

No. 30—M/1915.—Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 7th April, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit to you the accompanying forms for a return of the officers of the Union, and I am to request that you will forward the return, *in duplicate*, to this office as soon as possible.

In the event of Nuns having charge of the workhouse infirmary you should enter the name of that member of the Community who is the responsible head of the nursing staff as Nurse of the Workhouse, and the other nurses as assistants,—the return should also indicate the nurses who discharge day duty and night duty.

The word Nun should be added to the name of every workhouse officer to whom that designation is applicable.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 14th April, 1915.

ASSISTANCE TO DESTITUTE ALIENS.

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I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letters of the 23rd November and the 5th February last and to request that particulars relating to assistance given by the Guardians to destitute aliens in accordance with those circulars during the quarter ended on the 31st ultimo may be communicated to the Board in the same manner as for the preceding quarter.

Forms for the purpose will be supplied on application to the Board, and it will be convenient if, in cases where assistance has been given in money, the number of weeks for which such assistance was given, and the weekly rate, are stated.

As pointed out in the circular of the 5th February the arrangements indicated in the circular of the 23rd November are only applicable where the husband is actually interned. Imprisonment by the sentence of a competent Court cannot be regarded as internment, and cases in which the husband has been so imprisoned should be dealt with in accordance with Part 11 of the circular of the 5th February.

In cases in which application for assistance is made to the Guardians by the wife of an interned alien who is herself of German or Austrian birth it may be desirable that a communication should be addressed to the nearest United States Consul, with a view to considering whether assistance would be available from funds placed at the disposal of the American Embassy by the German and Austro-Hungarian Governments.

As the Board have already pointed out in the circular of the 5th

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February, assistance should not be given in pursuance of the circular of the 23rd November after the husband has been released from internment. In any case in which the Guardians are giving assistance to the wife of an interned alien, they should inform the Board without delay of the name of the alien and the presumed place of internment, and the Board, under an arrangement with the Army Authorities, will notify the Guardians of the release of any such alien so that assistance under the circular letter of the 23rd November last may be discontinued.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. A. Marias*  
Secretary.

To/

The Clerk of the Union.

Circular.

Local Authorities.

No. 55/M/1915.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN,

16th April, 1915.

**ORGANISATION OF LABOUR.**

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have been informed that the Committee of Imperial Defence have had under consideration the necessity of securing the best organisation of the labour force of the country in existing circumstances. In view of the needs of recruiting and of the demand for labour for the manufacture of war materials and for the production and transport of the necessary supplies for the population, the Committee of Imperial Defence emphasise the importance of releasing male labour of high physical quality, so far as possible, from other occupations, and of substituting, where necessary, men of more advanced years, or, where the conditions allow, women workers.

The Board believe that local authorities generally have done much to facilitate the enlistment of those of their employees who are eligible for military service, and who can be spared, and they are far from suggesting that the normal staffs should be depleted to such a degree that the services for which the local authorities are responsible could no longer be carried on with efficiency. But at a time when the vital interests of the country imperatively require that as many fit men as possible should be added to the Army, when the manufacture of munitions of war is hampered by lack of labour, and when the same cause gives rise to difficulties in the supply and transport of food, fuel, and other necessities—difficulties which have largely contributed to the recent increase in prices—the Government are compelled to remind the local authorities of the importance of making adequate arrangements for utilising to the best advantage the available supply of labour. They would urge that only men who are indispensable for the work of the local authority should be refused permission to enlist; that artisans who belong to trades needed in the arsenals, dockyards, and armament factories should, wherever possible, be released and encouraged to find employment there; and that where there is a demand for labourers on the railways, in the docks, and on farms, &c., the local authority should facilitate the transfer to those employments of any men who can be spared and who can there find suitable occupation and remuneration. In pursuance of this policy it will be necessary to economise labour to the greatest extent possible, and, where substitutes are needed, to engage only men who are not eligible for the Army and not suited for the occupations to which labour should be transferred. There are some posts in which the employment temporarily of women in place of men may be practicable.

At the outset of the War there was reason to fear that unemployment might be widespread. The Board suggested to local authorities that they should have in readiness schemes for new works and buildings which could be put into operation in case serious unemployment should arise. Happily, however, after the first few weeks, the trade of the country recovered from its dislocation, and in some districts the enlistment of large numbers of men and the execution of war contracts have even converted the problem to be faced from one of unemployment to one of shortage of labour. In the present circumstances an opposite policy is indicated, and it becomes necessary to avoid the inception of all new works, except such as are of pressing necessity either for reasons of public health or on account of war requirements.

Moreover, it is essential to see that capital as well as labour is made available in the directions in which it can best further the national interests during the war,

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and, as you are no doubt aware, the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have decided to restrict capital issues by local authorities, as well as by public companies, within the narrowest limits.

After the termination of the War, when the men return from the Army and when the war contracts cease, it is possible that the question of unemployment may become acute. The schemes for new works and buildings, which have been or are being prepared, would then be of the greatest value, and undertakings, which are now reluctantly postponed owing to the need of economising both capital and labour could then be carried into effect with double advantage.

In their circular of the 9th September last the Board indicated their view that Local Authorities might properly keep open the places of officers in their employ who joined His Majesty's forces with their permission, and the Board think that a similar view might, if the Local Authority were willing, apply to those persons in their employ who, in the present emergency, enter other employments, as suggested in this Circular.

The Board are aware that the policy which, in accordance with the conclusions of the Committee of Imperial Defence, they recommend in this circular may involve the employment by local authorities of less efficient labour, the postponement of many desirable works, and some public inconvenience. But they have no doubt that the difficulties will be faced and the inconvenience cheerfully borne in view of the need of the time and the gravity of the issues at stake.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk to the Local Authority.

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2. To let communications on different subjects form separate letters; and
3. To address all letters on official business to

"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

16th April, 1915.

No. 18,753 : 1915.  
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 3rd instant relative to the application of Mr. Mitchell, Contractor, for an increase in his contract price for coal owing to the war; and, in reference thereto, the Board desire to state that, in the exceptional circumstances mentioned, they will raise no objection to the Guardians giving Mr. Mitchell a bonus of Fifteen Pounds if and when he completes his contract in a satisfactory manner.

The documents relating to the contract which were forwarded with the Guardians' Minutes are returned herewith.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. R. Barlas*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 23rd April, 19 15

SIR,

With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 17th instant, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have sanctioned the payment of a sum of Five Shillings

to Mr. Carr, Junior for the use of a horse to bring the ambulance from Tiernevin to the Workhouse with a patient.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. E. Dunne*  
Assistant Secretary.

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The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

*3<sup>rd</sup> May* 1915...

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to inform the Board of Guardians of *Yort* Union that they have had before them the Medical Officers' Returns, Form L, relating to the several Dispensary Districts of the Union for the half-year ended the *31<sup>st</sup> March* last.

The numbers of defaulters under the Vaccination Acts reported by the Medical Officers for the recent Quarter are as follows:—

DISPENSARY DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF DEFAULTERS.
<i>Ardrahan</i>	<i>81</i>
<i>Yort</i>	<i>86</i>
<i>Kinvorra</i>	<i>84</i>

The Local Government Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to take steps to enforce strict compliance with the Vaccination Acts in the Union.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. R. Dublin*  
Assistant Secretary.

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York Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN, 3rd May, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit, to be laid before the Board of Guardians of York Union, the subjoined extract from the Medical Officer's Return, Form L., relating to the York Dispensary District for the half-year ended the 31st March, last, and I am to request that the Guardians will be so good as to take the requisite action with regard to the matter referred to therein.

I am,  
SIR,

Your obedient servant,

*Franklin*  
Assistant Secretary.

To the Clerk,  
York Union.

EXTRACT REFERRED TO :-

No Caretaker appointed for the Dispensary.  
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Think the Gates of Rallophen  
the Workhouse will be appointed at \$6 a year ✓



Circular.  
57/M/1915.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,  
4th May, 1915.

### Borrowing by Local Authorities.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that the Lords Commissioners of His Majesty's Treasury have decided to restrict capital issues by Local Authorities within the narrowest limits. To that end labour should be economised by Local Authorities as far as possible, and new works, except such as are of pressing necessity, either for reasons of public health or on account of war requirements, should be avoided.

The Board have been in communication with Their Lordships in regard to this matter and it has been arranged, in order to meet the convenience of Local Authorities, and to avoid duplication of labour, that the sanction, approval or consent of the Board to any borrowing from sources other than Public Funds under powers conferred by Public General Acts or by Local Acts or Provisional Orders, under which such sanction, approval or consent is required, shall suffice without any further approval by the Treasury where

- (a) the sanction, approval or consent has been given on a date subsequent to the 28th of February last; and
- (b) the money proposed to be raised is to be raised otherwise than by the issue of stock, bonds or bills.

Where a Local Authority holds a sanction, approval or consent of the Board of an earlier date than the 28th of February last which has not yet been acted upon, whether wholly or in part, no further action must be taken upon it without a further sanction from the Board authorising the action, unless the money is to be raised by the issue of stock, bonds or bills, when the consent of the Treasury must be obtained instead of the further sanction of the Board.

The Treasury have further decided that their approval will not henceforth be required for the renewal or replacement by Local Authorities of maturing mortgages.

With respect to the statement in the first paragraph above as to the avoidance of the inception of new works except such as are of pressing necessity either for reasons of public health or on account of war requirements, it must be understood that these terms will be construed in their strict sense.

Consequently, before any application is made to the Board with a view to the immediate execution of works, Local Authorities should fully satisfy themselves that they can show that the expenditure cannot be avoided, postponed or reduced. Any application should be accompanied by a statement of the facts upon which the Local Authority rely to prove these points.

The Treasury are anxious that the attention of Local Authorities should be particularly drawn to the fact that economies and restrictions on borrowing are possible not only as regards new works, but also as regards works in progress. As regards these latter it will frequently be found possible by arrangement with contractors or otherwise to postpone works or parts of them, or to enlarge the period allowed under contract for their completion. In any case in which an application for sanction to this Board or to the Treasury is necessary, where works are in progress or are the subject of a contract, it will be necessary to demonstrate that every possible effort has been made in this direction before the extent of the application has been finally determined upon.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

Executive Officer of the Local Authority.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.  
15th May, 1915.

Borrowing by Local Authorities

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to state that the Board have received from the Local Authorities in Ireland returns in respect of the borrowing by them during the year ended on the 31st of March last, and in view of the fact that the returns have not yet been received from all the Local Authorities, the Board are unable to publish the returns at this time. It is, however, the intention of the Board to publish the returns as soon as they have been received from all the Local Authorities.

Your obedient servant,  
A. R. HARRIS,  
Secretary.

Secretary to the Local Authority.  
15th May, 1915.

No. 26 : M: 1915  
Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD  
DUBLIN, 5th May, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to call your attention to their letter of the 26th of March last, and to request that you will forward to this Office, immediately, the returns, thereby applied for, showing for the year ended on the 31st of that month:-

1. The expenses of each dispensary district to be given to the nearest £, shillings and pence to be omitted.
2. The number of vaccinations in the Workhouse.

In the case of the former the full expenditure for the year should be given under the several heads of outlay, even though some portion of it was not discharged until after the 31st of March.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

J. E. Devlin  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Post Union.

MEMORANDUM.

No. 24954/15

Gort Union.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians on the

1<sup>st</sup> May 19

Form A, containing particulars in regard to Mrs Quenn

with whom it is proposed to hire out a child

named Bridget O'Dea, has not yet been

furnished, as required by the Local Government Board's Circular Letters of

the 31st December, 1903, and the 24th September, 1906; and it is requested

that you will be good enough to forward it without delay, together with  
a copy of the agreement entered into in this case.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 10<sup>th</sup> May 1915

To the Clerk of the Union.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 6th May, 1915.

174/24/1915.  
Miscellaneous.

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to bring to the notice of the Guardians the desirability of taking steps to meet possible shortage in the coal supply of this country in the coming winter. As the Guardians are no doubt aware there is a great demand on the coal supply of the United Kingdom for carrying on the war, while, at the same time, there is a considerable shortage of miners owing to the large number of this class who have joined the Army, and it is more than probable that the difficulties in obtaining coal for use in Ireland which were experienced last winter will be repeated next winter and in possibly a more acute form.

In these circumstances it appears to be a matter of National Importance that as much turf as possible should be cut during the present season and accordingly the Board would strongly urge the Guardians to take all the steps possible to secure that the turf owners in their district should save a plentiful supply not only for their own use but also for sale.

The Board would suggest that the Guardians should cause notices to be posted throughout the Union urging the turf owners in their district to adopt this course.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. R. Devlin*  
Assistant Secretary.

*J. B.*

The Clerk of the Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 6th May,.....191...5

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Board of Guardians of.....Gort.....Union that they have received the Report of their Medical Inspector, .....Sir Acheson MacCullagh....., relating to his recent inspection of the dispensary districts of the union; and I am to enclose extracts therefrom, and to request that the several important matters adverted to therein may receive the Guardians' consideration.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*AS*

*J. Franklin*  
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort.....Union.

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Extracts from Report of Board's Medical Inspector,  
Sir Acheson MacCullagh, dated 26th April, 1915.  
No. 23,250 : 1915. Gort Union.

Ardrahan Dispensary District.

There are no sanitary conveniences for use of  
the patients at Lavilly Dispensary Buildings.

The Medical Relief Register and the Medical  
Officer's Attendance and Report Book are posted and  
are sometimes submitted to the Guardians for examination.  
They were last submitted to the Guardians in October  
1914. There are no arrangements made  
by the Guardians for the examination of the Dispensary  
records.

The Midwife's Register of cases has not been  
produced and has not been sent to the Medical Officer.

The cost of the medicines for the past year  
amounted to £18 : 11 : 0. The cost of the  
medicines is high having regard to the number of  
patients. The medicine supplies are <sup>not</sup> ordered  
quarterly, *only three times during the past year.*

There were 76 Vaccination defaulters returned in  
last report.

There are too many Vaccination defaulters in  
the District.

Gort Dispensary District.

A complete list of the instruments provided for  
Dispensary use has not been submitted to the Clerk of  
the Union

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There were 98 Vaccination defaulters returned in last report.

There are too many vaccination defaulters in the District.

The Medical Officer complies with the requirements of Article 15 paragraph I of the Dispensary Rules as regards his attendance at the Dispensary and at each out-station, except that he does not attend regularly at 10 O'clock. The hours should be changed, I think, to 11 to 1 p.m. The Medical Relief Register and the Medical Officer's Attendance and Report Book are duly posted and submitted monthly to the Guardians for examination.

There is no porter for the Dispensary. One should be appointed.

Kinvarra Dispensary District.

The Dispensary Buildings are suitable, in good order and kept clean, except that the roof requires to be seen to.

There is no fire in waitingroom.

The Medical Attendance and Report Book is duly posted and submitted to the Guardians for examination, but the last entry in Medical Relief Register is 18/9/'14.

There have been no arrangements made by the Guardians for the examination of the Dispensary records.

A complete list of all instruments provided for Dispensary use has not been submitted to the Clerk of the Union.

The cost of medicines for the past year amounted to

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to £15 : 5 : 8. The cost is high having regard to the nature of the cases and the number of the patients.

There were 66 Vaccination defaulters returned in last report.

There are too many defaulters in the District, and the children are rather old when brought in.

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GENERAL REGISTER OFFICE,

CHARLEMONT HOUSE,

DUBLIN, *7th May* 1915.

SIR,

It has from time to time come under my notice that the age given in the Medical Certificate, and in Column 6 of an entry in the registration of the death of a person who dies in a Workhouse does not always agree with that entered in the Workhouse books. I shall, therefore, feel obliged if you will bring the matter before the Guardians of your Union with a view to suggesting that they may take such steps as are necessary to insure that the identification particulars in the Medical Certificate of Cause of Death, and the details entered in the Informant's note book correspond with the records of the Institution.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*William J. Thompson*  
Registrar-General.

The Clerk of the Union.

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

18th June, 1915.

No. 32,379/1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to the resolution of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 8th instant on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to inform the Guardians that the proposed increment of £7. 10. 0. a year each in accordance with the approved scale, to the salaries of Dr. Foley, Medical Officer of the Ardrahan Dispensary District, and of Dr. Connolly, Medical Officer of the Kinvarra Dispensary District, has received the sanction of the Local Government Board.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Franklin*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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Circular.

Boards of Guardians.

No. 95 M : 1915.

BRITISH-BORN WIVES AND CHILDREN OF INTERNED ALIENS.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

Dublin,

9th June, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to their Circular Letters of the 23rd November, 1914, and the 5th February, 1915, in regard to the arrangements for affording assistance to British-born wives and children of interned aliens.

In view of the increase in the cost of living, the Board have now been authorised by the Treasury to make some temporary increase in the scale specified in the former Circular and to allow repayment at the rate of 9s. 3d. a week for the wife and 1s. 9d. in respect of each dependent child.

These figures may therefore, as from the date when the next payment is made after the receipt of this Letter, be substituted for the corresponding figures indicated in the Circular of the 23rd November, 1914.

The Treasury have authorised this increase on the understanding that as soon as the price of food shows any substantial diminution the allowances will be reduced.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk to the Guardians.

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Gort UNION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
Dublin, 24th June 1915.

SIR,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of  
Guardians of Gort Union on the 15th ultimo

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to  
request that they may be informed whether the defaulters under  
the Vaccination Acts in the several  
Dispensary Districts have complied with the law.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. H. Thomas*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

18th June, 1915.

No. 32997 : 1915  
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of May on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances from which it appears that Maria Connors was absent from school on six days during the month and Mary Galvin on eight days, both on the plea of illness; and the Board desire to point out that medical certificates should be furnished in such cases.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*Franklin*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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No. 21,681 : 1915.

Gort Union.

Local Government Board,

Dublin, 28th May, 1915.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Minute of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union of the 17th ultimo relative to the application of the Medicine Contractors for increased prices in respect of certain of the drugs supplied for use in the Union during the half year ended the 31st March last, and with reference thereto, the Local Government Board desire to state that when forwarding the Guardians' claim for recoupment for the half year you should attach thereto the usual invoices with the customary receipts for payment of all the drugs which were procured, calculated according to the prescribed prices, less the contract discount. You should also annex to each original invoice a supplementary statement giving the names and numbers of those drugs specified in the Board's Circular letter of the 15th October last for which Contractors claim increased prices and showing the extra amount asked for each item, and the totals of this supplementary statement, or the bulk sum on foot thereof proposed to be allowed by the Guardians, should be entered on a special summary, discriminating between Workhouse and Dispensaries.

The Board will then cause the special statements to be examined and in due course will inform the Guardians of the total extra sum that in their opinion might equitably be paid to the contractors; the amount so determined by them will be taken into account for recoupment purposes after payment has been made.

The documents which accompanied the Minutes are returned

herewith

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herewith.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. J. [Signature]*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

12th June, 1915.

No. 24905 : 1915.  
Gort Union.

Sir,

With reference to their letter of the 8th ultimo on the subject, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland again to request that they may be furnished with a copy of the surcharge of £4 : 4 : 0 made by the Auditor at the audit of the Accounts of the Gort Union for the half-year ended the 31st of March, 1915, together with a statement of the Auditor's reasons for his decision in the matter.

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I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. H. [Signature]*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

*16 June 1915*

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

17th May, 1915.

No. 25721: 1915.  
Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board-out Delia Galvin with Mrs. M. Hawkins, Lissatunny, Gort, and the Board desire to state that, in pursuance of Article 10 of the Boarding-Out Regulations, they have sanctioned the proposal.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J. R. Dunne*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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Copy/ No. 26,144 : 1915.

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Birr,

1st. May, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Guardians of Gort Union for the half-year ended 31st March, 1915, and I forward three certified copies of the Abstract.

Surcharges, etc. : I have surcharged against the several Guardians, who by their signatures authorised the payments, the following sums :-

1. £4:4:0 paid, without sanction, to Dr. Sandys for acting as "Locum tenens. "
2. £2:7:0, being a refund from a Patient sent to an Extern Institution, which the Guardians have not collected as ordered in my Report of the 26th of October, 1914.

An overpayment of 6/- has to be refunded by the Master.

I am, Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Boughey, Auditor.

The Local Government Board,

DUBLIN.

No. 26,144 : 1915.  
*Gort* Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN, 19 May 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Board of Guardians of the Union, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on his Audit of their accounts for the Half-year ended the 31st. March, 1915, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J. J. Dunne*  
Assistant Secretary.

To  
*W.H.*  
The Clerk  
*Gort* Union.

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No. 26,144 : 1915.  
*Gort* Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN, 19 May 1915.

Sir,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the accounts of the Guardians of Gort Union for the half-year ended 31st March, 1915, and I forward three certified copies of the Abstract.

*Gort*

I have surcharged against the several Guardians, who by their signatures authorised the payments, the following sums :-

1. £4:10 paid without sanction to Dr. Gort for acting as "locum tenens."

2. £2:7:0 being a refund from a Patient sent to an Extern Institution, which the Guardians have not collected as ordered in my Report of the 26th of October, 1914.

An amount of 8/- has to be refunded by the Auditor.

I am, Gentlemen,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J. J. Dunne*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Local Government Board,  
DUBLIN.

No. 24,954

1915.

Gort Union.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

4th June, 1915.

SIR,

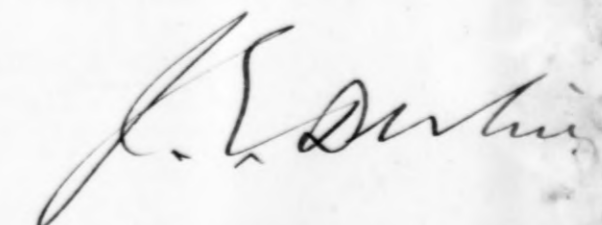
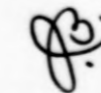
Adverting to previous correspondence respecting the proposed appointment of Mary Hassett as Wardmaid in the Workhouse of Gort Union, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have now sanctioned the appointment on the terms specified in the replies to the queries, namely, at a

£ 10.0.0. salary of Ten Pounds a year; with rations to the estimated  
- 5/1. weekly value of five shillings and one penny.  
I am to add that, for the present, the Board will not object to Mary Hassett being allowed to keep her child in the Workhouse.

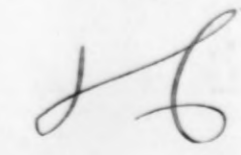
I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,



Assistant Secretary.



To

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

No. 27704:1915.  
Gort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

3rd June, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to an entry in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 15th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they will not raise any objection to the appointment of Mr. Michael Gallagher, as Caretaker of the Gort Dispensary at a salary of £6 a year as proposed.

£6:0:0.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. D. ...*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

No. 38/M./1915.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 1st April, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit the accompanying Form (Summary of the Invoices of the Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances) in which should be entered the sums charged to the Guardians of the Union in respect of Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances, and the repair of such Appliances, so far as the same were delivered during the half-year ended the 31st March, 1915, and which have been actually paid for by the Guardians prior to or at the date of furnishing the Summary to this Department.

The original combined forms of requisition, invoice, &c., relating thereto, should accompany one copy of the Summary as vouchers, and the several documents should be furnished to this office at as early a date after the close of the half year as may be possible.

The number of persons who received treatment in each Dispensary District, in the Workhouse Hospital, and in the Fever Hospital, during the half-year ended the 31st March, 1915, should be entered in the place set apart for this purpose in the Summary.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

To

The Clerk of each Union.

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Galway County Council Archives

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.

15th June, 1915.

No. 30878 : 1915.

Gort Union.

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 The Clerk  
 of the Union,  
 Gort.

2-Visiting Committee at 11 on 24 June  
 Deale of Dietary will be submitted  
 on 24th inst - My 24  
 as to the Dietary will be submitted  
 appointed Committee to consider  
 the draft to be submitted at  
 11 30 on 24th

I am directed by the Local Government Board  
 of Ireland to forward, to be laid before the  
 Board of Guardians of Gort Union, the accompanying  
 enclosure giving the substance of a report which  
 the Board have received from their Inspector, Mr.  
 Pack-Bensford, consequent on his recent inspection  
 of the Workhouse; and I am to request that the  
 matters adverted to therein may receive the attention  
 of the Guardians.

I am,  
 Sir,  
 Your obedient Servant,  
 J. Rowley  
 Assistant Secretary.

Enclosure to Local Government Board's letter of the  
15th June, 1915. No. 30,675:1915  
Gort Union.

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1 There is no change in the lavatory accommodation since  
my last report.

2 The same three children, classed as orphan or deserted,  
to whom I made reference in my last report, are still in the  
Institution. I trust the Guardians will endeavour to obtain  
homes for the two who, though young, are healthy and strong.

3 In several reports, I have referred to the many defective  
chimneys, but nothing has been done to repair them. I now  
wish to again direct attention to this matter.

4 In several places the boundary wall is in a dangerous and  
rotten condition.

5 Many of the windows are most defective.

6 Outside painting is urgently required. I was informed that  
it is 11 years since the Institution was painted.

7 The Visiting Committee met and reported once during the  
half-year. The requirements of Article 59 of the Workhouse  
Rules should be observed.

8 The drain running through the garden should be cleaned up.  
I mentioned this in my last report.

9 The question of the new dietary has never engaged the  
attention of the Guardians nor have they, so far as I am aware,  
even discussed it. I have therefore gone into this matter with  
the Clerk and Master and have drawn up a scale which, I believe,  
will suit the requirements of the Institution. This scale is  
in the Clerk's possession and I trust the Guardians will give  
directions that it is to be put into operation at the commence-  
ment of the next half-year. They may not be aware that the  
new dietary is in force in five out of the ten Unions in their  
County and in each Workhouse it is giving great satisfaction  
to



to the inmates as well as effecting a large saving in the cost of provisions. This being the case I think they will be well advised if they follow the example of the other Unions, the Guardians of which debated the question very fully, finally coming to the conclusion that their duty lay in exercising economy when the welfare of the inmates under their charge was not interfered with.

respondents are requested—  
to quote the number and date of each  
letter to which they reply.  
Let communications on different  
subjects form separate letters;  
and  
to address all letters on official  
business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

23rd July, 1915.

No. 38,733/1915

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland  
have had before them the reports of the  
Relieving Officers for the month of June on  
the children boarded out from the Workhouse  
of Gort Union, together with the records of  
school attendances; and the Board desire to  
draw attention to the irregular attendance  
of Mary Brennan who appears to have been  
absent from school on eight days during the  
month on the plea that she was engaged in  
housekeeping.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J.B.*  
*M. M. M. M. M.*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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letter to which they reply.  
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and  
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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

31st July, 1915.

No. 34,653 : 1915.  
Gort Union.  
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Sir,

With reference to the Summary of  
Invoices of Medicines supplied to the  
Board of Guardians of Gort Union during the  
half-year ended the 31st of March, 1915,  
recently returned by you to this Department,  
I am directed by the Local Government  
Board for Ireland to request that you will  
forward to this Department the receipted  
Paying Order in support of the payment  
of £1:1:2 authorised to be paid on account  
of increased prices of certain medicines.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. L. Martin*  
Assistant Secretary.

*Paying Order forwarded  
3 Aug. 15*

Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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letter to which they reply.  
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subjects form separate letters;  
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business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAMMIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

24th July, 1915.

33,705/1915

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had under consideration the appeal to them, from two of the persons aggrieved, against the surcharge of £4 : 4 : 0 made by the Auditor at the audit of the accounts of the Gort Union for the half-year ended the 31st March last.

The Board have inquired into the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the Auditor for making the surcharge in question, and have found that the surcharge was lawfully made, but that the subject-matter thereof was incurred in such circumstances as to make remission fair and equitable: and they have made an Order accordingly, copies of which are enclosed for the information of the applicants and of the Board of Guardians.

J.P.

I am,

SW

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*R. H. Thomas*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

*[Handwritten signature]*

Galway County Council Archives

No. 33,705.  
1915.

*Audit Appeal, Disallowance and Surcharge,  
Remission.*



The Local Government Board for Ireland.

**GORT UNION.**

To the Guardians of the Poor of the Gort Union; to J. H. Glynn,  
J. Callanan and John Lambert; to W. Boughey, an Auditor of  
Poor Law Unions; and to all others whom it may concern:

WHEREAS under the provisions of the Poor Relief (Ireland) Acts, 1838 to 1900, as amended by subsequent enactments, W. Boughey, an auditor of poor law unions, did audit and examine the accounts of the receipts and expenditure of the Board of Guardians of the Gort Union, for the half-year ended the 31st day of March, 1915, and did disallow and strike out of the said accounts a sum of FOUR POUNDS FOUR SHILLINGS, and did surcharge the said sum upon J. H. Glynn, J. Callanan and John Lambert, the persons by whom the payment thereof was authorised, and did certify the same to be due from the said persons; and the said auditor did duly state in writing at the foot of such accounts the reasons for his decision in respect of such disallowance and surcharge:

AND WHEREAS under the provisions of section 12 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1871, as amended by the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872, and applied to the audit of the accounts of boards of guardians in Ireland by sub-section (1) of section 63 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, an application by persons aggrieved by the said disallowance and surcharge has been made to Us, the Local Government Board for Ireland, to inquire into and to decide upon the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the said auditor for such disallowance and surcharge:

AND WHEREAS by sub-section (2) of section 63 of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, it is enacted in effect that where an application under the said section is made to the Local Government Board for Ireland against any allowance, disallowance or surcharge made by any auditor of the Board, the Board may decide the application according to the merits of the case, and if the Board find that any disallowance or surcharge was lawfully made, but that the subject matter thereof was incurred under such circumstances as to make it fair and equitable that the disallowance or surcharge should be remitted, they may direct that the same shall be remitted upon payment of the costs (if any) which may have been incurred by the auditor or other competent authority in enforcing the disallowance or surcharge:

AND WHEREAS We, the said Local Government Board, have in accordance with the said application inquired into the lawfulness of the reasons stated by the said auditor for the said disallowance and surcharge, and have taken the merits of the case into account :

NOW THEREFORE We, the Local Government Board for Ireland, do hereby decide as follows, that is to say :—

We find that the disallowance and surcharge of the said sum of FOUR POUNDS FOUR SHILLINGS were lawfully made, but that the subject matter thereof was incurred under such circumstances as to make it fair and equitable that the said disallowance and surcharge should be remitted. AND WE THEREFORE direct that the disallowance and surcharge of the said sum shall be remitted, and shall be allowed to the persons surcharged therewith, upon payment of the costs (if any) which may have been incurred by the auditor or other competent authority in enforcing the said disallowance and surcharge.



Given under Our Seal of Office, this Nineteenth day of July, in the Year of our Lord One Thousand Nine Hundred and Fifteen.

(Signed)

*H. Robinson*

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3. To address all letters on official business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

4th August, 1915.

No. 38,875/1915

Gort Union.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the resolution adopted by the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 10th ultimo, proposing to grant increased money allowances to Nurse Galbraith, and with reference thereto, the Board desire to point out that, as this Nurse has been in office for little more than two years, it would not, in ordinary circumstances, be in accordance with their practice to sanction any increased payment to her. Having regard, however, to the rise in the price of food, the Board will not object to the increase of Miss Galbraith's allowance, during the continuance of the war, to nine shillings a week, being an addition of about 35 per cent.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. E. Martin*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

*H. L. J.*

No. 41415. 1915.  
Gort UNION.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

*LL*  
Dublin, 15th September 1915.

SIR,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of  
Guardians of Gort Union on the 24th July last

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to  
request that they may be informed whether the defaulters under

the Vaccination Acts in the Several

Dispensary Districts have complied with the law.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*H. S.*

*M. J. ...*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

1st October, 1915.

Circular  
wards of Guardians.  
No. 148/M/1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their circular letters of the 23rd November, 1914, the 5th February and 9th June last regarding the affording of relief to destitute aliens; and I am to request that particulars relating to assistance given by the Guardians during the quarter ended on the 30th ultimo may be communicated to the Board in the same manner as for preceding quarters.

Forms for the purpose will be supplied on application to the Board, and it will be convenient if in cases where assistance has been given in money the number of weeks for which such assistance was given and the weekly rate are stated.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. R. Barlas*  
Secretary.

Clerk

of the Union.



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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

1st October, 1915

No. 50,113/1915

Gort Union.

*Re Loran's report further to*

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the Reports of the Relieving Officers with School Attendance Certificates, for the months of July and August on children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union; and the Board request that they may be informed what order was made by the Guardians on Relieving Officer Leech's report as regards Martin Howard.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. V. H. H. H.*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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No. 41414 : 1915.  
Gort Union.

Local Government Board,

Dublin.

23rd August, 1915.

Sir,

With reference to the entry in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 24th ultimo, and to previous correspondence respecting the dietary of the inmates of the Workhouse, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that the quantities in the revised list of Rations (altered) have been most carefully calculated and have been found by experience to be quite sufficient in other Workhouses. The Guardians may rest assured that if they will give the suggested scale a trial they will find in a short time that the quantities are adequate for the wants of the several classes of inmates in the Workhouse.

At a time like the present when economy is essential in every branch of administration the Board trust that the Guardians will, on reconsideration, decide to put the new scale in force, and should any alterations afterwards be found to be necessary they can easily be made.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. R. O'Brien*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

Circular.  
Boards of Guardians.

CUBE SUGAR.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

Dublin,

24th August, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that they have been informed that the supply of cube sugar now available for consumption in this country is extremely limited, owing to the cutting off of the supplies from the Continent, and that it is now quite impossible for the trade to obtain anything like the supplies of sugar of this class that they have received in normal times.

Granulated sugar is precisely the same as the sugar used in the making of cubes, and the use of cubes is purely a matter of custom and habit, and the Board would therefore suggest that, when advertising for tenders for sugar, the granulated kind should be specified. As far as existing contracts are concerned, where cube sugar is now being supplied, it might be possible to arrange with contractors to substitute the granulated article and to make a proportionate reduction in price.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

J. E. DEVLIN,

*Assistant Secretary.*

To

*The Clerk of the Union.*

4 M/1915.

OFFICE.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN.

8th September, 1915.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland transmit to you, herewith, a copy of their Annual Report for the year 1914-15, being the Forty-third Report under the Local Government Board (Ireland) Act, 1872.

The number of copies of the Report provided for gratuitous distribution being limited, the Board are unable to supply more than one copy, which they suggest should be bound for preservation and kept for reference.

The Report has been printed for sale, and may be obtained from the agents for the sale of Parliamentary Papers in Ireland.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

*Secretary.*

The Clerk to each Board of Guardians.

No. 48,902 1915.

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*Gort* Union.

Local Government Board, Dublin,

10<sup>th</sup> September 1915

Sir,

With reference to minutes of proceedings of the Board of Guardians of *Gort* Union, on the 4<sup>th</sup> *Instant* the Local Government Board for Ireland have directed to be transmitted herewith questions for answers respecting the temporary employment of Nurses Mulligan and Devlin in the Fever Hospital.

When the questions shall have been answered and signed you will be good enough to return them to this Office.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the  
*Gort* Union.

Galway County Council Archives

35918 : 1915.  
Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 16th September 1915.

SIR,

Adverting to Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians  
of Gort Union on the 26th June last,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to request that  
they may be informed whether the Medicine Contractor has since replaced  
the *Extraction Cascarae Sagradae liquidum* and *Spiritus aëlinis Nitrosi* unfavourably reported upon by  
the Analyst, by a fresh consignment of standard quality and equal in quantity  
to that first ordered and supplied.

17 Sept  
Gort Union  
note 29.13 that  
drugs were received  
18th Sept 15

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

*[Signature]*  
Secretary.

The Clerk

Gort Union.

No. 158 M.—1915.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

22nd October, 1915.

*Reference to  
Resident Committee*

## ECONOMY IN FOOD.

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland observe from the minutes of proceedings of boards of guardians throughout the country that the prices quoted in the tenders received for the usual half-yearly supplies were, as regards some commodities at least, very much in excess of the general rise in the markets.

In the interest of economy therefore the consumption of such articles should be restricted as much as possible, or altogether disused where suitable substitutes, at a smaller price, are available. For instance, eggs, which have increased from 100% to 200% in price, are a most uneconomic article of diet—the amount of nourishment in 4 eggs being roughly about equal to that afforded by a pint of milk. Butter is another article which has greatly advanced in price, and for which a cheap and excellent substitute can be found in dripping or good margarine. Should, however, the guardians decide to use the latter article they should stipulate when inviting tenders that the brand and name of the manufacturer should be stated, and that the margarine must contain not less than 82% of fats and not more than 2% curd; 3% salt; or 0.3% preservative (calculated as boric acid).

In some districts the price demanded for bread is such that the guardians may probably find it cheaper to use potatoes in lieu thereof at the dinner meal in the proportion of 1 lb. potatoes to 4 oz. bread.

In unions where the new dietary system is in force, the question of the nutritive value and the economy of the foods was carefully considered at the time the scales were drawn up, and the only changes which the Board would suggest in the dietary of the healthy inmates (beyond the substitution of dripping or margarine for butter) would be a reduction in the quantity of sugar from 1 oz. to  $\frac{3}{4}$  oz. per pint of tea, coffee, or cocoa, if the guardians so desire, and the substitution on Fridays of some other dinner from the printed list of rations in cases where eggs are at present allowed.

The Medical Officer should be directed to report as to what economies could be effected in the dietary of the sick and what reduction could be made in the quantity of stimulants allowed, without detriment to the patients. He might also be reminded that ordinary beef tea affords a very small amount of nourishment as compared with "whole" beef tea (5 oz. beef to the pint) containing the meat which having been first minced is reduced to a fine pulp, and remains in suspension in the liquid.

The Board are glad to observe that already in some unions Medical Officers have expressed their willingness to co-operate with the guardians in their endeavours to reduce the expenditure and have expressed the opinion that eggs might be eliminated from the scale diets for the sick and only ordered in very special cases.

The Board would again urge on guardians who have not yet adopted the new dietary system no longer to delay the introduction of a reform which has been found to work so successfully wherever it has been tried, and which has resulted in the greatest economy while at the same time providing a dietary more varied and acceptable to the inmates.

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In order to assist the guardians in selecting a wholesome and economical dietary from the list of rations the Board would offer the following suggestions:—

*Breakfasts or Suppers.*

1. Porridge and milk; or
2. Tea, coffee, or cocoa and bread, with or without dripping, margarine or syrup; or
3. Bread and milk.

The guardians may think it well to allow porridge and milk on at least four days of the week, especially in the case of the children. They may, however, consider it advisable to allow tea, coffee, or cocoa every day to the Attendants and Infirm Inmates.

(The breakfasts and suppers should be so arranged that they will not be alike on the same day. The guardians may possibly consider it advisable to give porridge at the supper meal instead of at breakfast).

*Dinners.*

1. Pig's cheek, cabbage and potatoes or bread, on one or two days of the week.
2. Meat soups (see printed list of rations), with potatoes or bread on 3 or 4 days.
3. Bread and milk, with or without sweet boiled rice, on 1 or 2 days.

If the guardians will favour the Board with their views as to the suitability of any of the above, the Board will forward a complete dietary table showing the quantities of the several foods for the various classes.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of each Union.

## BUTTER *versus* MARGARINE.

Copy of Letter from the  
LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD to the  
WATERFORD BOARD OF GUARDIANS,  
and Discussion thereon.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

24th Sept., 1915.

SIR—With reference to the entry on the subject in the Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of the Waterford Union on the 15th inst., the Local Government Board for Ireland observe that several Boards of Guardians throughout the country are anxious to introduce the use of MARGARINE into their several Workhouses in view of the price of Butter. The Board have given the matter very careful consideration and they have come to the conclusion that effective steps are taken to ensure that a uniform good quality of MARGARINE will be supplied there is no reason why its use should not be permitted in Irish Workhouses similar establishments in Great Britain. In case the Guardians decide to substitute MARGARINE for Butter the quantities allowed should be the same as the present amount for Butter as the nutritive value is practically identical. When tendering for supplies the Guardians should require the contractor to state the brand and the name of the manufacturer, and to submit samples with tender. The MARGARINE supplied must contain not less than 82 per cent. and not more than 2 per cent. of curd; salt not to exceed 3 per cent.; preservative calculated as boric acid not to exceed 30 per cent. The Master should be directed to examine carefully each supply received with a view to seeing that it is of the sort and quality contracted for.

I am, etc.,

A. R. BARLAS, Secretary

Q.—What are they using now?

A.—They have been using Margarine.

Q.—Any complaints?

A.—None, whatever.

Q.—Did they know the difference?

A.—All we know is that there was a supply got in. We never a word about it.

Q.—There were often complaints about the Butter?

A.—Yes.

Q.—Margarine is better than bad Butter.

A.—Decided to substitute the Margarine for Butter where available.



W. & C. McDONNELL LTD.,

MARGARINE MANUFACTURERS.

WATERFORD.

TELEGRAMS—  
"MCDONNELL, WATERFORD."  
TELEPHONE—  
235 WATERFORD.

9th October 1915.

The Chairman,  
Board of Guardians,  
Workhouse of the Union,  
G O R T.

Dear Sir,

In sending you the enclosed extract from the "Waterford News" we would respectfully point out that the Margarine in question was our Manufacture, and we are already supplying under Contracts several similar Institutions throughout the country, including the Dundrum Asylum and South Dublin Union.

In view of the fact that the COST IS LESS THAN HALF THE PRICE OF BUTTER viz. 76/- per cwt. the saving effected would be considerable.

We should be pleased to give you further particulars and a sample if of interest.

Yours faithfully,

W & C. McDONNELL, LIMITED

*W. J. W. McDonnell*

DIRECTOR

Galway County Council Archives

1915 October 15th

GORT

In reply to your favour of yesterday, the price of Margarine ranges from 50/- to 80/- depending on quality required, of course, we guarantee analytical results. If you let us know the price at which you wish to be served we shall send you a sample of the best quality we can do at the price you name. Please note that the smallest quantities we ship would be 3 cwt- weekly. If your requirements do not reach this quantity, we could, no doubt, serve you through one of your local shop-keepers.

Yours truly,

W & C. McDONNELL, LIMITED.

DIRECTOR

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W. & C. McDONNELL LTD.,  
MARGARINE MANUFACTURERS,  
WATERFORD.

TELEGRAMS—  
"McDONNELL, WATERFORD."  
TELEPHONE—  
235 WATERFORD.

15th Oct 1915.

The Clerk of the Union,  
Gort Rural District Council,  
GORT.

Dear Sir,

In reply to your favour of yesterday, the price of Margarine ranges from 50/- to 80/- depending on quality required, of course, we guarantee analytical results. If you let us know the price at which you wish to be served we shall send you a sample of the best quality we can do at the price you name. Please note that the smallest quantities we ship would be 3 cwt- weekly. If your requirements do not reach this quantity, we could, no doubt, serve you through one of your local shop-keepers.

Yours truly,

W & C. McDONNELL, LIMITED.

DIRECTOR

18th Nov 1915

The Clerk of the Union,  
Gort Union District Council,  
Gort.

In reply to your letter of the 11th inst. regarding the price of breadstuffs, I am sorry to hear that the price of breadstuffs is still so high. I have not as yet seen the price of breadstuffs, but I am sure that the price will be reduced in the near future. I have not as yet seen the price of breadstuffs, but I am sure that the price will be reduced in the near future.

Correspondents are requested—  
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2. To let communications on different subjects form separate letters; and  
3. To address all letters on official business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

18th November, 1915.

No. 60273/1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,  
The Local Government Board for Ireland observe from Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 6th instant, that the Guardians referred the circular letter of the 22nd ultimo, on the subject of economy in food to the Visiting Committee; and the Board desire to suggest that the Committee should consult the Medical Officer of the Workhouse when considering the matter in question.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J. J. Davlin*  
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

162/M/1915.

Miscellaneous.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 8th November, 1915.

## OVERDUE ACCOUNTS.

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I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to advert to their previous circular letters regarding the application of Section 51 (7) of the Local Government (Ireland) Act, 1898, to payments which may be made out of the poor rate, and to state that the Board find it necessary to draw attention to a practice which appears, through apprehension, to be adopted by some local bodies in applying the Section to certain payments.

The Board have observed that some local authorities, in cases in which a certificate is required as evidence of the correctness of a claim, have regarded the claim as becoming due under the Section on the date on which such certificate is given, and instances have come under the Board's notice in which it has been sought, by merely giving such certificate, to prevent the application of the Section to accounts long overdue.

While in some cases there may be special authority for taking the date of a certificate to be that on which a claim becomes due, the Board wish to point out that, unless there are special circumstances or authority to establish a different time, in general the date on which a claim becomes legally due is that on which the services for which payment is claimed are completed, and such date cannot be postponed or altered by a certificate which is merely required as evidence of the correctness of the claim in the settlement of accounts or otherwise.

Local authorities should bring this circular letter to the notice of their officers, and they should be given clear instructions to observe its terms in future.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

*Secretary.*

The Secretary of each County Council.  
The Town Clerk of each County Borough.  
The Clerk of each Rural District Council.  
The Clerk of each Urban District Council.  
The Clerk of each Union.  
The Resident Medical Superintendent of each District Asylum.  
The Secretary of each Agricultural and Technical Committee for Counties.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,  
16th November, 1915.

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Miscellaneous.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that as questions have arisen in several Unions regarding the prices charged for the supply of sugar to the Workhouse, the Board addressed a communication on the subject to the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply.

I am now to enclose for the information of the Guardians a copy of a statement issued by the Commission on the 2nd instant on the subject of prices. I am to add that the Board have been further informed by the Commission that wholesale prices mentioned therein include the duty.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,  
*Secretary.*

Clerk of each Union.

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ROYAL COMMISSION ON THE SUGAR SUPPLY,  
SCOTLAND HOUSE,  
VICTORIA EMBANKMENT, S.W.

THE PRICE OF SUGAR.

Since the notice published on October 13th upon this subject, the Royal Commission on the Sugar Supply has made certain changes in its arrangements which affect the schedules of prices as then issued.

These changes have been made as the result of representations made and evidence produced to the Commission, more particularly as to the difficulties and delays of transport and labour at the present time.

In the first place the Commission has reduced the wholesale price of Cube or Lump Sugar from 50s. per cwt. (gross) to 40s. The reason for the advance in the price of Sugar in this form was to produce an equilibrium between the demand and the limited supplies available. This object has now been effected and the Commission's stocks have been adequately replenished, with the result that it has become possible to reduce the price to 40s.

In the second place the wholesale price for imported Granulated Sugar, Dutch and American, which formerly stood higher than that for British Granulated of ordinary quality, has now been reduced to the same level, subject to an additional 2d. per cwt. where these Sugars are packed in 100 lb. bags.

Lastly, the terms on which the Commission sells its Sugars have been made uniform in all ports, and all variations as to the discounts allowed and the terms of sale have been removed.

The present prices, therefore, at which the Commission sells its Sugars, ex refinery, or at the port as the case may be, are as follows:—

Cubes,	40/-	per cwt.
Good British Granulated,	32/3	.. ..
American and Dutch Granulated,	32/3	.. .. (3d. per cwt. extra when sold in 100 lb. bags.)

White Javas (grocery qualities), 30/3 $\frac{1}{4}$ -30/9 sold on quality.

In every case a discount of 2 $\frac{1}{2}$ % is allowed to the purchaser, so that where a retailer buys from a dealer for cash, these prices represent the amount which he would be charged by the dealer.

On the basis of these wholesale prices the appropriate retail prices would be:—

- Cubes, 5d. per lb. Good Granulated, 4d. per lb.
- White Java, 3 $\frac{1}{4}$  per lb.
- Special qualities of British Granulated, Crystals or Castors, 4 $\frac{1}{4}$  per lb.

The Commission, however, wishes it to be understood that these prices should be regarded not as of rigid application under all circumstances, but as standards to guide the purchaser, and that slight variations in either direction may represent a proper charge in particular localities.

Retailers favourably placed in respect of local situation or otherwise may be able to sell at prices below those mentioned and thereby make profits at an adequate rate. For others—and these will form a large majority in the trade—the price given will be exactly appropriate; while for a certain number unfavourably placed some slight addition to these prices will be necessary in order that they may realize a reasonable profit. As regards the latter class, the evidence before referred has led the Commission to estimate that it will be somewhat larger than had been previously expected.

When the prices charged either by the wholesaler or by the retailer vary from the standards mentioned to an extent that may seem excessive, the case should be reported in detail to the Commission, which will at once investigate the facts, and when the prices are found to have been without justification will take the necessary steps for correcting them.

Considerable correspondence has been initiated by the previous announcement above referred to, and having regard to the fact that most of the substantial points raised are dealt with in this announcement, the Commission will ask the respondents in question to accept it as a reply, or to communicate further if they remain in doubt on any point.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD, DUBLIN,

18<sup>th</sup> November 1915...

SIR,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to inform the Board of Guardians of Gort Union that they have had before them the Medical Officers' Returns, Form L, relating to the several Dispensary Districts of the Union for the half-year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> September last.

The numbers of defaulters under the Vaccination Acts reported by the Medical Officers for the recent Quarter are as follows:—

DISPENSARY DISTRICT.	NUMBER OF DEFAULTERS.
Ardrahan	65
Gort	69
Kinvarra	32

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The Local Government Board request that the Guardians will be so good as to take steps to enforce strict compliance with the Vaccination Acts in the Union.

I am,

SIR,

Your obedient Servant,

J. R. Dublin  
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,

Gort Union.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,

DUBLIN, 19<sup>th</sup> November, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to forward herewith, for the information of the Board of Guardians of the *Gort* Union, a copy of the Report of the Auditor on his Audit of their accounts for the Half-year ended the 30<sup>th</sup> September, 1915, with attested abstracts of the accounts.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. G.*  
*J. R. Dunne*  
Assistant Secretary.

W.B.  
Clerk

*Gort* Union.



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13th November, 1915.

Gentlemen,

I have the honour to report that I have audited the Accounts of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union for the half-year ended 30th September, 1915, and I forward certified copies of the Abstract.

Surcharge : I have surcharged against the Guardians authorising the payment of the sum of £3:11:0, being a portion of an account paid to Messrs. Dollard, Limited, for books, etc., as excessive and unfounded.

Bonds and Insurances : The Bonds and Insurances stand as expressed upon the Abstract.

I am,

Gentlemen,

Your obedient Servant,

Wm. Boughey.

Auditor.

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DUBLIN.

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LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN, 2nd October, 1915.

SIR,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to transmit the accompanying Form (Summary of the Invoices of the Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances) in which should be entered the sums charged to the Guardians of the Union in respect of Medicines and Medical and Surgical Appliances, and the repair of such Appliances, so far as the same were delivered during the half-year ended the 30th September, 1915, and which have been actually paid for by the Guardians prior to or at the date of furnishing the Summary to this Department.

The original combined forms of requisition, invoice, &c., relating thereto, should accompany one copy of the Summary as vouchers.

The number of persons who received treatment in each Dispensary District, in the Workhouse Hospital, and in the Fever Hospital, during the half-year ended the 30th September, 1915, should be entered in the place set apart for this purpose in the Summary.

I am, Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,  
A. R. BARLAS,  
*Secretary.*

Clerk of each Union.

No. 60337/1915.

Local Government Board, Dublin.

Gort Union.

19th November, 1915.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the particulars relating to the proposal of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union to board-out Mary Galvin, with Mrs Thomas Brennan, and the Board request that they may be informed who is the other occupant of the room in which Mary Galvin is to sleep.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*J. R. Dwyer*  
Assistant Secretary.

Gort Union.

*LG*

Local Government Board, Dublin.

26th November, 1915.

No. 177 M : 1915.

Miscellaneous.

Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland desire to bring under special notice the fact that a large number of Irish Medical Practitioners are at present on temporary service with the Army and Navy, and that in consequence, there has been, since the outbreak of the War, a marked dearth of candidates for Poor Law Medical appointments. Furthermore, the making of these permanent appointments during the continuance of the War, appears to the Board to be inequitable to the doctors who, out of motives of patriotism and humanity, have placed their services for the time being, at the disposal of Government. The Local Government Board would, therefore, suggest that the Board of Guardians should defer filling up any further vacancies that may occur, and should instead make the best temporary arrangements possible, pending the return of normal conditions on the termination of the War.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*A. J. Barlow*  
Secretary.

Clerk  
of each Union.

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

3rd December, 1915.

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Sir,

The Local Government Board for Ireland have had before them the reports of the Relieving Officers for the month of October on the children boarded out from the Workhouse of Gort Union, together with the records of school attendances from which it appears that Mary Connolly was absent on fourteen days in the month of September and fifteen days in the month of October on the plea of illness; and the Board desire to state that a medical report should be submitted as to this girl.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

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J. E. Dunne  
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

14th December, 1915.

TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

No. 81,803 : 1915.  
Gort Union.  
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Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to return to you, herewith, the vouchers, etc., furnished with a view to recoupment in respect of the cost of the medicines and medical and surgical appliances obtained for use in the Gort Union during the past half-year; and, with reference thereto, I am to inform you that the Board will not, for the reasons assigned, recognise the following items when considering the amount to be recouped, and they have given instructions accordingly.

Number of Invoice.	Reason.	Amount.
6	Goods delivered after the close of the past half-year. Amount to be included in the account for the current half-year.	£. s. d. 7 : 11 : 7
12	No Invoice furnished in support of Claim.	<i>Bz</i> 7 : 0
Total		7 : 18 : 7

*Both divisions @ claim  
increased in 2nd half  
for 2 years to 30th 1916  
J.P.  
April 1916*

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient Servant,

*J. P. White*  
Assistant Secretary.

Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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Gort Union.

Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians on the  
4th instant. ~~1914~~

Form A. containing particulars in regard to Mrs Brennan  
with whom it is proposed to board out a child  
named Michael Hassett has not yet been  
furnished, as required by the Local Government Board's Circular Letters of  
the 31st December, 1903, and the 24th September, 1906; and it is requested  
that you will be good enough to forward it as soon as practicable.

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD.  
DUBLIN, 15th December, 1915.

to the Clerk of the Union.

Correspondents are requested—  
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"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

9th December, 1915.

No. 63812/1915.

Gort Union.

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Quarrel JB*

Sir,

Adverting to previous correspondence, and to the entry on the subject in Minutes of Proceedings of the Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 6th ultimo, I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to state that, having regard to the letter addressed to the Clerk of the Union by Relieving Officer Leech, the Board consider that another foster-home should be found for the child Martin Howard.

The Local Government Board understand that the child has been kindly treated by his foster-mother, but that she has now so many children of her own that she is unable to give him sufficient care.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*JB.*

*JB. M. W. S.*  
Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

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Local Government Board, Dublin.  
16th December, 1915.

No. 65,539 : 1915  
Gort Union.

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Sir,  
The Local Government Board for Ireland have  
had before them the Minute of the Board of  
Guardians of Gort Union of the 4th instant  
proposing that Catherine Mack be allowed a  
pair of boots at a cost not exceeding 10/-;  
and the Board request that they may be informed  
whether Catherine Mack is an inmate of the  
Workhouse, and the reason for the proposed  
allowance.

I am,  
Sir,  
Your obedient servant,  
*J. R. White*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,  
Gort Union.

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to state the number and date of each  
letter to which they reply.  
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subjects form separate letters;  
and  
address all letters on official  
business to  
"The Secretary,  
Local Government Board,  
Dublin."  
TELEGRAPHIC ADDRESS:  
"LOCAL, DUBLIN."

Local Government Board, Dublin.

17th December, 1915.

No. 65589/1915.

Gort Union.

Sir,  
With reference to Minutes of Proceedings of the  
Board of Guardians of Gort Union on the 4th instant,  
I am directed by the Local Government Board for  
Ireland to request that they may be informed  
of the amount of the fees to be allowed to Dr.  
Sandys and Dr. Connolly for their services in  
assisting the Medical Officer of the Workhouse  
in the performance of a surgical operation.

I am,

Sir,

Your obedient servant,

*J. B. [Signature]*  
Assistant Secretary.

The Clerk,

Gort Union.

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**ALLOWANCES TO BRITISH-BORN WIVES AND CHILDREN  
OF INTERNED ALIENS.**

LOCAL GOVERNMENT BOARD,  
DUBLIN,

20th December, 1915.

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to refer to their Circular Letters of the 23rd November, 1914, and the 9th June, 1915, in regard to the arrangements for affording assistance from funds provided by the British Government to British-born wives and children of interned aliens who are without sufficient resources.

In the former Circular it was intimated that relief should be afforded to the same extent as in cases where the wives of British husbands are deprived of their support and are without resources, but that in cases in which at the time of his internment the husband was in regular employment, assistance should be granted at the uniform rate specified. The scale applicable to these cases was subsequently revised by the Circular of the 9th June.

Experience has shown that it is desirable that the present practice as regards these cases should be modified in certain directions. It is recognised that there are some cases in which, though the resources fall short of sufficiency, assistance at the full rate is not needed. There is at the same time evidence that there are women capable of supporting themselves and not hindered from doing so by the needs of their children, who, relying upon a continuance of unconditional assistance, make no effort to support themselves.

The Board therefore consider that if the wife possesses resources, whether in the nature of income, earnings, or assistance afforded by relatives with whom she is living, the scale allowance may properly be reduced.

The Board are also of opinion that in any suitable case in which the Guardians consider that the woman may properly be expected to work for the support of herself and her children (if any), they may make it a condition of continuing assistance that she should really try to obtain work, and, if they have reason to suppose that she is neglecting to take the necessary steps to maintain herself, deal with her case as if it were one of ordinary destitution.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

A. R. BARLAS,

Secretary.

The Clerk of the Union.

Local Government Board,  
Dublin, 3rd January, 1916.

Circular  
of Guardians  
9/1/1916

Sir,

I am directed by the Local Government Board for Ireland to revert to their Circular letters of the 23rd November 1914 and 5th February and 9th June, 1915, regarding the affording of relief to British-born wives and children of interned aliens and other destitute aliens; and I am to request that particulars relating to assistance given by the Board of Guardians during the quarter ended on the 31st ultimo may be communicated to the Local Government Board in the same manner as for preceding quarters.

Forms for the purpose will be supplied on application to the Board, and it will be convenient if the precise dates, from the beginning of the first to the end of the last week for which the assistance charged was given, are specified in columns 11 and 12 of Form C, and not, in the case of continuing assistance, the first and last days of the quarter.

In cases in which children only are assisted, and the mother is dead, or is not personally assisted, the facts should be stated accordingly, and the names and ages of the children and the name, residence and position of the person having charge of them should be specified.

I am, Sir,

Your obedient Servant,

*A. B. Marles*  
Secretary.

Clerk of the Union.

TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

MINIMUM RATES FIXED

FOR THE

SUGAR CONFECTIONERY

AND

FOOD PRESERVING TRADE

(Ireland).

To come into force on 13th September, 1915.

I. In accordance with Regulations made under Section 18 of the above Act by the Board of Trade and dated 27th April, 1910, the Trade Board established under the above Act and the Trade Boards Provisional Orders Confirmation Act, 1913, for certain branches of the Sugar Confectionery and Food Preserving Trade in Ireland as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated 21st March, 1914, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE, as required by Section 4 (3) of the above Act, that they have fixed the following minimum or lowest time-rates of wages, clear of all deductions,\* for MALE WORKERS, that is to say :—

When employed under 15 years of age	...	...	6s.	per week.
When employed at 15 and under 16 years of age	...	...	7s. 6d.	"
" " 16 " 17 "	...	...	9s.	"
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" " 18 " 19 "	...	...	13s. 6d.	"
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" " 21 " 22 "	...	...	21s.	"
" " 22 years of age and upwards	...	...	22s. 9d.	"

The above minimum rates shall be payable subject to the following condition :—

That in the case of workers under 22 years of age, the minimum rates are payable subject to the worker being employed under conditions which afford a reasonable prospect of advancement to the minimum rate of 22s. 9d. per week. Otherwise the minimum rate payable shall be 22s. 9d. per week, irrespective of age.

II. The above rates are weekly rates based on a week of 52 hours, but they shall be subject to a proportionate deduction or increase according as the number of hours actually spent by the worker in the factory or workshop under contract of employment in any week is less or more than 52.

III. The above rates shall apply to all employed male workers who are occupied during the whole or any part of their time in any branch of the trade of making Sugar Confectionery, Cocoa, Chocolate, Jam, Marmalade, Preserved Fruits, Fruit and Table Jellies, Meat Extracts, Meat Essences, Sauces and Pickles ; the preparation of Meat, Poultry, Game,

\* This provision does not apply to deductions legally made under the National Insurance Acts.

Fish, Vegetables, and Fruit for sale in a preserved state in tins, pots, bottles, and similar receptacles; the processes of wrapping, filling, packing, and labelling in respect of articles so made or prepared; excluding the covering and filling of biscuits, wafers and cakes with chocolate or sugar confectionery. Provided that notwithstanding anything contained in this Section, the above minimum rates shall not apply to Clerks, Salesmen, Travellers, Engineers, Carpenters, Vanmen, Watchmen, Outside Messengers, Cleaners of Premises, Timekeepers, or to any other workers whose work stands in a relationship to the trade similar to that of the foregoing excluded classes.

IV. The above minimum rates are without prejudice to workers who are earning higher rates of wages.

DATED the THIRTEENTH day of SEPTEMBER, 1915.

Signed by Order of the Trade Board.

ERNEST AVES,  
Chairman.

[In the large copy of this Notice for posting in factories, workshops and places used for giving out work an extract from the Regulations with respect to posting will here be inserted.]

Attention is directed to the following provisions of the Trade Boards Act:—

6.—(1) Where any minimum rate of wages fixed by a Trade Board has been made obligatory by order of the Board of Trade under this Act, an employer shall, in cases to which the minimum rate is applicable, pay wages to the person employed at not less than the minimum rate clear of all deductions, and if he fails to do so shall be liable on summary conviction in respect of each offence to a fine not exceeding twenty pounds and to a fine not exceeding five pounds for each day on which the offence is continued after conviction therefor.

(2) On the conviction of an employer under this section for failing to pay wages at not less than the minimum rate to a person employed, the court may by the conviction adjudge the employer convicted to pay, in addition to any fine, such sum as appears to the court to be due to the person employed on account of wages, the wages being calculated on the basis of the minimum rate, but the power to order the payment of wages under this provision shall not be in derogation of any right of the person employed to recover wages by any other proceedings.

(3) If a Trade Board are satisfied that any worker employed, or desiring to be employed, on time-work in any branch of a trade to which a minimum time-rate fixed by the Trade Board is applicable is affected by any infirmity or physical injury which renders him incapable of earning that minimum time-rate, and are of opinion that the case can not suitably be met by employing the worker on piece-work, the Trade Board may, if they think fit, grant to the worker, subject to such conditions, if any, as they prescribe, a permit exempting the employment of the worker from the provisions of this Act rendering the minimum time-rate obligatory, and, while the permit is in force, an employer shall not be liable to any penalty for paying wages to the worker at a rate less than the minimum time-rate so long as any conditions prescribed by the Trade Board on the grant of the permit are complied with.

(4) On any prosecution of an employer under this section, it shall lie on the employer to prove by the production of proper wages sheets or other records of wages or otherwise that he has not paid, or agreed to pay, wages at less than the minimum rate.

(5) Any agreement for the payment of wages in contravention of this provision shall be void.

7.—(1) Where any minimum rate of wages has been fixed by a Trade Board, but is not for the time being obligatory under an order of the Board of Trade made in pursuance of this Act, the minimum rate shall, unless the Board of Trade direct to the contrary in any case in which they have directed the Trade Board to reconsider the rate, have a limited operation as follows:—

(a) In all cases to which the minimum rate is applicable an employer shall, in the absence of a written agreement to the contrary, pay to the person employed wages at not less than the minimum rate, and, in the absence of any such agreement, the person employed may recover wages at such a rate from the employer;

(b) Any employer may give written notice to the Trade Board by whom the minimum rate has been fixed that he is willing that that rate should be obligatory on him, and in that case he shall be under the same obligation to pay wages to the person employed at not less than the minimum rate, and be liable to the same fine for not doing so, as he would be if an order of the Board of Trade were in force making the rate obligatory; and

(c) No contract involving employment to which the minimum rate is applicable shall be given by a Government department or local authority to any employer unless he has given notice to the Trade Board in accordance with the foregoing provision;

Provided that in case of any public emergency the Board of Trade may by order, to the extent and during the period named in the order, suspend the operation of this provision as respects contracts for any such work being done or to be done on behalf of the Crown as is specified in the order.

8. An employer shall, in cases where persons are employed on piece-work and a minimum time-rate but no general minimum piece-rate has been fixed, be deemed to pay wages at less than the minimum rate—

(a) In cases where a special minimum piece-rate has been fixed under the provisions of this Act for persons employed by the employer, if the rate of wages paid is less than that special minimum piece-rate; and

(b) In cases where a special minimum piece-rate has not been so fixed, **unless he shows that the piece-rate of wages paid would yield, in the circumstances of the case, to an ordinary worker at least the same amount of money as the minimum time-rate.**

OFFICE OF TRADE BOARDS, Old Serjeants' Inn Chambers,  
5, Chancery Lane, LONDON, W.C.

*Any communication with respect to this Notice may be addressed to the Secretary of the Trade Board at the above address.*

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TRADE BOARDS ACT, 1909.

MINIMUM RATES FIXED

FOR THE

SHIRT-MAKING TRADE

In Ireland.

To come into force on 6th December, 1915.

In accordance with Regulations made, under Section 18 of the above Act, by the Board of Trade, and dated 27th April, 1910, the Trade Board established under the above Act and the Trade Boards Provisional Orders Act, 1913, for the Shirt-making Trade in IRELAND as defined in the Regulations made by the Board of Trade and dated the 19th March, 1914, HEREBY GIVE NOTICE as required by Section 4 (3) of the above Act, that they HAVE FIXED the following minimum (or lowest) rates of wages for workers in those branches of trade in Ireland which are specified in the Trade Boards (Shirt-making) Order, 1913 (that is to say, the making from textile fabrics of shirts, pyjamas, aprons and other washable clothing, worn by male persons, excluding articles the making of which is included in paragraph 1 of the Schedule to the Trade Boards Act, 1909, and excluding articles which are knitted or are made from knitted fabrics) but which are not engaged in the making of handkerchiefs, neckties, scarves, mufflers, gloves, socks, stockings, spats, gaiters, hats, caps (other than chefs' caps and hospital ward caps), infants' millinery, baby linen and such articles of clothing as are made for children without distinction of sex.

PART I.

MINIMUM TIME-RATES FOR FEMALE WORKERS.

The minimum or lowest time-rates for female workers shall (subject to the provision of this notice as to female learners) be as follows, clear of all deductions, that is to say:

- (a) For female workers other than homeworkers ... .. 3½d. an hour
- (b) " " homeworkers ... .. 3¼ " "

LEARNERS.

(a) In lieu of the above rate female "learners" (as hereinafter defined) subject to the provisions of this Section, receive the following minimum lowest time-rates clear of all deductions, that is to say:—

	LEARNERS COMMENCING AT			
	14 and under 15 years of age.	15 and under 16 years of age.	16 and under 21 years of age.	21 years of age and over.
	Column I.	Column II.	Column III.	Column IV.
	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.	per week. s. d.
During first six months of employment	3 6	4 0	4 6	1st three months 2nd three month 3rd three month 4th three months
" second " " " ...	4 3	5 0	6 0	—
" third " " " ...	5 3	6 6	8 6	—
" fourth " " " ...	6 6	8 6	11 0	—
" third year " " " ...	8 6	11 0	—	—
" fourth " " " " ...	11 0	—	—	—