as Longres has 75 Guardians to our 41. This fear is held by large ratepayers in our Union who are opposed to the amalgamation, which opposition is general throughout the Union, and is not confined to the Town of Fort."

"That we consider it wiser to retain our Union for the next few years until the general scheme of amalgamation, under contemplation by the Kildare County Council comes into force. We fear that an amalgamation now with its consequent expense may embarrass such a general scheme and not work so satisfactory for us, as amalgamation under the general scheme."

"That the system of compelling us to attend District Council meetings in Fort, and Union meetings in Longres, which is not our market town, is highly unsatisfactory, as is the system of having District Council officials in Fort and Union officials in Longres, which is in itself uneconomic."

"We respectfully submit the above objections, and beg to enter our objection to the proposed amalgamation with Longres, for the present, and desire to proceed no further in this matter."

Mr. J. L. Quinn proposed, and Mr. Hays seconded, the following amendment:—

"that the Local Govt. Board Inspector's Report be approved, provided the Hospitals are retained."

Rejected by 28 votes to 5.

The original resolution was then put, and adopted by 29 votes to 3.

Gort Union and Rural District Council.

DIVISION LIST.

MEMBERS	<i>Mr. J. L. Quinn's Amendment</i>				<i>Mr. N'lanis motion</i>	
	For	Against	For	Against	For	Against
Brennan, Martin	/				/	
Burke, Martin J.		/			/	
Cahill, John		/			/	
Carr, William		/			/	
Callanan, John		/			/	
Coen, Martin		/			/	
Cosgrove, Thomas						
Donohoe, John		/			/	
Fahy, Edward		/			/	
Flatley, Patrick J.						
Feeney, Michael		/			/	
Galbraith, Thomas		/			/	
Gill, Fergus		/			/	
Glynn, John H.		/			/	
Greene, William		/			/	
Greene, Thomas						
Hayes, Patrick J.	/				/	
Headd, James						
Higgins, Colman		/			/	
Joyce, James		/			/	
Kavanagh, James		/			/	
Keane, John		/			/	
Lally, Thomas		/			/	
Lambert, Patrick		/			/	
Lambert, John						
Linnane, Patrick					/	
Naughton, Michael					/	
Nilan, Patrick F.					/	
Noone, James		/			/	
O'Flaherty, Richard P.		/			/	
O'Donnell, Laurence		/			/	/
O'Donnell, Michael		/			/	
O'Neill, Thomas						
O'Shaughnessy, Patrick		/			/	
Quinn, Florimond L.	/					/
Quinn, Bartholomew		/			/	
Quinn, Thomas						
Roseingrave, William		/			/	
Ryan, Patrick <i>Daniel</i>						
Sweeney, Owen	/					<i>not voting</i>
Tannian, Michael		/			/	
	5	28			29	3

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:—

496 lbs Bread
60 .. Meat
300 Eggs
56 lbs Butter
1 .. Tobacco

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All tenders for Provisions, groceries, &c. were accepted, subject to the condition that where the price of any item is fixed by the Food Controller, before the commencement of, and during the currency of the contract, his price shall be substituted for that set out in the tender.

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:—

- The Master reported (1) that Nurse Galbraith left on holidays on 14th August. "Read"
- (2) that on the 15th August a Fever patient was admitted. Nurses Learew and Mastersons were engaged on the case, the former taking up duty on the 17th and ceasing on the 28th August. The latter took up duty on the 20 August, and continues. "approved"
3. that on the Doctor's recommendation a patient named Mary Kelly was sent to Galway Hospital, on 15th August, and 6/- expenses paid. "approved"

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

The Visiting Committee recommended that a new floor be put down in the Master's sitting room, as the present floor is broken beyond repair.

"Approved"

Ordered — On the Medical Officer's recommendation an infant (of about two months) whose mother is dying of Phthisis, in the Hospital, where the baby was born — was ordered to be placed in the Grandmother's care at a sum of 7/6 per week allowed her.

Dr. Randys, Acting Medical Officer of Workhouse, reported that he requisitioned the services of Dr. Connolly to assist at an operation in the Hospital, last week.

Approved — Pay Dr. Connolly £ 2 : 2 : 0.

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or orders made on them, respectively, as follows):—

Submitted the following sanctions from Local Govt. Board:—

No 40.978. dated 16 August — £ 1 : 10 : 0 to Nurse Galbraith, 1 week's temporary Night Nurse.

No 40.979 dated 16. August — £ 1 : 11 : 6 per week, allowances of 10/- in lieu of rations, 2/6 for Laundry weekly, to Nurse Burke, for 4 weeks as temporary Night Nurse in the Infirmary.

No 42070 — dated 20 August, £ 1 : a week to Mr. Connolly, as temporary clerk of the Union, for a month.

No 42070 — dated 20 August — £ 2 = to Nurse Mulhern, for her services in attending 2 Midwifery cases in the Workhouse.

The Clerk reported that he had received from Messrs Swan & Co. cheques amounting to £ 31 : 10 : 0, for old Books and paper purchased under tender accepted 11th ulto.
Net weight 3 tons. 3 cwt c £ 10. per ton.

The following tenders were accepted, provided prices do not exceed those fixed by food controller: - See 'A' Folio 109

Michael McCarthy - White Bread c 1:2 per 4lb loaf
 See 'A' Folio 109 Brown do c 1:0 "

Patrick Quinn - Beef c 1:6 lb
 See 'A' Folio 109 Beef with Bone c 1:4 "
 Mutton c 1:4 "
 Ox heads c 3:6 each
 Sheeps " c 2:0 "

Dowdall O'Mahony & Co. - Lander brand Margarine c. 12 1/2 cwt
 See 'A' Folio 109

Wm Pyott - Rice c 3:6 st
 See 'A' Folio 109 Tobacco c 7:2 lb
 Blue (1/2 Balls) c 4:6 gross
 Starch c - 6 lb
 White Pepper c 1:9 lb

John Nolan - Oatmeal c 2:10:0 cwt
 See 'A' Folio 109 Flour c 1:8:0 "

Bran c 1:2:0 "
 Arrowroot c 14:0 st
 Malapine c 1:10:0 doz
 Silver Paraffin Candles c 2:0 lb
 Wax bundles c 2:2 "
 Irish Soap (according to Guinness sample) c 50:0 184 1/2 st

James Cahill - Coffins c 36:6 each
 Wm Keane - Washing Soda c 5:9 st cwt

James Griffin - Glazing c 8 - yearly
 Frank Caffrey - Workhouse Plumbing c 9:19:6 "
 B. McDonald - Repairing Roofs c 12 - "

John Brennan -	Making Men's shoes	c	15.0	per pair
"	Women's "	c	13.0	" "
"	Boys kids Boots	c	10.0	" "
"	Hospital Clippers	c	8.0	" "
Solving Men's shoes	"	c	5.0	" "
" Women's "	"	c	4.0	" "
"	Boys kids Boots	c	3.6	" "
Martin Hynds -	Making Men's coats	c	6.0	each
"	" " Trowsers	c	3.6	" "
"	" " Vests	c	2.6	" "
"	Flannel Drawers + Vests	c	2.0	" "
Dollard's Co -	Books &c. at quoted prices			
John D. Coers -	150 yds Flannel	c	10	" yd
	100 " Bleached Calico	c	6 1/2	" "
	150 " Flannel	c	2.1	" "
	12 lbs Grey Worsted	c	4.6	" lb dozen
	3 Gross Linen Buttons	c	10	" gross
Barth. Fahy -	200 yds Oxford Chestry	c	8 1/4	" yd
	100 " Galatea	c	1.2 1/2	" "
	50 " Children's Dress material	c	2.5	" "
	2 Doz Rugs	c	7.2	each
	200 yds Hoopings	c	2.3	" yd
	100 pieces Frilling	c	3.4	" piece
	5 Gross Bone Sticks	c	1.4	" gross
	3 lb Siles	c	49.0	" Oct.

Resolved - The Quakers accept tender of Clara Champion and Connacht Tribune £88 - each, provided the Champion agrees to do the Printing and the Tribune the advertising - If not agreed to by both, advertise again.
Wrote 17/9/17

On the Medical Officer's recommendation two patients named Mrs Neely + Peter Burke were ordered to Galway Hospital for treatment. Burke to pay his own cost.

Resolved - That the Porter be allowed £2. for packing and carting old Books &c. and the Assistant Clerk £1. for sorting and packing old Books &c. purchased by Messrs O'Connell. Dublin.

submitted sealed Order of Local Govt. Board dated 2nd August.
amending the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts 1838 to 1914.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 24th August, relative to the
proposal to allow the contractor an increase in the price of oatmeal, stating they
are not aware of having made any order, rule or regulation affecting the
performance of the contract in question, and the clause referred to in the
Guardians' minute, does not therefore, in their opinion, apply. Read:

Resolved - That Mr. John E. Hayell be ~~also~~ appointed to take stock in the
Workhouse on 30th September, at usual remuneration, viz £5.

Ordered - That Nurse Mulhern submit to next meeting the record Book
of the tickets ^{attended} issued by her.

The Clerk was authorised to draw a cheque for £60. to purchase Hay.

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on as set forth
in the application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was .. 18

Ditto disallowed

The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was

The number of cases of provisional Out-door Relief was

Do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians

The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved
by order of the Guardians was 50

The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was .. 1

The Bonds and other Securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with
his Report thereon as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

(See also Minutes of the Guardians' proceedings under the Medical Charities Acts.)

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 22nd
day of Sept 1917

(Signed),

James Burt
Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.**BOARDED OUT CHILDREN, &c.**

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, at their Meeting
 on SATURDAY, the 8th day of September 1917.

Pursuant to notice

Mr. Brennan, proposed, and Mr. Coen, seconded

"That the order of 7th June last, discontinuing Boarding
 out allowance for Selia Burke, be rescinded."

Passed.

clothing was allowed for the following children: —

Joe Joe, not to exceed	15/-
Pat Hayes	15/-
May Bonnos	15/-
Selia Burke	15/-

(Signed),

James Burke
 Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.

Medical Charities Acts (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68, &c.)

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, under the above-mentioned Acts, at a

Meeting held on SATURDAY, the 8th day of September 1917.

PRESENT—In the Chair,— Mr. Patrick Lambert.

Other Guardians:—

(Same as on General Minutes.)

Estimates and Requisitions for Medicines, and Medical and Surgical Appliances, required by the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts, were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows:—

Name of Dispensary District	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
	£	s.	d.	
<u>Kinnorah</u>	<u>8</u>	<u>.</u>	<u>7²</u>	<u>Medicines — ordered</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>-</u>	<u>14</u>	<u>10</u>	<u>Appliances — do</u>
<u>Abraham</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>11</u>	<u>10²</u>	<u>Medicines — do</u>
<u>"</u>	<u>2</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>6</u>	<u>Appliances — do</u>

Distinct Requisitions from the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows:—

Dispensary District	Medicines, &c., required, not comprised in the Prescribed Lists	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
		£	s.	d.	

The following Orders and Letters of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 22nd August, requesting to be informed whether the defaulters under the Vaccination Acts in the Ardaraun Dispensary District have complied with the law.

Ordered—

Notices have been served and the defaulters are coming in.

Dr. Connolly, Kinnara, reported that the drain leading from the yard of the Dispensary is now repaired, but the floor of the yard must be raised about 4 or 6 inches, and concreted.

Ordered— Put on agenda for next meeting.

Pay Nestor £4. on Engineer's certificate for repairing drains.

Ordered— The Guardians approve of Engineer's estimate of about £7. for improving the drainage of Kinnara Dispensary yard.

Dr. Landys, Medical Officer of Govt Dispensary District was allowed two weeks leave of absence, Dr. Elynn to do duty at scale fee.

[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December.]

Reports (Form. P) containing the names of Children born in the District who are over three months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz. :—

were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

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Lawrence O'Donnell

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 22nd
 day of September 1917.
 (Signed) *Angus P. ...*
 Clerk of the Union.

[FORM 14.]
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1) FINANCIAL MINUTES

Gort Union.

Finance Meeting, held on the 8 day of Sept 1917.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of August, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same, as follows:—

TABLE (a)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	700	.	.
Repayment of Relief	13	15	9
Rents of Dispensary Residences	13	15	9
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce	40	10	.
Sales of Offal, old stores, and other Receipts	2	.	.
Loans received			
Total amount of Lodgments as above	756	59	

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of....., and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :-			
Provisions and Necessaries	82	16	2
Clothing and Bedding	1	19	.
Establishment—			
(a.) Salaries	£	.	.
(b.) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
(c.) Farm	176	19	7
(d.) Other Expenses	57	8	2
Workhouse Burials	3	.	.
District School Account			
District Hospital Account <i>Orphan's clothing</i>	2	5	.
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	12	14	.
Emigration, Law, and other Expenses .. .. .	.	15	11
Medical Charities	7	.	.
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	1	1	.
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations			
Superannuation Allowances	3	9	.
Assessment and Results' Fees of Teachers			
Expenses of Local Committees			
Repayment of Loans	35	15	.
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	40	.	.
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year			
Expenditure out of Loans <i>Petty Cash</i>	60	.	.
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	348	6	9

£485. 2. 10

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

August 1917

	Ordinary Account.			Loans Account.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY:						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	295	17	5			
Total sums received during the month ..	756	5	9			
Total	1052	3	2			
RECONCILEMENT:						
Balance per Bank Book due ^{by} Treasurer	1066	5	.			
Outstanding Orders -	362	8	7			
Net Balance as above due ^{to} the Union ..	703	16	5			

Dated this 10th day of September 1917.

John J. Eormally
Clerk of the Union:

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TABLE (2) STATISTICAL MINUTES.

(To be kept by the Clerk, who is to forward a copy to the Local Government Board along with, but separate from, the General Minutes of each Meeting).

Gort Union.

Meeting held on the 13th day of October 1917

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor, from No. 3000 to No. 3039

Outdoor „ No. _____ to No. _____

Separate „ No. _____ to No. _____

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 6th day of October 1917 was submitted, of which the following is a Summary:—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week		Received during the week		Total		Consumed during the week			Stock in hand at close of this week		Collective No. of Days			
	£ s. d.		£ s. d.		£ s. d.		By Inmates	By Officers	Total	£ s. d.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.		d.		
Provisions	62	2	1	36	63	3	8			46	4	58	17	4	580
Necessaries	187	2			187	2				17	6	185	14	6	
Total	249	2	2	1	250	5	8			5	13	244	11	10	

	£	s	d
The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was ...		7	4
Average Cost in Infirmary		9	9½
Average Cost in Fever Hospital			

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature:—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Outdoor Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The Indoor Admission and Discharge Book.

The Outdoor Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Outdoor Relief in kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature.

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Offices for the last Week ending Saturday,
the 13th day of October 1917 was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer GORMALLY		Relieving Officer LEECH		Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	Relieving Officer	TOTAL			
	District No. I.		District No. II.		District No. III.	District No. IV.	District No. V.	District No. VI.				
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Balance in hands at close of pre- vious week ..	17	15	5	21	18					39	13	5
2. Money since ad- vanced by Guardians ..												
3. Total to be ac- counted for	17	15	5	21	18					39	13	5
EXPENDITURE.												
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—												
In Money ..	4	9		1	15	6				6	4	6
In Kind ..												
5. Provisional Relief (In kind only), given by Re- lieving Officer on his own Responsibility			12	1							12	1
6. Orphans and De- serted Children boarded out ..		8			16	6				1	4	6
7. Total Relief given	5	9	1	2	12					8	1	1
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ..	12	6	4	19	6					31	12	4
9. Total	17	15	5	21	18					39	13	5

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

Dated this 13th day of October

1917
Angela B. Webb
Clerk of Union.

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:—

330 lbs Bread
 56 : Meat
 14 : Sugar
 400 Eggs
 52 o/g Whiskey
 2 lbs Tobaccos

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:—

- ① That he lodged £41. 2. 4 to credit of the Union, maintenance &c. approved
- ② That nurse faltraith returned from holidays on 11 Sept^r - read.
- ③ That 2 calves were born on 19th Sept^r and sold by auction for £4. 18. 0, and one on 27 Sept^r which was sold on the 29th for £2. 10. 0 "approved"
- ④ That he would thank the Board for leave of absence from 24th to 27th October. "allowed"

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

a supply of Medicines c £16.5.0, and appliances c £15.0.9. was ordered for use in the Infirmary.

Ordered — Pay May Hassett, Wadsworth, ~~refunded~~ 18/10, refunded by Sun Insurance Company, in respect of accident to her.

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or orders made on them, respectively, as follows):—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board, no 46437, dated 14 Sept^r, sanctioning payment of £5, to Mr. John E. Mayell, for his services in taking and valuing stock in the Workhouse for current half year, ending 30th September.

From Local Govt. Board no 46437, dated 15th September, sanctioning payment of sums of £1, and £2, to the Assistant Clerk of the Union and Porter of the Workhouse, respectively, for services in connection with sorting and packing Old Books and Waste paper for sale.

From Local Govt. Board, no 46437, dated 15 September, sanctioning payment of £2.2.6 to Dr. Connolly, for his services in assisting the Medical Officer of the Workhouse at an operation.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board No 46650, dated 20 September sanctioning the temporary employment of Nurses Masterson and Gawn in the Workhouse, at remuneration of £2: a week, each, 12d: weekly each, in lieu of rations, 2/6 a week, each for Laundry, and travelling expenses. Nurse Gawn ceased duty on 28 August, and Nurse Masterson on the 12th September.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board, dated 27th September, referring to the Guardians minute on their letter of 22nd August, communicating the result of the sworn Inquiry into the proposed amalgamation of Govt. and Confrere Unions, and pointing out that while the facts disclosed at the Inquiry show that a considerable saving would be effected by the proposed amalgamation, it is apparent that the general consensus of opinion of the ratepayers of the Union, is against the scheme. It was urged that the abolition of the hospitals would be a serious loss and inconvenience to the sick poor, that the cost of the upkeep of such hospitals, if retained, would consume the estimated savings in the rates, that there would be a probability of the rates being struck without due regard to the interests of the Govt portion of the Union, and that there were objections to the holding of the District Council meetings in Govt, and upkeep there of District Council affairs. Having regard to the understanding that in the face of any considerable opposition to the scheme, it would not, at present be proceeded with, the Local Govt. Board feel precluded from insisting on the amalgamation taking place, but this must not be regarded as in any way confirming the objections to amalgamation, as the Board consider that it would tend towards economy and efficiency without causing much inconvenience.

"Read"

A topcoat, not to exceed £2, was allowed the Porter, in connection with his work driving the Ambulance.

Proposed by Mr. Lambert, seconded by Mr. Lynn, and resolved: —

"That we, the Govt Board of Guardians desire to tender to the relatives of the late Thomas Ashe, our sincere sympathy in the great loss they have sustained, by the death of one of Ireland's noblest sons, who showed to the world that Irishmen are not to be branded as criminals for love of country, by any form of English Government."

"And we call upon those responsible for Martial Law in Ireland, to have it at once withdrawn, so we consider it an act calculated to further exasperate a people already grieved by the tyranny of English misrule."

"And we further demand that political prisoners now in Cork and other jails do immediately receive similar treatment to that secured by those in Thornbury."

Copies to be sent to Mr. Ashe, the Prime Minister, and the press.

Ordered - Charge Patrick Naughton a bulk sum of 30/- for his maintenance during 5 weeks in hospital.

The Master reported that in connection with the collection of monies ~~for maintenance~~, he finds that the Longrea Guardians allow their Master 1/- for each pound lodged, and he respectfully requests the Board to allow him the same.

Mr. Lynn, proposed, and Mr. Lambert, seconded: —

"That the Master be allowed remuneration of 1/- in the £ on all lodgments made by him to credit of the Union, including half year to 30th September 1917." "Passed"

Ordered - That the Porter be allowed the usual remuneration of £2, for selling vegetables off the Workhouse farm.

The Stocktaker submitted his valuation of the stock of Provisions, clothing, &c. in the Workhouse on 30th September 1917. which was approved.

The following articles were cancelled, after taking out pieces for repairs: —

14 Pillow Slips, 46 sheets, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ double Blankets, 6 Rugs, 1 Straw Tick, 14 Bolsters, 8 Hair Mattresses, 6 Quilts, 4 rollers, 1 Men's jacket, 4 Waistcoats, 12 trousers, 11 shirts, 4 shoes, 5 $\frac{1}{2}$ socks, 1 overcoat, 2 Hamul Drawers, 18 Women's gowns, 2 Under Petticoats, 1 upper Petticoat, 8 chemises, 17 Aprons, 6 shoes, 4 $\frac{1}{2}$ stockings, 8 shawls, 2 Boys Shirts, 16 Girls frocks, 5 Petticoats, 21 chemises, and 8 Bibs.

On the Medical Officer's recommendation two patients named Ward and Cullenan were ordered to be sent to Dublin Hospitals for treatment, and expenses allowed, to be refunded if the Guardians find they are able to pay.

Ordered - Master to procure a suitable pair of shoes from contractor for Mrs Davis, on leaving the house.

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on as set forth in the application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was .. 15

Ditto disallowed

The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was

The number of cases of provisional Out-door Relief was

Do. in which relief was continued by the Guardians

The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was 49

The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was .. —

The Bonds and other Securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

(See also Minutes of the Guardians' proceedings under the Medical Charities Acts.)

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 27th
day of October 19 17.

(Signed,

Angus Breen
Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.**BOARDED OUT CHILDREN, &c.**

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, at their Meeting

ON SATURDAY, the 13th day of October 19¹⁷.

On Relieving officer's Leech's suggestion, it was ordered to hire out Mary Galvin with Mrs Barr. Turner in ~~at~~ according to scale, viz £4 = per annum.

clothing not to exceed 15/- was ordered for a boarded child named Bridget Hurley; and 15/- for Martin Smith.

Ordered - Pay Mrs Walsh 10/6. for school Books for child. O'Connor, and Jas Doyle 5/8 for Books for May Connolly, both of whom are Boarded-out-children.

Fifteen shillings worth of clothing was ordered for the following Boarded children: May Connolly, Mary Galvin, Kate Emithy, Joe Dade and P. H. Callenan.

(Signed),

Angela Burt
Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.

Medical Charities Acts (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68, &c.)

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, under the above-mentioned Acts, at a

Meeting held on SATURDAY, the 13th day of October 1917.

PRESENT—In the Chair,— Mr. Lawrence O'Donnell

Other Guardians :—

(Same as on General Minutes.)

Estimates and Requisitions for Medicines, and Medical and Surgical Appliances, required by the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts, were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows :—

Name of Dispensary District	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
	£	s.	d.	

Distinct Requisitions from the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows :—

Dispensary District	Medicines, &c., required, not comprised in the Prescribed Lists	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
		£	s.	d.	

The following Orders and Letters of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board, no 46.710. dated 18th September, sanctioning payment at the rate of £ 4: 4: 0 per week to Dr. J. Flynn, for discharging the duties of the Medical Officer of the Govt Dispensary District, during the absence of Dr. Caddy's on vacation.

Ordered— That the Govt Midwives Register Book, be produced at next meeting.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 17th ulto, forwarding extracts from the report of their Inspector, Mr. Acheson MacBallyh, relating to the Dispensary Districts of the Union, and requesting the several matters may receive the Guardians' attention.

Ordered— The number of vaccination defaulters has been very much reduced, over 150 having been vaccinated during the past 3 months.

The condition of the Ardahan and Kinvara Dispensary Buildings has been attended to.

Ordered— Adjourn question of raising the floor of the Kinvara Dispensary yard c. £15! for attendance of local guardians.

[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December.]

Reports (Form P) containing the names of Children born in the District who are over three months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz. :—

were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

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Michael P. Keenan

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 27
 day of Oct 1917

(Signed) *Michael P. Keenan*
 Clerk of the Union.

Reports (Form F) containing the names of children born in the District who are over three months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts viz:—

Four horizontal lines for listing dispensary districts.

These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly viz on the first of March, July, September and first of December.

were laid before the Board and directions given thereon, as follows:—

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Michael Donnell

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 27 day of ... 1917

(Signed) [Signature]

Director of Public Health

[FORM 14.]
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1) FINANCIAL MINUTES

Gort Union.

Finance Meeting, held on the 13 day of October 1917.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of September, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same, as follows:—

TABLE (a)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians			
Repayment of Relief	11	17	3
Rents of Dispensary Residences			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce	27	7	9
Sales of Offal, old stores, and other Receipts	34	6	2
Loans received			
Total amount of Lodgments as above	73	11	2

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b)				£	DR. s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—						
Provisions and Necessaries	..	..	..	1	5	.
Clothing and Bedding	..	..	..	95	15	8
Establishment—						
(a.) Salaries	..	..	..	194	19	.
(b.) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances	..	..	..	41	14	3
(c.) Farm	..	..	..	31	3	.
(d.) Other Expenses	..	..	..	122	4	11
Workhouse Burials	..	..	..	.	3	.
District School Account	Orphan's clothing	..	..	3	16	2
District Hospital Account	..	..	..	.	.	.
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	..	..	..	5	10	.
Emigration, Law, and other Expenses	..	..	..
Medical Charities	..	..	..	200	9	11
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	..	..	..
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations	..	..	..
Superannuation Allowances	..	..	..	16	11	5
Assessment and Results' Fees of Teachers	..	..	..
Expenses of Local Committees	..	..	..
Repayment of Loans	..	..	..	12	5	5
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	..	..	..	40	.	.
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts	..	..	..
Unpaid Bills of last half-year	..	..	..	150	7	3
Expenditure out of Loans	Petty Bills.	..	..	100	.	.
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above				1022	5	.

Summary and Reconcilement of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

September 19 17

	Ordinary Account.			Loans Account.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY:						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	703	16	5			
Total sums received during the month ..	73	11	2			
Total	777	7	7			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement .. ..	.	.	.
Payments ordered during the month ..	1022	5	.			
Total	1022	5	.			
Net Balance due <i>by</i> the Union (being difference of above Totals)	244	17	5			
RECONCILEMENT:						
Balance per Bank Book due <i>by</i> Treasurer	779	14	7			
Outstanding Orders -- ..	1024	12	.			
Net Balance as above due <i>by</i> the Union ..	244	17	5			

Dated this 16th day of October 19 17

Angela Burt
Clerk of the Union.

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TABLE (2) STATISTICAL MINUTES.

(To be kept by the Clerk, who is to forward a copy to the Local Government Board along with, but separate from, the General Minutes of each Meeting).

Gort Union.

Meeting held on the 10th day of November 1917.

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor, from No. 3039 to No. 3100

Outdoor „ No. _____ to No. _____

Separate „ No. _____ to No. _____

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 3rd day of November 1917, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary:—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the week			Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of Days	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates	By Officers	Total	£	s.	d.		
Provisions	58	11	7	25	6	4	83	17	11			33	12	4	50	57	} 611
Necessaries	161	6	1				161	6	1			7	18		153	81	
Total	219	17	8	25	6	4	245	5				41	10	4	203	138	

	£	s	d.
The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was ...		7	9
Average Cost in Infirmary		10	10
Average Cost in Fever Hospital			

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature:—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Outdoor Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The Indoor Admission and Discharge Book.

The Outdoor Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Outdoor Relief in kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature,

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the 18th day of November 1917 was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer GORMALLY			Relieving Officer LEECH			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			TOTAL		
	District No. I.			District No. II.			District No. III.			District No. IV.			District No. V.			District No. VI.			TOTAL		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ..	13	10	6	20	16	.													34	6	6
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ..																					
3. Total to be accounted for	13	10	6	20	16	.													34	6	6
EXPENDITURE.																					
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																					
In Money ..	4	16	.	1	15	6													6	11	6
In Kind ..																					
5. Provisional Relief (In kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own Responsibility ..																				9	.
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ..																				1	3
7. Total Relief given	5	7	3	2	10	6													8	3	6
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ..	7	17	6	18	5	6														26	3
9. Total ..	13	10	6	20	16	.													34	6	6

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

Dated this 18th day of November 1917.

Amos B. B. B.
Clerk of Union.

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely :—

308 lbs. W. bread
60 .. meat
140 .. O. meal
160 Eggs
2 lbs Pepper
2 .. Tobacco

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows :—

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or orders made on them, respectively, as follows):—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 8th inst, sanctioning payment of £2 to the Porter of the Workhouse for his services in connection with the sale of vegetables off the Workhouse farm for year ended 30 Sept 1917.

plm Kelleher, was allowed a pair of Boots, not to exceed 15/-.

Circular letter from Local Govt. Board, dated 22 October, re. Provision for Diagnosis, Treatment, and Prevention, of Venereal Diseases was submitted, and "Read"

Circular letter from Local Govt. Board, dated 20th October, urging on Boards of Guardians the necessity for rigid economy in food, was submitted, and referred to Medical Officer, and Master.

from Local Govt. Board dated 7th Nov^r no 53.763, sanctioning payment of remuneration at the rate of 7¹/₂ in the £ to the Master of the Workhouse on all sums of money collected by him and lodged to the credit of the Guardians.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 26th October, relative to the case of a child named Walsh whose mother is dead and who has been placed in charge of its grandmother outside the Workhouse, and pointing out that this must be regarded as a case of Boarding out, if it is proposed to continue the allowance to the child's grandmother for maintaining it.

Ordered — Relief has been discontinued.

Mr Michael Gallagher, Porter of the Workhouse, applied for an increase of ~~salary~~ his present salary of £16: per annum.

Ordered — Put on agenda for next meeting.

Ordered — That no charge in future be made for the maintenance of John Fahy, Govt. in Workhouse, and any arrears due be struck out as irrecoverable

The Master submitted letter from Master Loupree Union inmate, Bridget Quirk, with reference to which he begs to inform the Board that this woman, although reputed to be a native of Loupree Union, is at present and has been, for a number of weeks an inmate of the Gort Hospital.

With regard to the rumour of her being in possession of money, he is not aware of the fact, but has reason to believe that such is the case. "Read"

The Master reported that he bought a cow from John Glennon, Blackrock, for £37, and another from James Hanagan, Loupree Union, for £36. Approved.

That on account of the increased tillage and the consequent increased offal, he recommends the feeding of pigs. "Approved"

clothing not to exceed 30s. was allowed an inmate named Stokes on leaving the house.

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The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on as set forth in the application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was .. 21
 Ditto disallowed
 The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was

The number of cases of provisional Out-door Relief was
 Do. In which relief was continued by the Guardians
 The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved
 by order of the Guardians was 53

The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was .. (

The Bonds and other Securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

(See also Minutes of the Guardians' proceedings under the Medical Charities Acts.)

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 24th
 day of Nov 1917.

(Signed),

Amey Dub
 Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.

BOARDED OUT CHILDREN, &c.

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, at their Meeting

ON SATURDAY, the 10th day of November 1917.

Read letter from Local Gort. Board dated 24th October, pointing out that Savings Bank accounts should be opened for the children May Brennan, and John Walsh, as soon as they have any wages to lodge. "Comply"

From Local Gort. Board dated 23rd October, drawing attention to the irregular attendance of Martin Howard who was absent from school 11 days during the month of September; and requesting to be furnished with particulars as to the accident to the child John Ford, which necessitated his removal to Hospital.

Ordered - Foster parent states that the child accompanied her to milk cows on 13 Sept^r, and on returning near the house, a young filly came from an adjoining field and as she was putting him away, he accidentally hit the child in the foot. The Dr. was immediately sent for and had the child's foot dressed, and removed to Hospital next day, where the child is progressing favourably.

Notice foster parent to send Howard more regularly to school. 12 Nov

Ordered - Put on agenda for next meeting that the guardians will revise the Boarding out and clothing allowances for children.

Ordered - Caution following foster parents to send children more regularly to school:- Mrs Durey, Miss Mc Donogh, Miss Thompson, Mrs Kelly, and Mrs Brennan.

clothing not to exceed 15/- ^{5 each} was allowed Boarded children, M. Brennan & Della Galvin.

(Signed),

Angela Beuch
Clerk of the Union

Gort Union.**Medical Charities Acts (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68, &c.)**

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, under the above-mentioned Acts, at a

Meeting held on SATURDAY, the 10th day of November 1917.

PRESENT—In the Chair,— Mr. Michael O'Donnell

Other Guardians:—

(Same as on General Minutes.)

Estimates and Requisitions for Medicines, and Medical and Surgical Appliances, required by the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts, were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows:—

Name of Dispensary District	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
	£	s.	d.	

Distinct Requisitions from the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows:—

Dispensary District	Medicines, &c., required, not comprised in the Prescribed Lists	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
		£	s.	d.	

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WORKING HOURS—10 TO 5.

ANALYTICAL LABORATORY,

Dublin, Nov. 3 1917

REPORT upon 3 Samples of Drugs forwarded for Analysis from Gort

Union W. Home's Dispensary, and received by me on 11-16 1917

Drugs received in Stock 8-10 1917

Report Signed _____ 19____

I have examined the Samples as specified below, with the following results.

Name of Medicine Tinct Sillae Standards.
Specific Gravity 0.976
Extract 14.04 grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume 52
Observations pure

Name of Medicine Lix Saponis Meth
Specific Gravity 0.897
Extract 5.06 grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume 74
Observations pure

Name of Medicine Liq Guaiacum Act
Specific Gravity 1.014
Extract _____ grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume _____
Observations pure BP

Name of Medicine _____
Specific Gravity _____
Extract _____ grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume _____
Observations _____

Samples were _____ carefully put up and labelled in accordance with the
Local Government Board's instructions.

Signed, Alter Thorp M.C.

WALTER THORP, B.Sc. (London), F.I.C.
B.Sc. (Leeds), F.C.S.
Government and Public Analyst.

ANALYTICAL LABORATORY,

OFFICE HOURS—10 TO 5.

Dublin, Nov 3 1917

REPORT upon 3 Samples of Drugs forwarded for Analysis from Gort
Union Abraham Dispensary, and received by me on 9-10 1917
Drugs received in Stock 27-9 1917
Report Signed _____ 1917

I have examined the Samples as specified below, with the following results

- Standards.
1. Name of Medicine Tinct. Podophylli
Specific Gravity 0.850
Extract 3.7 grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume 58.7
Observations Yuccine
 2. Name of Medicine Tinct. Belladonnae
Specific Gravity 0.893
Extract 1.44 grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume 71
Observations Yuccine
 3. Name of Medicine Tinct. Camph. Co.
Specific Gravity 0.916
Extract 0.38 grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids Opium present " " "
Alcohol by volume 60
Observations Yuccine
 4. Name of Medicine _____
Specific Gravity _____
Extract _____ grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids " " "
Alcohol by volume _____
Observations _____

These Samples were _____ carefully put up and labelled in accordance with the
Local Government Board's instructions.

Signed, Walter Thorp F.I.C.

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OFFICE HOURS—10 TO 5.

ANALYTICAL LABORATORY,

Dublin, Oct 20th 19 17

REPORT upon 3 Samples of Drugs forwarded for Analysis from 9072
Union Kimwarra Dispensary, and received by me on 26.9.19.17
Drugs received in Stock 8.9.19.17
Report Signed 20.10.19.17

I have examined the Samples as specified below, with the following results

		Standards.
1. Name of Medicine	<u>Liq. Plumbic Subacet. Test</u>	
Specific Gravity	<u>1.27</u>	
Extract		grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids	<u>23.5%</u>	" " "
Alcohol by volume		
Observations	<u>Genuine</u>	
2. Name of Medicine	<u>Liq. Bismuthi</u>	
Specific Gravity	<u>1.075</u>	
Extract		grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids	<u>Bi₂O₃ 5.41</u>	" " "
Alcohol by volume		
Observations	<u>Genuine</u>	
3. Name of Medicine	<u>Ammon. Chloride</u>	
Specific Gravity		
Extract	<u>Pb free</u>	grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids	<u>As free</u>	" " "
Alcohol by volume		
Observations	<u>Genuine</u>	
4. Name of Medicine		
Specific Gravity		
Extract		grammes in 100 c.c.
Alkaloids		" " "
Alcohol by volume		
Observations		

These Samples were _____ carefully put up and labelled in accordance with the
Local Government Board's instructions.

Signed, Walter Thorp F.I.C.

The following Orders and Letters of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

Ordered — Clerk to arrange with Mr. Mitchell to supply one ton of coal each to Ardbraban and Kinnvara Dispensary.

The Medical Officers Books of the Ardbraban Dispensary District were submitted by R. O'Gormally, and examined and signed.

Resolved — That Relieving Officer Gormally be paid at the rate of £4 = per annum, as from 1st October last, for conveying Dispensary Records of the Ardbraban District at each meeting for examination.

The midwives register for Fort District was submitted and signed.

Resolved — That the salary of the Medical Officer of Fort Dispensary be increased by £7. 10. 0 per annum, in accordance with the fixed scale of salary.

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[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December.]

Reports (Form P) containing the names of Children born in the District who are over three months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz. :-

were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows :-

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Lambert

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 24th
 day of Nov 19 17

(Signed), *Amey Lambert*
 Clerk of the Union.

[FORM 14.]
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1) FINANCIAL MINUTES

Gort Union,

Finance Meeting, held on the 10th day of Nov 1917.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of October, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same, as follows:—

TABLE (a)	Dr.		
	£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians	700	.	.
Repayment of Relief			
Rents of Dispensary Residences			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce			
Sales of Offal, old stores, and other Receipts			
Loans received			
Total amount of Lodgments as above	700	.	.

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of....., and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—	34	18	1
Provisions and Necessaries	36	3	1
Clothing and Bedding	95	75	8
Establishment—			
(a.) Salaries			
(b.) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
(c.) Farm	121	18	.
(d.) Other Expenses	13	.	8
Workhouse Burials			
District School Account			
District Hospital Account <i>Orphan's clothing</i>	3	.	.
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	20	12	10
Emigration, Law, and other Expenses	67	4	1
Medical Charities	27	15	3
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers			
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations	4	16	.
Superannuation Allowances	3	9	.
Assessment and Results' Fees of Teachers			
Expenses of Local Committees			
Repayment of Loans			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	30	.	.
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year			
Expenditure out of Loans			
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	326	13	11

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

October 1917

	Ordinary Account.			Loans Account.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY:						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement .. .. .		.	.
Total sums received during the month ..	700	.	.			
Total	700	.	.			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement	244	17	5			
Payments ordered during the month ..	326	13	11			
Total	571	11	4			
Net Balance due ^k to the Union (being difference of above Totals)	128	8	8			
RECONCILEMENT:						
Balance per Bank Book due ^{by} Treasurer	535	.	7			
Outstanding Orders - .. -	406	11	11			
Net Balance as above due ^k to the Union --	128	8	8			

Dated this 12th day of Nov 1917

Ampley Burt
Clerk of the Union.

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TABLE (2) STATISTICAL MINUTES.

(To be kept by the Clerk, who is to forward a copy to the Local Government Board along with, but separate from, the General Minutes of each Meeting).

Gort Union.

Meeting held on the 8th day of December 1917

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor, from No. 3100 to No. 3160

Outdoor „ No. _____ to No. _____

Separate „ No. _____ to No. _____

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 15th day of Decr 1917 was submitted, of which the following is a Summary:—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the week			Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of Days	
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates	By Officers	Total	£	s.	d.		
Provisions ...	36	12	4	73	5	71	109	18	3				30	13	79	53	594
Necessaries ...	133	3	6	.	.	.	133	3	6				9	19	5123	1	
Total ...	169	15	70	73	5	71	243	1	9				40	12	5202	9	

	£	s	d
The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was ...		7	9 $\frac{1}{4}$
Average Cost in Infirmary		12	1
Average Cost in Fever Hospital		17	1

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature:—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Outdoor Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The Indoor Admission and Discharge Book.

The Outdoor Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Outdoor Relief in kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature,

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the 8th day of December 1917 was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer GORMALLY			Relieving Officer LEECH			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			TOTAL					
	District No. I.			District No. II.			District No. III.			District No. IV.			District No. V.			District No. VI.					
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ..	19	18	10	17	8											37	6	10			
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ..																					
3. Total to be accounted for	19	18	10	17	8											37	6	10			
EXPENDITURE.																					
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																					
In Money ..	4	19		1	7	6										6	16	6			
In Kind ..																					
5. Provisional Relief (in kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own Responsibility																					
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ..		10	9		15														1	5	9
7. Total Relief given	5	9	9	2	12	6										8	2	3			
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ..	14	9	1	14	15	6										29	4	7			
9. Total ..	19	18	10	17	8											37	6	10			

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

Dated this 8th day of December 1917.

Angela Burt
Clerk of Union.

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:—

300 lbs Bread
 40 .. Meat
 140 .. O. meal
 56 .. Sugar
 2 .. Butter
 500 .. Bacon
 1½ .. Tobacco
 300 Eggs.

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:—

- ① That he lodged £44. 8. 2 for maintenance &c to credit of the Union. *appd.*
- ② That he bought a milch cow from P. Whelan, for £29, and 4 pigs from J. Kennedy @ £18. 13. 4 — *approved.*
- ③ That he sold an old Stripper cow to Mr. Kelly, port. for £10. — *approved.*
- ④ That a cow recently bought from Mr. Keane, port. was observed ill eleven days after purchase. He engaged the services of Mr. Moffett, V. S. who considers she is suffering from kidney disease, which existed prior to purchase.

Ordered —

The guardians think that Mr. Keane ought to make a substantial refund under these circumstances. The Master to dispose of the cow if he finds no improvement.

consideration of the Report of Mr. Paeh. Beauford. Local Govt. Board Inspector, on his recent inspection of the Workhouse, was referred to the Visiting Committee to meet on 15th inst. at 12. o.c.

Pursuant to notice

Mr. Barr. proposed, and Mr. Headd, seconded: —

That the Porter's salary be increased from £16. to £25. a year, from the 1st October last. "Passed"

Resolved: —

The Guardians at their meeting this day, after notice, having revised the scale of allowances, and clothing for children bonded out of the Union, hereby increase the amount allowed by them on the 6th September 1913, for ~~supervision~~ to their Relieving Officers, for supervision, namely £3 = each, to £8, each, per annum, this increase to take effect as from the 1st October last, and to be in addition to their present salary which the Board consider very small, in present existing circumstances, and respectfully request the Local Government Board to sanction this proposal. "

The clerk's estimate of the sums required to meet expenditure in respect of the financial year ending 31 March 1919, amounting to £56.58, was adopted and a formal demand for this amount on the County Council was signed.

The Postman was allowed the usual Christmas Box of 10/6

Ordered - Admit to the Workhouse, the two children of Peter Mulleney, aged $1\frac{1}{2}$ and $2\frac{1}{2}$ years. The mother died on the 2nd December, and the father who works on the Railway is unable to take charge of them at present, but hopes within a month to make arrangements to do so. The charge to be $\text{£}6$ per week for the two children.

Ordered - Dresses, cost not to exceed $\text{£}1$, each, were allowed for six attendants.

Ordered - That the out door relief recipients be allowed double the relief they are presently in receipt of for Christmas week.

The following bills in connection with the recent Amalgamation Inquiry were submitted: -

	amt. claimed	amt. allowed
Dr. Connolly -	3. 3. 0	3. 3. 0
Dr. Sandys -	2. 2. 0	2. 2. 0
Dr. Jolly -	3. 3. 0	3. 3. 0
Dr. Ryan -	2. 2. 0	2. 2. 0
Mr. J. Keck -	1. 1. 0	1. 1. 0
pro. normally -	4. 0. 0	3. 0. 0
J. W. Rosenigart -	3. 11. 1	3. 11. 1
L. S. O'Dea -	11. 7. 1	10. 0. 0
Mr. J. Burke -	7. 0. 0	5. 0. 0
	<u>38. 9. 2</u>	<u>33. 2. 1</u>

Ordered: -

Pay amount of $\text{£}33. 2. 1$ subject to Local Govt. Board's approval.

The inmates were allowed the usual Christmas extras

The Master reported that a calf was born on the 12 Nov. and sold for £3.16.0. and another on 1 Dec. and sold for £3 = "Approved".

The Master reported that Oatmeal at present price is much dearer than bread. that a saving of over 30% a week would be made by substituting the latter for the former for supper. Ordered - I make this change in the dietary if the Medical Officer does not object.

The Master reported that he employed a Carpenter for 20 days repairing _____ "Approved".

Ordered - The Guardians of Fort Union are not prepared to take part in the proposal to quash the estimate of Galway Hospital.

The Master was allowed a few days leave of absence during Christmas, the Matron and Porter to discharge his duties.

The cases of provisional relief, and applications for relief, were considered and decided on as set forth in the application and Report Books.

The number of provisional admissions to the Workhouse confirmed was .. 8

Ditto disallowed

The number of Applicants admitted to the Workhouse was

The number of cases of provisional Out-door Relief was

Do. In which relief was continued by the Guardians

The number of other Applicants in the Relieving Officers' Books relieved by order of the Guardians was 52

The number of Applicants for whom Relief was not ordered was .. -

The Bonds and other Securities in force were laid before the Guardians by the Clerk, together with his Report thereon as follows: (this on the second Meeting after the Annual Election in every year).

(See also Minutes of the Guardians' proceedings under the Medical Charities Acts.)

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 22nd day of December 1917.

(Signed),

James Beuch
Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.**BOARDED OUT CHILDREN, &c.**

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union, at their Meeting
 on SATURDAY, the 8th day of December 1917.

Mrs Keane, former foster parent of the child John Forde, who was in Hospital, owing to an accident, took him out on the 28th November, to board on usual conditions "approved"

The following scale of allowances for Boarded out children was adopted: —

Under 6 years.	—	£ 13 =	per annum
From 6 to 10 years	—	7. 16. 0	do
.. 10 to 14 years	—	6. 10. 0	do

Yearly allowance for clothing for each child £ 3 =.

(Signed),

Myler Beub
 Clerk of the Union.

Gort Union.

Medical Charities Acts (14 & 15 Vic., cap. 68, &c.)

MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, under the above-mentioned Acts, at a

Meeting held on SATURDAY, the 8th day of December 1917.

PRESENT—In the Chair,— Mr. P. Lambert.

Other Guardians :—

(Same as on General Minutes.)

Estimates and Requisitions for Medicines, and Medical and Surgical Appliances, required by the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts, were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows :—

Name of Dispensary District	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
	£	s.	d.	
<u>Amoy</u>	<u>4</u>	<u>15</u>	<u>+</u>	<u>Medicines } ordered.</u> <u>Appliances }</u>
	<u>1</u>	<u>1</u>	<u>2</u>	

Distinct Requisitions from the Medical Officers of the undermentioned Dispensary Districts were laid before the Board, and directions were given thereon as follows :—

Dispensary District	Medicines, &c., required, not comprised in the Prescribed Lists	Total Cost			Directions given by the Board
		£	s.	d.	

The following Orders and Letters of the Local Government Board for Ireland, under the Medical Charities Act, were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board, No 57 321, dated 21st November, sanctioning payment of remuneration at the rate of £4. a year to Relieving Officer formally for his services in conveying the Dispensary Records of the Ardara Dispensary District to and from the Workhouse for examination.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board, No. 57.321, dated 29th November, sanctioning an increment of salary of £7. 10. 0 a year, in accordance with the approved scale, to D. Landys, Medical Officer of the Govt Dispensary District.
The Board desire to be informed of the date the increment accrued.

" 7th November 1917 "

From Local Govt. Board dated 20 Nov^r forwarding extract from the medical officer's report from L. Kinvara District, for half year ended 30 Sept^r, as follows:—

"The roof of the porch and Dispensary proper leaks during heavy rain."

Ordered— Referred to Engineer

The following Letters and other Communications were read by the Clerk, and Orders were made on them respectively, as follows:—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board dated 20 Nov. requesting the Guardians to take steps to enforce strict compliance with the Vaccination Acts in the Union.

Ordered—

Notices are served and the defaulters are coming in.

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[These Reports are to be made up and forwarded by the Medical Officers to the Board of Guardians quarterly, viz., on the 31st March, 30th June, 30th September, and 31st December.]

Reports (Form P) containing the names of Children born in the District who are over three months of age and have not been vaccinated, from the Medical Officers of the following Dispensary Districts, viz. :-

were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows :-

Michael Donnell

Next Meeting of the Guardians to be held on SATURDAY, the 22nd
 day of December 1917.

(Signed), *Augustus Beuch*
 Clerk of the Union.

Present Net Annual Value, £43,610 6s. 0d.

STATE of the Workhouse for the Week ending Saturday, the 5th day of January 1918.

Number of Inmates for which accommodation is provided	No. that can be accommodated in each building	Total No. in each building on the above date	Able-bodied		Aged and Infirm Persons, and Adult Persons, above 15 years of age, but not working		Boys and Girls above 9 and under 15 years of age		Children above 5 and under 9 years of age	Children above 2 and under 5 years of age	Infants under 2 years of age	Casuals			TOTAL	RETURN OF SICK AND LUNATICS	
			Males	Fem.	Males	Fem.	Boys	Girls				Males	Females	Children		Number in Hospital on the above date	No. of Lunatics and Idiots in Workhouse on the above date
Workhouse	729	81														26	9
Temporary Buildings ..	—	—														1	—
Additional Workhouse ..	—	—														—	—
Permanent Fever Hospital	51	1														—	—
Fever Sheds	—	—														—	—
TOTAL	780	82														27	9
Remaining on previous Saturday, as per last Return			8	3	23	35	1		4	5	5						
Admitted during the Week			2	1		1							4	3	1		
Born																	
TOTAL,			10	4	23	36	1		4	5	5		4	3	1		
Discharged during the Week			2	1	1								4	3	1		
Died					1	1											2
Total Discharged and Died			2	1	2	1							4	3	1		2
REMAINING ON THE ABOVE DATE			8	3	21	35	1		4	5	5						97

RETURN OF DESTITUTE PERSONS relieved out of the Workhouse, as by Relief Lists, for the last Week ended Saturday, the 5th day of January 1918 authenticated and laid before the Board of Guardians at this Meeting.

Relief Districts	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse (under 10 Vic., c. 31, s. 1)		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse (but not comprised in sec. 1)		Total relieved out of the Workhouse		Relief Districts	Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse (under 10 Vic., c. 31, s. 1)		Destitute Persons relieved out of the Workhouse (but not comprised in sec. 1)		Total relieved out of the Workhouse	
	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons		Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family dependent on him or her	Number of Cases relieved	Number of Persons, including Applicant and Family dependent on him or her	Cases	Persons
No. I.	43	54			43	54	Bt. forward						
No. II.							No. VI.						
No. III.							No. VII.						
No. IV.							No. VIII.						
No. V.							No. IX.						
Car. forwd.							No. X.						
							TOTALS ..	43	54			43	54

COPY OF MINUTES of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians, at a Meeting held on SATURDAY, the 12th day of January 1918.

PRESENT—In the Chair:— Mr. Michael O'Donnell

Other Guardians:—

Messrs M. Brennan, L. O'Donnell, M. Feney, J. H. Flynn

J. Keane, W. Rozengrave, P. J. Nolan

and R. P. O'Sheehy and Mr. Coen

The Minutes of the last Meeting were read and signed.

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[FORM 14.]
(Article 7.)

TABLE (1) FINANCIAL MINUTES

Gort Union.

Finance Meeting, held on the 8th day of December 1917.

The Financial Statement Book of Receipts was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk, showing the sums which had been received during the month of November, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same, as follows:—

TABLE (a)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
County Council, Money supplied on demand of Guardians			
Repayment of Relief			
Rents of Dispensary Residences			
Farm Account—Sales of Farm Produce			
Sales of Offal, old stores, and other Receipts			
Loans received			
Total amount of Lodgments as above			

The Financial Statement Book of Expenditure was produced and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and the counter-signature of the Clerk showing the sums which had been ordered for payment in the month of, and the Ledger entries made in respect of same.

Payments were ordered to be made for accounts as follows, and the authority for the amount thereof was signed for transmission to the Treasurer.

TABLE (b)	DR.		
	£	s.	d.
Sundry Accounts, viz. :—			
Provisions and Necessaries	165	1	7
Clothing and Bedding	12	15	.
Establishment—			
(a.) Salaries			
(b.) Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances			
(c.) Farm	80	7	4
(d.) Other Expenses	29	5	3
Workhouse Burials			
District School Account			
District Hospital Account <i>O'Phelan's doctry</i>	2	5	.
Maintenance in Extern Institutions	20	.	.
Emigration, Law, and other Expenses	1	.	.
Medical Charities	6	11	.
Lunacy Fees to Medical Officers	1	1	.
Registration of Births, Deaths, and Marriages, and of Vaccinations			
Superannuation Allowances	3	9	.
Assessment and Results' Fees of Teachers			
Expenses of Local Committees			
Repayment of Loans			
Relieving Officers' Accounts—Outdoor Relief	60	.	.
Repayment of Advances under Seed Supply Acts			
Unpaid Bills of last half-year			
Expenditure out of Loans			
Total Amount of Payments ordered as above	381	15	2

Summary and Reconciliation of Treasurer's Account for the month ending the last day of

November 19 17

	Ordinary Account.			Loans Account.		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.
SUMMARY:						
Balance (if any) due by Treasurer as per last monthly statement	128	8	8			
Total sums received during the month ..	.	.	.
Total	128	8	8			
Balance (if any) due to Treasurer as per last monthly statement .. .. .	.	.	.
Payments ordered during the month ..	381	15	2			
Total	381	15	2			
Net Balance due <i>by</i> the Union (being difference of above Totals)	253	6	6			
RECONCILEMENT:						
Balance per Bank Book due <i>by</i> Treasurer	190	14	2			
Outstanding Orders - - -	440	.	8			
Net Balance as above due <i>by</i> the Union ..	253	6	6			

Dated this 10th day of Dec 9 19 17.

Amey Beub
Clerk of the Union.

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TABLE (2) STATISTICAL MINUTES.

(To be kept by the Clerk, who is to forward a copy to the Local Government Board along with, but separate from, the General Minutes of each Meeting).

Gort Union.

Meeting held on the 12th day of January 1918.

The following Relief Registers were produced, examined, and authenticated by the signature of the Chairman and counter-signature of the Clerk.

Indoor, from No. 3160 to No. 3200

Outdoor „ No. to No.

Separate „ No. to No.

The Ledger was produced by the Clerk, posted up to date with the proper Debits and Credits.

The following Books were submitted by the Clerk, he having first ascertained the accuracy of the entries made therein by the Master of the Workhouse, and authenticated the same by his signature:—

1. The Indoor Relief List.
2. The Provision Check Account.
3. The Provision Receipt and Consumption Account.

The Weekly Abstract of the Account of Provisions and Necessaries for the Week ending Saturday, the 5th day of January 1918, was submitted, of which the following is a Summary:—

	Stock in hand at close of preceding week			Received during the week			Total			Consumed during the week			Stock in hand at close of this week			Collective No. of Days		
	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	£	s.	d.	By Inmates	By Officers	Total	£	s.	d.			
Provisions	68	13	5	28	12	6	97	5	11				39	17	8	57	8	3
Necessaries	113	19	10	.	.	.	113	19	10				10	3	1	123	16	9
Total	182	13	3	28	12	6	211	5	9				50	9	9	161	5	.

	£	s	d
The General Average Cost of an Inmate for the week was ...		9	11 $\frac{1}{4}$
Average Cost in Infirmary		12	7
Average Cost in Fever Hospital		36	9

The following Books were also produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature:—

1. The Clothing Materials Receipt and Conversion Book.
2. The Clothing Receipt Book.
3. The Inventory Book.
4. The Labour Book.
5. The Workhouse Farm Account.
6. The Medical Weekly Return and Extra Book.
7. The Outdoor Admission and Discharge Book.
8. The Indoor Admission and Discharge Book.

The Outdoor Relief Lists, Application and Report Books, Order Check Books for Outdoor Relief in kind, and Receipt and Expenditure Books of the several Relieving Officers were then produced by the Clerk, their accuracy having been previously ascertained by him and authenticated by his signature,

The Abstract of the Accounts of the several Relieving Officers for the last Week ending Saturday, the 12th day of January 1918 was submitted as follows:—

	Relieving Officer GORMALLY			Relieving Officer LEECH			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			Relieving Officer			TOTAL £ s. d.		
	District No. I. £ s. d.			District No. II. £ s. d.			District No. III. £ s. d.			District No. IV. £ s. d.			District No. V. £ s. d.			District No. VI. £ s. d.					
1. Balance in hands at close of previous week ..	21			10	16														31	16	
2. Money since advanced by Guardians ..																					
3. Total to be accounted for	21			10	16														31	16	
EXPENDITURE.																					
4. Out-door Relief ordered by the Board—																					
In Money ..	5	3		1	16														6	19	
In Kind ..																					
5. Provisional Relief (In kind only), given by Relieving Officer on his own Responsibility																					
				7	11																
6. Orphans and Deserted Children boarded out ..					18			1	3												
7. Total Relief given	6	3	11	2	19														9	2	11
8. Balance in hands at close of the week ..	14	16		1	7	17													22	13	1
9. Total ..	21			10	16														31	16	

NOTE.—Should any of the above-mentioned books not be duly authenticated and submitted at the meeting, the names thereof should be struck out in red ink, and the cause of the omission explained on the Minutes.

Dated this 12th day of January 1918.

Wm. B. B. B.
Clerk of Union.

The Master's Estimate of Provisions and Necessaries required for the ensuing week was examined, and Orders were duly made for the several articles specified, namely:—

348 lbs W. Bread
 70 .. meat
 140 .. O. meal
 14 .. Sugar
 240 Eggs
 2 lbs Tobacco

The Reports of the Master and other Officers were read, and Orders made thereon, as follows:—

The Master reported (1) that he lodged a sum of £57. 16. 6. for in-maintenance, &c. to credit of the Union. — approved.

(2) That he sold to Wm Keane, for £. two strippers for £50. less 5/- bank. — "approved".

(3) That he bought a Springer from John Hartigan, Bunnacorb, for £26. less 5/- bank. — approved.

(4) That a Fever patient was admitted to Fever Hospital on 3rd inst. and the services of Nurse Burke, who took up duty on the same day engaged. — "approved".

The following Orders of the Local Government Board for Ireland were laid before the Board, and directions given thereon, as follows:—

The Master reported (5) that he does not consider the potatoes grown on the farm last year suitable for seeds, and recommends a change, and it will be necessary to employ labour the coming spring.

Ordered —

Purchase seeds and employ labour.

b. That a patient named Ellen Galvin was sent to Galway Infirmary on the 9th inst, and 6/- travelling expenses allowed.

Approved.

The following Letters from the Local Government Board for Ireland and others, were read by the Clerk, and directions given to answer them respectively, to the following effect (or orders made on them, respectively, as follows):—

Read letter from Local Govt. Board No 62370, dated 21st December, sanctioning the proposal to increase the salary of the Porter of the Workhouse from £19. to £25, a year, from the 1st October last.

Ordered — Clerk to forward the letter of Messrs Dowdall, O'Mahony, & Co. contractors for Margarine to L. G. Board, and to ascertain from them if contract broken.

Read letter from Local Govt. Board No 62370, dated 19 Decr., sanctioning payment of 10/- to the Postman as a Christmas gift; also dresses, at cost not exceeding £1. each, to six attendants in the Workhouse.

The Visiting Committee, who met on the 15th December, to consider the report of Mr. Park-Bensford, Local Govt. Board Inspector, on his recent inspection of the Workhouse, reported as follows:—

"Under existing circumstances we cannot see our way to recommend any change in the lavatory arrangements which we consider fairly good.

We agree that the main drains require cleaning and recommend that the matter be adjourned to Summer.

The guardians have always favoured the boarding out of children and though the 4 children mentioned in the Inspector's report are young, we recommend that an advertisement be inserted in the papers respecting them.

We consider the sanitary condition of the Workhouse fairly good. Repairs to earthen shoots, roofs, &c. are now being carried out.

The chimneys require ~~cleaning~~ repairing, but owing to the season and dearth of material, we are forced to recommend its postponement.

The breach in the Boundary Wall has been repaired by Master at cost of £1.

The Master has had ^{right} ~~repairs~~ of the worst windows re. puttied and painted at cost of £1.

Painting the house, to be adjourned until after the War.

The Laundry Boiler requires fire lining and grates.

The Infirmary, Fever Hospital, and Laundry Ranges require lining and repairing, and recommend that the Master get them done, and that he also procure one oval boiler for Workhouse kitchen, also a man-hole frame and cover.

(Signed) D. H. Lynn, W. Leare, and L. O'Donnell.

Ordered - Carry out recommendations of Visiting Committee.